

Maggid Opening

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The leader lifts up the Matzo and says:

Lo!

Behold the matzah, the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.

Let all who are hungry come and eat.

Let all who are in want come and celebrate the Passover with us.

Now we are here, next year may we be in the land of Israel.

Now many are still enslaved, next year may all be free of bondage.

The words "maggid" and "Haggadah" come from the same Hebrew word: "L'haggid," which means, 'to tell'. We must tell and retell the Passover story from one generation to the next, as it is said: "And you shall tell your child on that day..."