



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## for the Passover Seder

The Passover Seder consists of 15 steps which is said to represent the fifteen psalms in the "Song of Ascents" (Psalm 120-134), the song chanted by the Levites as they walked up the fifteen steps to the Temple. Many suggest that the Seder itself is an ascent from slavery to freedom for it tells the story of redemption.

### 1 **KADDESH**

We say a blessing (*kiddush*) at the beginning of the seder over the first cup of wine in order to sanctify the day.



### 2 **URCHATZ**

We ritually wash our hands before partaking of karpas.

### 3 **KARPAS**

We dip the green vegetable into the salt water or red wine vinegar and eat it.

### 4 **YACHATZ**

We break the matzah and separate the Afikomen.

### 5 **MAGGID**

We tell the story of Pesach.



### 6 **RACHTZAH**

We ritually wash our hands before eating bread (matzah).

### 7 **MOTZI**

We bless God for the bread (matzah).

### 8 **MATZAH**

We bless God for the commandment to eat matzah.

### 9 **MAROR**

We bless God for the commandment to eat the bitter herbs.

### 10 **KORECH**

We eat matzah and bitter herbs together (in the form of the "Hillel sandwich").

### 11 **SHULCHAN ORECH**

We eat the festival meal together.

### 12 **TZAFUN**

We find and eat the Afikomen.

### 13 **BARECH**

We bless God for our food by reciting grace after meals.



### 14 **HALLEL**

We recite Psalms of praise (Psalm 113-118) for this special occasion.



### 15 **NIRTZAH**

We ask God to accept our prayers.