

# Maror

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Dipping the bitter herb in sweet charoset | *maror* | מרור

In creating a holiday about the joy of freedom, we turn the story of our bitter history into a sweet celebration. We recognize this by dipping our bitter herbs into the sweet charoset. We don't totally eradicate the taste of the bitter with the taste of the sweet... but doesn't the sweet mean more when it's layered over the bitterness?

**ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו על אכילת מרור**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al achilat maror.

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who made us holy through obligations, commanding us to eat bitter herbs.

The Hillel Sandwich | *korech* | כורֶךְ

**זְכַר לְמִקְדָּשׁ כְּהִלֵּל. כֵּן עָשָׂה הַלֵּל בְּזִמְנֵן שֶׁבֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ הָיָה קַיִּים: הָיָה כּוֹרֵךְ מַצָּה וּמְרוֹר וְאוֹכֵל בְּיַחַד, לְקַיִּים מֵה שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: עַל מִצּוֹת וּמְרוֹרִים יֵאָכְלוּ.**

*Zeicher l'mikdash k'hileil. Kein asah hileil bizman shebeit hamikdash hayah kayam. Hayah koreich pesach, matzah, u-maror v'ochail b'yachad. L'kayeim mah shene-emar. "Al matzot um'rorim yochlu-hu."*

Eating matzah, maror and haroset this way reminds us of how, in the days of the Temple, Hillel would do so, making a sandwich of the Pashal lamb, matzah and maror, in order to observe the law "You shall eat it (the Pesach sacrifice) on matzah and maror."

