

Karpas/Vegetable-dipping

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The Persian/Sanskrit word, *Kirpas*, means "a fine linen."

Remember Joseph's brothers dipped his fancy coat in blood after selling him into slavery
—Genesis 37:31

Another Persian word, *Karafs*, means "a plant of which a salad is made." A Greek word, *Karpos*, means "fruit of land/rivers."*

Rather than dipping fine linen in blood, dip the parsley or celery into salt water.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאָדָמָה

Blessed are you, God, ruler of the universe, who brings forth fruit of the earth.

*Gevaryahu, G. & Wise, M. 1999 "Why Does The Seder Begin With Karpas" *Jewish Bible Quarterly* 27:104-110