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# Passover Hagaddah



הגדה של פסח

**Abridged for CHRIST IS THE PASSOVER  
Presentation**

## Foreword

In 1973, at the encouragement of Rev. Bruce Lieske, their pastor, St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia submitted a memorial to the 1973 convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, titled "To Facilitate Gospel Proclamation among Jews." The Synod ultimately referred this issue to an ad hoc committee, headed by Dr. Erwin J. Kolb then the Executive Director for Evangelism of the LC-MS. You can find these and related documents in Witnessing to Jewish People by Bruce J. Lieske on our website.

This beginning grew into what is now Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism (LIJE), founded in 1981. Rev. Lieske became its Founder and first Executive Director, and LIJE became the first mission society outreach of the LC-MS since World War II. There are 6,000,000 Jewish people in the United States, accounting for 45% of world Jewry.

To minister to this community, we help prepare congregations for ministry to Jewish people through preaching, teaching, writing and workshops while developing branches that are active and intentional in evangelism to the communities where God has placed them. We affirm and seek to be faithful to St. Paul's proclamation, ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile" (Romans 1:16).***

I became involved in 1996, having begun my ministry with a Jewish outreach organization in Denver, CO, called Menorah Ministries where I was serving as a volunteer missionary on the campus at the University of Colorado. By 1996 I was attending Concordia Seminary and had not heard much about the existing Lutheran mission to the Jews when I met Steve Cohen. He was then the field counselor and advisor to LIJE. In 1996 he left Jews for Jesus and came full-time with LIJE and moved to St. Louis.

## XIV. The Fourth Cup--The Cup of Sanctification

"I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7a).

## XV. Elijah's cup

May you go forth and tell this story to the children of many generations, that they would come to believe and be saved by the blood of the Lamb, Y'shua HaMashiach.

L: L'Shana HaBa-ah BiYerushalayim.

**C: Next year in Jerusalem!**

“I will deliver you from slavery to them” (Exodus 6:6b).

*(As each plague is recited, a drop of wine is taken from the second cup and dropped onto a saucer or napkin.)*

These are the ten plagues which the Most Holy, blessed be He, brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt: **Blood, frogs, vermin, flies, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the slaying of the first-born.** (Exodus 8-11)

X. The Seder Plate: Charoset and the Hillel sandwich

*(Everyone eats the bitter herb, charoset, and matzoh.)*

XI. Reclining?

XII. The Search for the Afikomen

XIII. The third cup--The Cup of Redemption.

“And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment” (Exodus 6:6c).

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

*(All eat the afikomen and drink the third cup of wine.)*

We worked together to found The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, which was ostensibly intended to be a missionary training center, working with LIJE. But it ended up effectively operating as a competing mission to the Jews, causing a lot of confusion within our church body. So Steve and Bruce decided to separate their work. Steve left the ministry of LIJE but continued to operate under LIJE’s street name of “The Apple of His Eye.”

Because of all this confusion, LIJE determined to open new mission branches under the name of “Burning Bush Ministries” to distinguish itself from Steve’s new ministry, and in 1999, opened a new branch of mission in Detroit, MI, the first of “Burning Bush Ministries.”

However, two branches of ministry were still open, St. Louis and New York, operating under the “Apple of His Eye” name. Both branches were attached to messianic-Lutheran congregations, Congregation Beth El in Queens, New York, and Congregation Chai v’Shalom in St. Louis, where I have the privilege of pastoring.

Congregation Chai v’Shalom was founded in 1998, celebrating its first worship service on April 18, 1998, about a year-and-a-half since beginning mission work in St. Louis. Then, in 2005, Bruce retired and LIJE called me to serve as its second Executive Director, and has moved its offices to St. Louis, MO, where it continues a variety of ministries under the structure of LIJE, such as The Apple of His Eye, Burning Bush Ministries, and Aish HaEmeth, our Center for Jewish-Christian studies.

**LIJE continues as a faith-ministry of the LC--MS, and as such relies on the regular support of those to whom God has called to sustain it with their gifts and prayers.**

*“Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.” (Romans 10:1).*

--Rev. Kevin Parviz, Executive Director

## I. Introduction

How many of you know someone who is Jewish?

