

WELCOME TO OUR SEDER

Tonight we celebrate Goys and Idols, no, Guys and Dolls, one of the most beloved musicals from Broadway's Golden Age. It was one of the first musicals about Broadway – not theatre, but post-Depression life on the street. It has a plot more complex than a Talmudic tractate, so nu ... perfect?? One gambler is just one step ahead of the law, always on the lookout for locations for his next floating crap game. Another gambler can't refuse odds on any bet. The first gambler needs money to rent space for the game, thinking he'll get it by betting the second he can't date a prude who works at a Salvation-army-like Mission. Our first guy is forever engaged to a showgirl, the Christian mission is in danger of being closed down, the Mission girl gets drunk in Havana, the gamblers break into the mission to play craps, the first guy avoids his elopement by running a new game in the sewers, when all the gamblers lose bets and go to a revival meeting where the guy with the best voice invents a dream sequence ... I told ya none of it makes sense. What makes the play sparkle is the music. We'll put some flesh on this turkey later, but first we should imbibe a little wine to fully appreciate the story. We sanctify that action by reciting the Kiddush.

Kadesh

קדש

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹחֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפָן: בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹחֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אַשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל-עָם, וְרוֹמְמָנוּ מִכָּל-לָשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וַתִּתֶּן-לָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹחֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה מוּעַדִים לְשִׁמְחָה, חַגִּים וּזְמַנִּים לְשָׁשׁוֹן אֶת-יוֹם חַג הַמַצוֹת הַזֶּה. זְמַן חֵרוּתֵנוּ, מִקְרָא קֹדֶשׁ, זֵכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָים. כִּי בְנוּ בְחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדַּשְׁתָּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִים. וּמוּעֲדֵי קַדְשָׁוּך בְּשִׁמְוּ

בָּרוּדָ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלְהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֲיָנוּ וְהָגִּיעָנוּ לַאְמַן הַגָּי Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has granted us life and sustenance and permitted us to reach this season. Drink the wine reclining to the left.

Washing the hands אָרָרָאָ

The play and film is based on two stories by famed short-story writer Damon Runyon. Damon wrote hundreds of short stories – he was originally a sports columnist for Hearst publications, finding the eccentric and unusual on the baseball field and boxing matches. One story that led to Guys and Dolls was *The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown*. Our first encounter with Idols.

Twenty of his stories became films. Most are humorous and sentimental tales of gamblers, hustlers, actors, and gangsters. Many have colorful names like Benny Southstreet, Big Jule, Harry the Horse, Good Time Charley, Dave the Dude, Liver Lips Louie and The Seldom Seen Kid. The title of his stories is often name of the principal character. In Damon's story *Tobias the Terrible*, Tobias speaks of love: "If I have all the tears that are shed on Broadway by guys in love, I will have enough salt water to start an opposition ocean to the Atlantic and Pacific, with enough left over to run the Great Salt Lake out of business."

And tears and salt water leads us to ...

Karpas

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יתץ

Everyone partakes of parsley, dips it into saltwater, and says:

ָבָּרוּדָּ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ כֶּעֶדָּ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruits of the earth.

From now on you may partake as often as you like from the table snacks. Hunger shall not be one of the seder plagues.

Break middle matzah

The leader takes the middle Matzah and breaks it in two, leaving one half between the whole ones, and puts the other half in a safe place for the grand Afikomen hunt.

Ha Lachma

הָא לַחְמָא

This is the bread of addiction which our fore-gamblers sought in the land of New Amsterdam. Let all who are desperate, come and try your luck. Let all who are greedy, come and lubricate your hangover. No no, let all who are speedy, come and refrigerate your Leftovers. I mean, let all who are needy, come and celebrate Passover.

At present we are here in the sewers, avoiding the Law; next year may we be in the perfect craps location. At present we are slaves to the con; next year may we be free to win.

Time to put flesh on the turkey. The music for the play was written by Frank Loesser, a music genius who was called the most versatile of all Broadway composers. He had five Broadway musicals – including *Most Happy Fella* and *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*, in addition to *Goys and Idols*. Each had a unique sound and style. He wrote lyrics for over 60 films and over 700 songs. (Did he ever sleep?) Apparently, just barely. One article said he had so much nervous energy that he slept only four hours each night, working the rest of the time.

The actor who played that first gambler "always on the lookout for locations for his next floating crap game" on Broadway was Sam Levene. Sam (born Scholem Lewin) was the son of a cantor and fluent in Yiddish. Several of his roles capitalized on his streetwise manner, which Loesser felt was ideal for the tough-guy gambler Nathan Detroit, the lead in Guys and Dolls. In a 5-decade career, Sam played 39 Broadway productions at 29 different theaters (1,600 times in one of them). Yet his Orthodox father never stepped into a theater and never saw Sam perform.

However, Sam couldn't sing. (That's OK: his cantor father couldn't act!) So when the film was made 5 years later, Levene lost the role of Nathan Detroit to Frank Sinatra. It was a very controversial choice. The film director wanted Levene, saying the role was "written for Sam, who was divine in it." Although Sam was tone-deaf, his performance was "charming in its ineptitude." Frank Loesser felt Sinatra played the part like a dapper Italian swinger, and hated how Sinatra turned the rumpled Nathan Detroit into a smoothie. When Loesser died 14 years later, he'd kept his promise to never watch the film where Sinatra played Nathan. At the time, Stephen Sondheim was a film reviewer and panned Sinatra's "lackadaisical performance": his "careless attempt at characterization has none of the sob in the voice and ulcer in the stomach that the part requires," which Sam did so well on stage. "Sinatra sings on pitch, but colorlessly; Levene sang off pitch, but acted while he sang."

Why did Sinatra get the part? Because producer Samuel Goldwyn wanted him, saying "You can't have a Jew playing a Jew, it wouldn't work on screen." And now generations have seen Sinatra's depiction of Nathan Detroit. However, Nathan has had several other interpreters: he's been played by Walter Matthau, Alan King, and, in the role that made him a star, Nathan Lane.

Why is this musical different from all other musicals?

In other plays, the guy gets the gal;

in this play, the Gal gets the Guy. (Though it takes years.)

In all other films, ethnics play their own ethnicities;

in this film, a Jew can't play a Jew.

On all other nights, Nathan always finds a place for the crap game;

Tonight, when the police are on his back, he can't find one.

In most musicals, the composer and lyricist show early promise;

in this play, not so much.

(Loesser hated his father's refined tastes in music, and took up the harmonica. Further, he was expelled from Townsend Harris High School, and after one year was expelled from the City College of New York for failing every subject except English and gym.) OK, OK, he did show promise: his father, a full-time piano teacher, never taught his son, yet Frank could play any tune he heard by ear ... when he was four years old!)

Hark now to our questions about the seder's symbolism, cast into the melody written by the adult prodigy.

Ask Me Why (Tune of If I were a Bell)

Ask me why is this meal Yet we're dipping now twice, So unlike other dinners we meet in. Once charoset, then salt water - holy? Well sir, all I can say is: And we're all leaning back Just matzah, no chametz is eaten. And we're all, eating like Kings. And our veggies are not just sweet, What's the answer, my friends, Simply carrots and greens or french fries, Doing ... Some are bitter, and some have some heat, Just Some can even bring tears to our eyes! Once Yearly Ask again why our dips Things! Are not salsa or green guacamole.

Now the traditional questions that have been asked for at least 900 years.

The second cup of wine is poured and the youngest in each family asks The Four Questions:

Ma Nishtana

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָו

The Traditional Four Questions; and our new additions/editions:

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat chametz and matzah; tonight we eat only matzah. On all other nights we eat any kind of herbs; tonight, we only eat bitter herbs. On all other nights we do not dip even once; tonight we dip twice. On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining; tonight we recline.

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָה הַלֵּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹתיּ שָׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצָּה. הַלֵּילָה הזֶּה כָּלוֹ מַצָּה: שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׁאָר יְרָקוֹת. הַלֵּילָה הזֶּה מָרוֹר: שָׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין אֲנִילוּ פַּעֵם אֶחָת. הַלֵּילָה הזֶּה שְׁתַּי פְעָמִים: שָׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסַבִּין. הַלֵּיָלָה הזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסַבִּין:

Magid לגיד

We now relate the story. Come and hear the story of our people, the story we relive on Seder night.

We were slaves to the crapshooters in New York's underworld, but Lt. Brannigan tried to take us out of there with the mighty hand and outstretched arm of the laws of New York State. General Cartwright, the leader of the Save-a-Soul Mission, tried to bring us sinners from evil to redemption. Had the writers and producers not taken the principals out of the underworld, then we, our children and grandchildren would still be enslaved.

Even if we all were wise, perceptive, experienced, and well-versed in the rules of craps, blackjack, baccarat *and* European Roulette, it would still be our duty to read from Hoyle's book of *Card Game Rules*. The more one discusses Frank Loesser, the more praise he deserves.

Let's return and retrieve those Guys who don't know where tonight's game is going to be located. Next year in Jerusalem? Hardly. Not for these wiseguys.

The character of Nathan Detroit organizes the best floating crap game in NYC. But the only location he can find requires a \$1000 deposit, cash that Nathan doesn't have. The high-stakes gambler Sky Masterson is in town, and Nathan schemes to find a bet that he can't lose – to take a prude from the Christian mission on a date. Sky accepts and goes to the Mission. Failing to charm Sister Sarah Brown, in exchange for the date, he offers to bring "one dozen genuine sinners" to the next revival. Sarah is forced to accept when, due to the lack of interest in their tough part of town, the leader of the Mission threatens to shut down the New York Mission. To get his sinners to go the Mission, Sky bets the entire seedy group – if he loses his next roll, he'll pay them all \$1000, and if he wins, all they have to do is show up at the next revival meeting. Is *Luck a Lady* for Sky? Well, the next scene has the gamblers at the Mission. What do you think?

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Now the Dolls part. Both Nathan and Sky have love interests. Adelaide, a leading nightclub entertainer, has been engaged to Nathan for 14 years (and has written her mother they've been married for 12 years with 5 children). Time and time again, he agrees to marry her or elope, only to run a crap game somewhere. Adelaide's best song reads from a medical book explaining her long-running cold may be due to Nathan's refusal to marry.

Meanwhile, Sky takes Sarah to Havana, where she kisses him (perhaps enabled by the rum in her drink). After getting the gamblers to the Mission, Sky returns the money to Nathan, claiming he lost the bet. Sarah realizes that Sky cares for her. All characters celebrate as Broadway is closed for the double wedding of Sky and Sarah, Nathan and Adelaide.

It happened one evening that Rabbis Eliezer, Joshua, Elazar ben Azaryah, Akiva and Tarfon were reclining at the craps table inside the Mission. They spent the whole night watching the dice roll until their students came and said to them: "Rabbis, what are you doing here!?"

.Four Sons בָּנִים Four Sons

Blessed be God who has given Hoyle's book to His people; blessed be He. The Good Book speaks of four sons; a wisecracking one, a wicked one (just *one?!*), a simple-minded one, and one who is not able yet to throw the dice.

What says the Wise(cracking) one? He asks: "What are these testimonies, statutes, and judgments which the City of NY has commanded us?" Then you shall instruct him in the laws of making book, that once the crap shooter throws the dice, no additional wagers ought to be set on the table.

What says the wicked one? He asks: "What does place bets mean to you?" By the word "you," it is clear he does not include himself, and thus has withdrawn himself from the game. So tell him bluntly: "This is done because of what Nathan did for me when I arrived to the game." For me and not for him; for had he been there, he would not have been thought worthy to join the pool.

What says the simple one? He asks: "What is this?" You shall tell him, "Working with a mighty hand, the loaded dice did provide for the needy gambler." Then you shall instruct him in the laws of fielding bets for good wagers, that the best strategy is to bet table minimums at Don't Pass and Don't Come, then reach your desired total wager by laying the odds.

