

Korech

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MAROR

Blessing and eating the bitter herbs

בָּרַךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu bemitzvo
vetzivanu al achilat maror.*

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



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Matzah, maror and charoset eaten together

In the time of the second Temple in Jerusalem, the sage Hillel ate the maror and the Passover Sacrifice—Korban Pesach—together. This combination of tastes and flavors encompasses the full evolution from slavery to freedom. The maror is the bitterness of persecution. The matzah is the bread baked on Israelites' backs as they fled. The lamb is a symbol of their redemption.

Tonight, the korech sandwich represents the bitter and sweet that coexist in our world, and our responsibility to tip the scales toward sweetness, justice, and redemption.

