SEDER: PRINCIPLES

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 *seder*. 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 (*Yaakov*) and Laban (*Lavan*) and on to slavery and, finally, to achieving freedom.

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