

The Ten Plagues

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Source:



LEADER: God's law aims for the welfare and happiness of all people. Those that deny God's Law and to do evil, bring pain and suffering upon themselves.

PARTICIPANT: When Pharaoh defied the command of God to release the Jewish people, he invited adversity upon himself and his own people.

PARTICIPANT: Though the plagues were the result of their own evil, we do not rejoice in the downfall or defeat of the Egyptians.

LEADER: Judaism regards all people as the children of God, even enemies who seek to destroy our people.

ASSEMBLED: We mourn their loss and express sorrow over their destruction.

LEADER: A full cup is the symbol of complete joy. Though we celebrate our triumph and our freedom, our happiness is not complete so long as others had to be sacrificed for its sake. We pour out a drop of wine as an expression of sorrow for each of the plagues as we recite them.

(Dip a finger your wine glass and drip into saucer for each plague)

ASSEMBLED: *(in Hebrew or English)*

Blood | dam | דָּם
Frogs | tzfardeiya | צְפַרְדֵּיָא
Lice | kinim | כִּנִּים
Beasts | arov | עֲרוֹב
Cattle disease | dever | דְּבַר
Boils | sh'chin | שְׁחִין
Hail | barad | בָּרָד
Locusts | arbeh | אֲרֵבָה

Darkness | choshech | חֹשֶׁךְ
Death of the Firstborn | makat b'chorot | מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת