

HAGGADAH OF PESACH

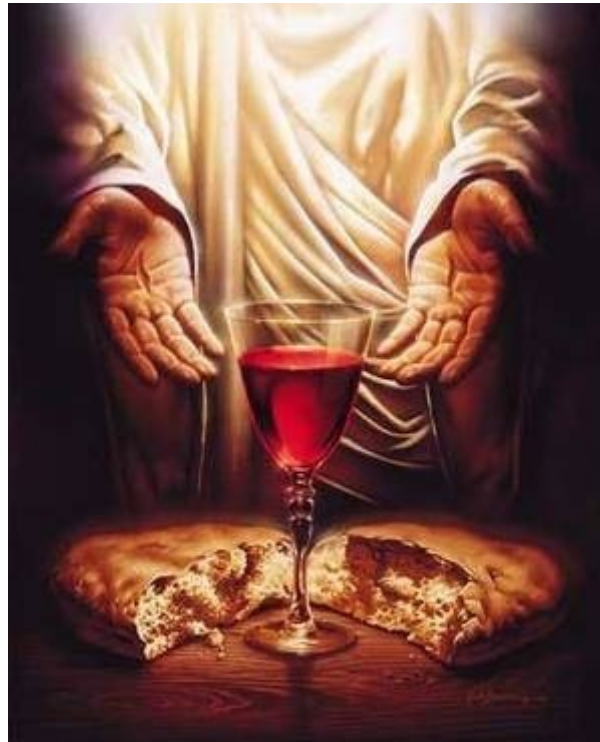
(The telling of Passover)

FOR A CHRISTIAN SEDER



***This is my body which is given for you;
this do in remembrance of me.***

(Luke 22:19)



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Participant Haggadah

PASSOVER SEDER (meaning "order")

(The meal and service are done in prescribed sequence.)

Removal of Chametz: In the days preceding Passover, it is tradition to remove any trace of chametz (leaven or yeast) from the home. It symbolizes the removal of sin or corrupting influence in one's life and submission to GOD in obedience. Most bread products contain yeast, so usually all forms of bread must be removed from the house prior to this day. Although some believers may think of this as legalism, it is still a very good practice. If we are not willing to search our house and remove all leaven, we may also not be willing to search our hearts for any un-confessed sin before partaking of this communion. The Apostle Paul encourages us to "*Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*" (1 Corinthians 5:7)

LEADER: Urchatz (washing of the hands.)

READER: [1] The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; [2] for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. [3] Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? [4] He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. [5] He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. [6] Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. (Psalm 24:1-6)

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and has commanded us to wash our hands. *Ba-rukhh A-tah A-donai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sheer kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu ahl na-tie-lat ya-da-yim.*

(Everyone use water pitcher and bowl and dip hands into water and then dry. This can be done at a table prepared for washing before seating or pass a bowl of water around to each person after being seated)

LEADER:

READER: "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come." (Exodus 12:17)

READER: And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

LEADER:

(Mother / Woman leader of the home lights the candles)

MOTHER / WOMAN LEADER: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by your commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the

Festival lights. Amen. (*Ba-rukhh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sheer kid-sha-nu B'-mi-tzvo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu l'-had-lik ner shel (shabbat) yom tov.*)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life and has preserved us, and has enabled us to reach this season. Amen. *Ba-rukhh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-sheer she-he-che-ya-nu v'-ki-yi-mo-nu v'-hi-gi-a-nu l'z-man ha-zey.*

LEADER: The Seder plate

READER: Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." (Exodus 6:1)

ALL: "I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians." (Exodus 6:6-7)

LEADER: 4 Glasses of wine

SANCTIFICATION:

PLAGUES:

REDEMPTION:

PRAISE:

READER: [14] When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. [15] And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. [16] For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." [17] After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. [18] For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." (Luke 22:14-18)

LEADER: Sanctification

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. *Ba-rukhh a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the first cup of wine.)

Interesting Side Note: The wine blessing is not talking about grapes growing on a vine. This blessing is actually a Messianic Prophecy! Yeshua's first miracle was creating the fruit of the vine! See John 2.

LEADER: Celery, called *kar-pas*

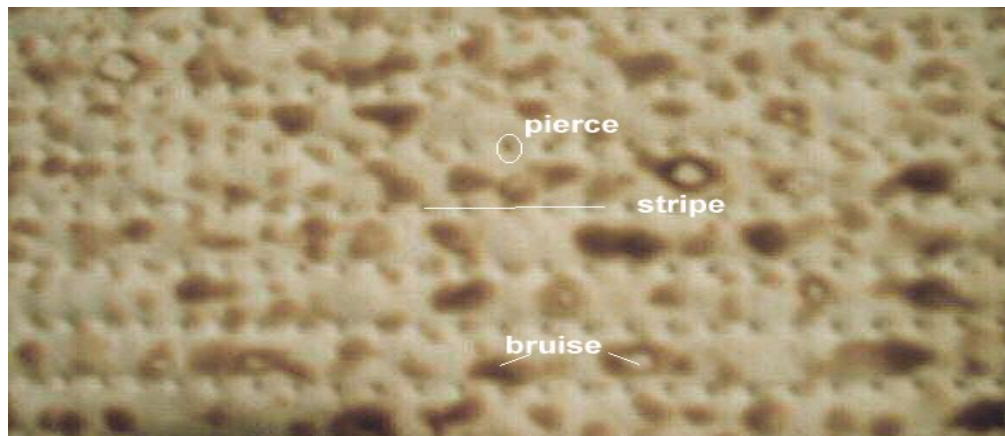
ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the earth. *Ba-rukh a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam b-orey pri ha-'a-da-mah.*