As for the one who is too young to be a shooter, you must keep his interest until the minimum entry age, as it is said: "You shall tell your son on that day, this all will be yours, if the cops and the missionaries and hidden rum drinks and smoke-filled back rooms don't get to you first."

Come let us hear now Adelaide's lament, where she complains about Nathan never marrying her, which has been recast (so to speak) for our purposes.

Four Sons Lament (Tune of Adelaide's Lament)

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The average Yeshiva bochur	And then there's his vagrant brother,
Pious and reverent,	Bent on the joys of life
Ponders the laws and tractates of this day.	Wondering what can be the use of prayer.
Spends all his time in learning,	Spending all day in the barroom
Praying with great intent,	Blithely avoiding strife
And still he questions just what these laws say.	Living his life without a single care.
In other words, As he ponders all day on the meanings of all these words A person, just needs to be heard.	In other words, Even though, in his way, he is prodigal and dissolute, This person, we must learn to recruit.
He can pore over volumes and concentrate	He can fritter away all the time that he has
Over the tractates long,	On empty pursuits,
And he still can have questions of just what to do,	He can challenge our practice and mock all our laws
Of what's right or wrong,	Say they're vain disputes,
It remains up to us to support him	Still we have to be there to engage him,
So that he'll stay strong –	Though he won't give a hoot!
This person, should always be heard.	This person, we must learn to recruit.

And furthermore. There are two other guys Who are never concerned with their fate, It's these two, that we must educate.

One just looks all around at the stuff that we do With a puzzled grin, One might like to know more, but he hasn't a clue Just where to begin, So we take them to school so they'll learn about mitzvos And not to sin.

Yes, these two, we must educate.

We'll win! We'll bring all four in. Yes, the wise son, And the bad son, And the two sons who need to be taught,

When we demonstrate we're a community, We're not leaving anyone out! We'll show them – Yes, that's what we're all, a- bout!

Read responsively:

Jacob went down to Egypt, compelled by the word of God; and sojourned there. Considerably later, Nathan went down to 8th Avenue, compelled by the love of craps, in search of a secret location for his next game.

Let's leave Nathan (and Jacob) for a few moments. Damon Runyan, the writer who created Nathan and Sky, wrote in a distinctive and well-loved style. In his honor, a block located in NYC, Hell's Kitchen near the Theater District, is named Runyon's Way.

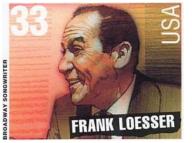




He was born in Manhattan, so of course he'd write love letters to NYC and Broadway. Manhattan, KS. But we're not in Kansas anymore. That was another seder.

When Runyan died in December of 1946, his ashes were scattered from a DC-3 airplane over Broadway by Eddie Rickenbacker. It was an infringement of the law,

but widely approved.



Frank Loesser, who wrote the show's music and lyrics, was educated in the vein of European composers by his parents, secular German Jews (his father taught piano full time). Much of his childhood was spent writing his own music and, as noted earlier, playing the harmonica. But after the sudden death of his father when Frank was 16, he was forced to support his family, working at a variety of jobs (from process server and ad salesman to press representative and cartoonist). He continued composing songs throughout this time: his first credited song was when he was 21, and at age 24 had two hit songs, one of which was recorded by Benny Goodman.

In his mid-20s, he performed at a nightclub. The contacts he made there led to his first Broadway musical (he was 26). This lasted only four nights. His other early collaborations faired no better and led to his description that his early days were a rendezvous with failure.

But he soon found work at Paramount in Hollywood. Before he was 30, he had written songs for several movies. He created several popular songs (such as "Heart and Soul" with Hoagy Carmichael), recorded by many notables: Marlene Dietrich, Peggy Lee, Dorothy Lamour, Bette Davis, Gene Autry, Glenn Miller, Fats Waller, even Olive Oyl (in a Popeye cartoon).¹ One pre-war song "(I've got spurs that) Jingle Jangle Jingle" was voted one of the Top 100 Western songs of all time. Of one song ("I Don't Want to Walk Without You"), Irving Berlin said it was the greatest song he wished he'd written.

