

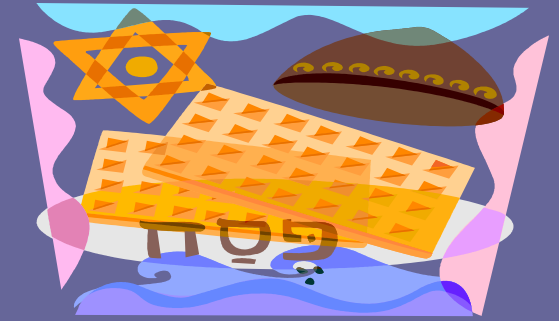
# The Passover

# Memories?

- What memories do you have?
- What do we do to remember special events in our lives?
- In many religions they have feast days to remind people of special events.



# Passover



- From the time of Mosaic law the People of God have observed fixed feasts, beginning with Passover.
- This feast takes place in early spring for the Jews.
- The feast known as Pesach reminds all Jews of their escape from Egypt over 3000 years ago.

Do you remember the story of the escape from Egypt?





# Pesach



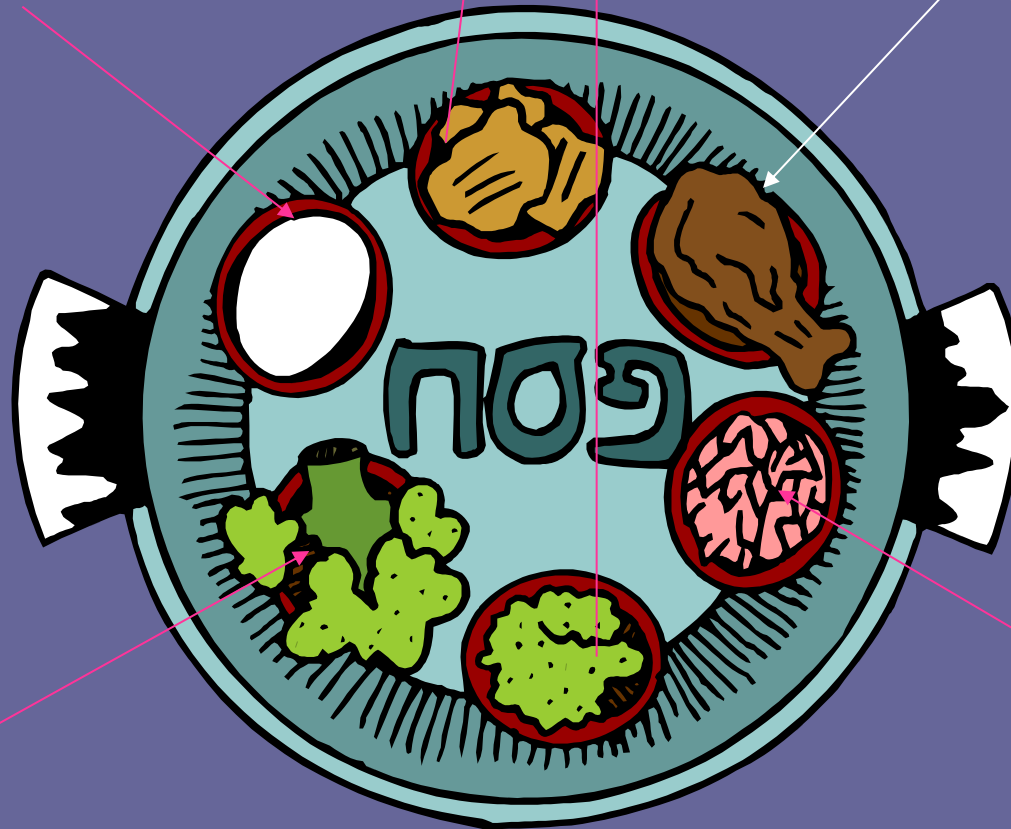
- The items of food on the ***Seder*** plate are symbolic of the Exodus story.
- The book of the story, the ***Haggadah***, is read by everyone at the table, usually led by the father or grandfather.
- Everyone recalls the past and thinks about what it means for Jews today.

*Beitzah* - A Roasted Hardboiled Egg to remind them of their mourning at the destruction of the *Holy Temple*.

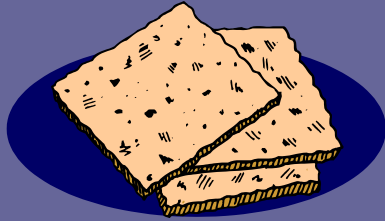
*Maror Chazeret* Two types of bitter herbs (vegetables).

*Z'ro'a* - A Roasted Bone (roasted chicken wing or leg bone) to remind us of the *Pesach* offerings that would be brought in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

*Karpas* - A vegetable, which is dipped into salt water and eaten. To remind them of the sweat and tears they shed as slaves, they place a bowl of the salt water near the *Seder* plate.



*Charoset* - a mixture of ground apples, nuts, ginger, cinnamon, and red sweet wine. The look and feel of mortar symbolizes the bricks and mortar which they were forced to use when they were slaves in Egypt.



They take three whole *Matzot* and place them one above the other, either in a napkin/*matza* cover or in a special compartment under the *Seder* plate. One of the reasons for the number three is the three sections of Jewry - *Kohain*, *Levi*, and *Yisroel*.

**ARBA  
KOSOT:  
THE FOUR  
CUPS  
OF WINE**



The four cups of wine represent the four promises given by God to the Children of Israel: "...and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm.....and I will take you to me for a people..." (Ex 6:6, 7)