(Dip the celery in the salt water twice, and then eat it.)

READER: [6b] Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? [7] Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. [8] Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

READER: So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. (Exodus 12:34)

LEADER: Three Matzahs



ALL: In haste we went out of Egypt.

READER: [20] In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?" [21] tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. [22] Before our eyes the LORD sent miraculous signs and wonders--great and terrible--upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. [23] But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers. [24] The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. [25] And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness." (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)

READER: [26] And when your children ask you, "What does this ceremony mean to you?" [27] then tell them, "It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the

houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." (Exodus 12:26-27)

YOUNG PERSON: (Rising to ask the four questions)

How different this night is from all other nights!

- On all other nights we eat bread or matzah. On this night why do we eat only matzah?
- On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. On this night why do we eat only bitter herbs?
- On all other nights we do not dip our vegetables even once. On this night why do we dip them twice?
- On all other nights we eat our meals sitting or reclining. On this night why do we eat only reclining?

(Four questions in Hebrew if the young person is able to speak the language. Otherwise skip this section)

Ma nish-ta-nah ha-lai-lah ha-zeh mi-kol ha-ley-lot!

- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin kha-meytz u-ma-tzah. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh ku-lo ma-tzah.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin she'ar yerakot. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh a-ror.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot eyn a-nu mat-bi-lin a-fi-lu pa-'am e-khet. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh shtey f'a-min.*
- *She-be-khol ha-ley-lot a-nu okh-lin beyn yo-she-vin u-veyn me-su-bin. Ha-lai-lah ha-zeh ku-la-nu me-su-bin.*

LEADER:

READER: The Israelites were already in the land of Egypt. They became fertile and multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the land was filled with them. A new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph, and imposed great labor and hardship on the Israelites. But the more the Israelites were oppressed, the more they increased and spread out. The king then ordered that all newborn baby boys be killed. The Pharaoh charged all his people, saying "every boy that is born you shall throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

READER: A Levite woman conceived and bore a son and hid him for three months. After that time, she prepared a wicker basket and laid the child in the basket and placed it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the Nile and saw the basket among the reeds and had her slave girl fetch the basket. The Pharaoh's daughter took pity on the child and made him her own son. She named him Moses, explaining, "I drew him out of water."

READER: Moses grew and had learned of his heritage. After witnessing an Egyptian beating an Israelite, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When

Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh. He arrived in the land of Midian, where he married his wife, Zipporah.

READER: A long time had gone by and the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under bondage and cried out to God. God heard their cries. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush telling him that he would use Moses to lead His people out of Egypt into a land "flowing with milk and honey." So Moses returned to Egypt and Moses took the rod of God with him.

READER: Moses and his brother Aaron went to the Pharaoh to ask for the release of their people. But the Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the Israelites and would not release them from the bondage of slavery. Each time the Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, the land of Egypt came under a great plague. With the tenth and most awful plague, the heart of Pharaoh would be pierced.

ALL: "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. (Exodus 12:12)

READER: And the blood on the houses where you are staying shall be a sign for you: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, so that no plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. (Exodus 12:13 NJPS)

READER: [14] This day shall be to you one of remembrance: you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout the ages; you shall celebrate it as an institution for all time. [15] Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the very first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day to the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. [16] You shall celebrate a sacred occasion on the first day, and a sacred occasion on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them; only what every person is to eat, that alone may be prepared for you. [17] You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the ages as an institution for all time. (Exodus 12:14-17 NJPS)

LEADER: Cup of Plagues

(Do not drink the second cup yet!)

ALL:

- **Blood!** (*Dam*)
- **Frogs!** (*Tzefardeyah*)
- **Lice!** (*Kinim*)
- **Wild Beasts!** (*Arov*)
- **Disease to Livestock!** (*Dever*)
- **Boils!** (*Sh'chin*)
- **Hail!** (*Barad*)
- **Locusts!** (*Arbeh*)
- **Darkness!** (*Choshech*)

INSTRUCTIONS:

(Don't say this)

Each time, all dip the **LITTLE** finger and let a drop fall in bowl.

- **Death of the Firstborn!** (*Makkat Bechorot*)

LEADER: PASSOVER Lamb

READER: The Israelites were saved by God and not an angel or seraph or any other messenger. For it is written: "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord!" (Exodus 12:12)

LEADER: I shall pass through the land of Egypt

ALL: "I" -- not "an angel"

LEADER: I shall strike down every first-born.

