

SHULCHAN ORECH: A festive meal is now served, started by eating an egg -symbol of the special holiday sacrifice once offered in the Temple at this time by pilgrims to Jerusalem. Pilgrimages were made by the Israelites 3 times yearly: on Succos, Pesach, & Shevuos. The roasted egg is also a symbol of mourning & sorrow for the destruction of our Temple. We pray this act of remembrance before G-d will be acceptable as were the sacrifices.

TSOFUN: After the meal, the Afikomen, stolen by the children, is redeemed and is the dessert. Everyone must participate & eat some of the Afikomen, which takes the place of the Pascal Lamb & is eaten last at the Seder so that the taste may linger in our mouths. Portions should be sizeable & may be added to with other Matzah, so everyone has enough Afikomen. It should be eaten before midnight, while leaning to the left.

BOREICH: The leader asks all to recite the Grace after the Meal, as the 3rd cups of wine are poured. At this time, the cup of Elijah, the Prophet, is also filled. Grace is recited by all, followed by the 3rd cup of wine. As the Seder night is, according to our sages, a "Leil Shimurim" ("protected night"), when we are protected by G-d from all evils, we open our doors to show we have no fears. Then we recite a prayer to G-d to destroy the enemies of peace & freedom forever. The 4th cup of wine is then filled.

According to our sages, Elijah will come 3 days before the Messiah to announce his arrival, which will establish a new world of peace & freedom for all. Elijah is anxiously awaited on Pesach, based on a statement in the Talmud that in Nissem, "they were redeemed, (the Israelites), & in Nissem they will in the future be redeemed again".

HALLEL: The spirit of praise to G-d continues by reciting the remaining psalms of thanksgiving, followed by the 4th cup of wine - the last for the Seder.

NIRTSON: The closing songs & hymns joyfully end the Seder service & we hope that our services to G-d will be accepted by Him.

TEFILOT PESACH

Hallel is said all 8 days of Pesach: the first 2 days, all of it; on the last 6, Chatzi-Hallel is said. From 1st day nusaf, we stop reciting "Mashiv Haruach Umorid Hageshem".

BUYING CHAMETZ AFTER PESACH

Whoever sold their Chametz through Rabbi Schnall, please don't use it for an hour after Yom Tov is over, to allow for re-negotiation with the non-Jew. Special care must be taken after Passover regarding the purchase of actual Chametz, as we are not permitted to buy Chametz from a Jew, or a Jewish concern (including certain supermarkets) that did not sell their Chametz before Pesach.