# **Seder: Purpose**

It is praiseworthy to tell the story of *Passover* even if you know all the details and interpretations (as did the great *rabbis* of the *Talmud*), because of the principle of "in order to remember" (*lema'an tizkor*): that we should remember everything God did for us when taking us out of Egypt.

#### **The Three Discussion Points**

The most important part of the *seder* is discussing:

- Passover offering (Pesach),
- Unleavened bread (matza), and
- Bitter herbs (*maror*).

These three segments should be read from the *Passover hagada* in the *Hebrew*. If anyone does not understand the *Hebrew*, these paragraphs and the concepts they express must be explained in whatever language he or she can understand.

#### Children at the Seder

Children are an integral part of the <u>seder</u>. We try to get children to ask questions and then we teach them the answers. The *Torah* says to do this!

## **Acknowledging God's Miracles**

We acknowledge God's miracles in sending the plagues against the Egyptians and their gods and in taking the Children of Israel out of slavery and Egypt.

### **Telling Our History**

We tell our history beginning with Jacob (<u>Yaakov</u>) and Laban (<u>Lavan</u>) and on to slavery and, finally, to achieving freedom.

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