ALL: "I" -- not "a seraph"

LEADER: I shall destroy all the Egyptian gods.

ALL: "I" -- not "a messenger"

ALL: I am the Lord, I am the One God, and there is none besides Me.

LEADER: BEITZAH -egg

LEADER: MATZO -unleavened bread

LEADER: MAROR -Horseradish

LEADER: CHAZERET-Parsley

LEADER: CHAROSET -

LEADER: Why do we eat only reclining?

LEADER: And now we bless our second cup of wine, the cup of plagues.

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-ruk h a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the second cup of wine.)

LEADER: We will now bless the matzah as a food.

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. *Ba-ruk h A-tah Adonai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam ha-mo-tzi le-khem min ha-'a-retz.*

(This is the bread blessing Yeshua pronounced at the Last Supper.)

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

(Leader holding the top and middle-half pieces of matzah)

LEADER: The matzah of Passover i

(pass the top piece around and everyone break a piece of it)

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of the matzah. Ba-ruk h A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-she- r kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu a-he-lot ma-tza.

(Do not eat the Matzah at this time.)

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us concerning the eating of the Maror. Ba-ruk h A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam a-she- r kid-sha-nu B'-mitz-vo-tav v'-tzi-va-nu a-he-lot Ma-ror.

(Everyone place the Maror on the top piece of Matzah. Do not eat it yet)

READER: This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. (Exodus 12:11)

(Pass the bottom piece around and everyone break a piece of it and place it against the Maror on the top piece of Matzah making a sandwich out of it.)

ALL: And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it. (Exo 12:8)

(Everyone eat the Matzah with Maror sandwich.)

(Next, dip the parsley in the salt water and then eat it.)

LEADER:

(Pass the middle piece around and everyone break a piece of it)

LEADER:

(Eat the **broken** half-Matzah with Maror and Charoset.)

LEADER:

LEADER: If the Lord had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians.

ALL: day-ye-nu!

LEADER: If He had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea.

ALL: day-ye-nu!

LEADER: If He had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

LEADER: If He had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Sabbath.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

LEADER: If He had only given us the Torah, but not the land of Israel.

ALL: *day-ye-nu!*

The *Shulchan Orech*

Break for the Passover Supper

- Break to eat the Passover Supper.
- Prayer said over the meal.
- Eat the egg with the meal if wanted
- Everyone finishes reading the Haggadah.
- The *afikomen* **must** be found (by the children) and returned to the Leader for a reward. **(Even in a non-Messianic Seder, if the *afikomen* is not found, the Seder cannot continue!)**
- The *afikomen* is served last as the desert

LEADER: *afikomen*, the dessert.

ALL: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. *Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai El-o-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam ha-mo-tzi le-khem min ha-'a-retz.*

(All eat the Afikomen)

LEADER:

READER:

Prophecy: Fulfilled

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Prophecy: Now

Micah 5:3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

Prophecy: Future

Micah 5:4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. [5a] And he will be their peace.

READER: [52:13] See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. [14] Just as there were many who were appalled at him-- his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-- [15] so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. [53:1] Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. [3] He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. [5] But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [7] He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. [8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (Isaiah 52:13-53:8)

ALL: [12] How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? [13] I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. [14] I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. (Psalm 116:12-14)

LEADER: The third cup

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-rukh A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hey-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the third cup of wine.)

LEADER: Elijah

(Have a young person open the door.)

ALL: "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes." (Malachi 4:5)

LEADER: Elijah

READER: Before the birth of John the Baptizer, an angel of the Lord said, "And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17)

READER: Later, Yeshua spoke of John, "And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come." (Matthew 11:14)

LEADER:

LEADER: The 4th Cup of Praise

ALL: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine. *Ba-ruk'h A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-he-y'nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam bo-rey pri ha-ga-fen.*

(Drink the fourth cup of wine.)

LEADER: (Text is from Psalm 136)

- [1] Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [2] Give thanks to the God of gods.
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [4] To him who alone does great wonders,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [5] Who by his understanding made the heavens,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [6] Who spread out the earth upon the waters,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [7] Who made the great lights--
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [8] Who made the sun to govern the day,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [9] Who made the moon and stars to govern the night;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [10] To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [11] And brought Israel out from among them
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [12] With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [13] To him who divided the Red Sea asunder
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [14] And brought Israel through the midst of it,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [15] But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [16] To him who led his people through the desert,
ALL: His love endures forever.
- [26] Give thanks to the God of heaven
ALL: His Love endures forever.

READER: [31] "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, " declares the LORD. [33] "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. [34] No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

READER: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." (Revelation 4:8b)

READER: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:3)

READER: [12] Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. [13] We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. [14] But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. [15] Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. [16] But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

LEADER: Blessing

Next year in Jerusalem!

La-sha-nah ha-ba-'ah bi-ru-sha-la-yim!