Tonight, we're going to try to do three things: 1) first, give you some historical understanding of the Passover, 2) Secondly, show you how Jesus is the Passover, and 3) third, help you to understand how we can help you reach out to your Jewish friends and help them to consider Jesus at this Passover season.

## II. Scripture

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there" (Luke 22:7-12).

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your

Other elements on the Passover table include three מצות (Matzoth - unleavened bread) placed in a Matzo Tosh, or wrapped separately in napkins, wine (four cups are usually consumed during the meal), salt water, a pillow or cushion on the left arm of each person at the table, and the Cup of Elijah.

VIII. The Seder Plate and Karpas: Parsley on our table, this was hyssop in Moses' time. And our bowl of salt water represents the basin of blood...

Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you (Exodus 12:22-23).

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam boray p'ree haadamah.

**C: Blessed art thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe, creator of the fruits of the earth.**

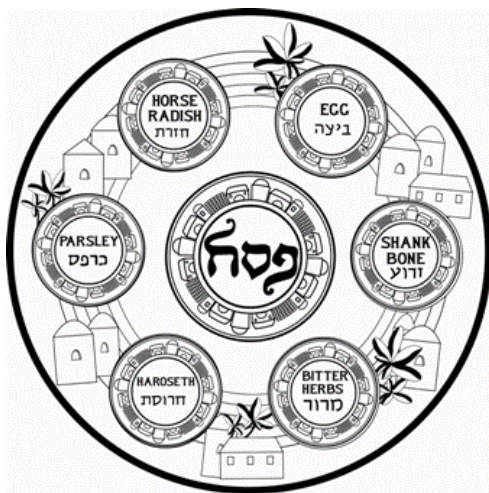
IX. Matzoh Tosh and Afikomen

X. The Ma Nishta Nah

XI. The drinking of The Second Cup--The Cup of Praise and Plagues, Hallel

## VII. The Seder Plate and Hagigah

### YOUR SEDER PLATE



The Seder Plate is central to the order of the פסח (*Pesach* - Passover) סדר (*Seder* - “order”). It is the seder plate and this הגדה (*Hagaddah* - “the telling”) that tell the story of the Passover.

Each of the elements of the plate tells part of the story. These elements include the זרוע (*Z’roah* - “arm” - a roasted shankbone of a lamb), ביצה (*Bai-tzah* - “egg”) or חגיגה (*ChaGigah* - “festival offering” - a hard-boiled egg), מרור (*Marohr* - “herb” - bitter herbs, usually freshly grated horseradish), רחרוסת (*Charoses* - a mixture of finely chopped apples, nuts, and cinnamon mixed with a little wine), and כרפס (*Karpas* - usually parsley).

count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’S Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on

those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you (Exodus 12:1-16).

### III. Discussion of the Preparations

Bedikat Chametz: Chametz is Hebrew for “leaven.” Breads, cookies, cereals, baking soda...anything that may have leaven in it.

### IV. Discussion of Kittel & Haggadah

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to where after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God” (Numbers 15:37-41).

### V. Candle Lighting

*(Mama lights the candles, reciting the following blessing.)*

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav vitzivahnu l'hadlich nehr shel Pesach.

**C: Blessed art Thou O LORD our God, King of the universe, who sanctifies us and commands us to kindle the lights of Passover.**

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam, sheshalach et bin'cha y'chid'cha, Y'shua Ha-Mashiach, lib'yot or ha-olam v'seh happesach shelanu l'ma-an nich'yeh biz'chuto. Omayn.

**C: Blessed art Thou, O LORD our God, King of the Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine only Son, Y'shua the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Paschal Lamb, that through Him we might live. Amen.**

### VI. The Four Cups: Kiddush, Hallel, Redemption, Sanctification

The first promise is “I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians” (Exodus 6:6a).

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam, boray p'ree hagahfen.

**C: Blessed art Thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.**

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam asher bachar banu mikol om v'ro-m'mahnu mikol lashon v'kidshanu b'mitzvotav.

**C: Blessed art Thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who selected us from among all people and exalted us among nations and did sanctify us with His commandments.**

L: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheynu melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu, v'kee- y'manu, v'heegeeyanu la-z'man hazeh.

**C: Blessed art thou, O LORD our God, King of the universe, who has preserved us alive; sustained us, and brought us to enjoy this season.**