

Taking the Passover Seder to New Heights – Class #1

1. Jewish Holidays have (1) Theme (2) Ritual. Examples.
What about Passover?

2. Two statements found in the “*Haggadah*” - retelling the Passover story:

A. *“This is the bread of affliction that our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Whoever is hungry, let him come and eat; whoever is in need, let him come and conduct the Seder of Passover. This year [we are] here; next year in the land of Israel. This year [we are] slaves; next year [we will be] free people.*”

B. *“This Matzah that we eat for what reason? Because the dough of our fathers did not have time to become leavened before the King of the kings of kings, the Holy One, blessed be He, revealed Himself to them and redeemed them.”*

3. **From the Haggadah: The Answer to the 4 questions** (A summary of the exodus story): *“We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the L-rd, our G-d, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm. If the Holy One, blessed be He, had not taken our fathers out of Egypt, then we, our children and our children’s children would have remained enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Even if all of us were wise, all of us understanding, all of us knowing the Torah, we would still be obligated to discuss the exodus from Egypt; and everyone who discusses the exodus from Egypt at length is praiseworthy.”*

4. *Chametz* and *Matzah*. Definitions. The difference between them.

חמץ מצה

5. First words from G-d to the first Jew “*Lech lecha*” – Go for yourself” ...

6. Egypt - מצרים

7. “Let my People Go _____”