

Tzafoon

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Source:

"Find" the Afikomen and distribute the some of the found piece to each person to eat.

Tzafoon means "The Hidden." It is time to search for the missing half of the middle matzah (*afikomen*). When someone, usually a child, finds the *afikomen* , and it fits the half on the Seder plate, the child ransoms it as a reward, so that the seder might continue. A piece of the *afikomen* , which means dessert, is distributed to all. This is the last food eaten except for the remaining two cups of wine.

The playfulness of finding the afikomen reminds us that we balance our solemn memories of slavery with a joyous celebration of freedom. As we eat the afikomen, our last taste of matzah for the evening, we are grateful for moments of silliness and happiness in our lives.