During WWII, he continued writing for films and singles after enlisting in the Army's air division. Egypt didn't have an air division – but the one the Israelites had would have vanquished it. While in the Army, Loesser created the popular song "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." He wrote several songs at the request of the armed forces. (Imagine if Moses had commissioned a musical to keep the spirits up of the Israelites while in Egypt?) These included "What Do You Do in the Infantry?" "The Ballad of Rodger Young" and

¹ And much later, Paul McCartney (singing "On a Slow Boat to China")

"They're Either Too Young or Too Old" (about all the best guys being in the Army, and about what's left here at home, "the pickings are poor").

Later songs were "Baby, It's Cold Outside" (which the Israelites could say of their desert wanderings); "Wonderful Copenhagen" (redeemed ex-slaves could dream, couldn't they?); and "Inchworm" (given how fast they were advancing toward the Promised Land, they might have felt an inchworm would beat them out).

Loesser received many awards and accolades. He earned his only Tony with "Guys and Dolls" (Best Musical), but he was nominated two more times for "Most Happy Fella" and "How to Succeed." "Baby, It's Cold Outside" received an Academy Award, with four other songs being nominated. His Grammy was for "How to Succeed." Bob Fosse called Guys and Dolls "the greatest American musical of all time." When Loesser was asked why he didn't write more shows (who would ask that? — 60 films, 700 songs!), he replied "I don't write slowly. It's just that I throw out fast."

Meanwhile, our Israelite ancestors are suffering beneath the heat of the Egyptian sun, the cruelty of the Pharaoh's taskmasters, and worst labor laws this side of Pithom. Moses, from his room in the palace, hears the crying out of his people, and appeals to Pharaoh to Let My People Go. And because tonight we're at this seder, his petition is in the form of a song.

Let Israel Go! (Tune of *Take Back Your Mink*) [sung by Moses]

We came down to Egypt Two cent'ries ago, And we had many prosperous years. Then this new Pharaoh came And set down new rules That promoted enslavement and fear And last night as God then called me, This message came through loud and clear, And I'm telling you, Pharaoh to hear!!

Let Israel Go! Set them all free! You soon will know The cost denying this plea! Our God is strong, Our God is right, Just play along So he won't show you his might!

You thought that each repressive act that you made Would be proof, and proclaim your esteem. But now I tell you we are all unafraid 'Cause God's foiling all of your schemes!

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So, let Israel go, Don't keep them enslaved, And then maybe Egypt and you will be saved.

And not too much later, Moses tells the Israelites that God will get them free because He has heard their cries. This is the first example of God answering our prayers. Listen (*and sing!*) now as we observe the interchange between God and his favorite Children.

A Dialog between The Children of Israel and God (Tune of Sue Me)

(Israel:)	Don't you see it's clear now	
You promised us this, you promised us that,	I love you!	
You promised us this, you promised us that, You promised us everything under the sun, We are sick and we're tired of breaking our backs As we wilt before Pharaoh's decrees.	(Israel:) The best years of our lives we spent them toiling, building bricks!	
When we think of the way we've slaved!	(God:)	
And we think of the work we gave!	Alright already	
It's just freedom we crave!	I've just been so busy	
(God:)	Alright already	
So here's Moses to free you	It's true	
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l guarantee you	I'll see you,	
I love you!	Free you,	
Heard you holler in fear now,	I guarantee you	
[I'm] here now	I LOVE YOU!!!	
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The Egyptians were dealt a horrific blow though God's will. How would our intrepid high-rollers be struck if they were the target of Divine Providence? What signs and wonders would our actors have seen while they tread the boards?

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These are the plagues which the Holy Writer, blessed be Frank, brought upon the Players in Gotham City: Police putting on the heat, disrupting your crap game Never having enough cash to rent space Losing the roll Losing the next roll And losing the next roll Your longtime fiancée making up children to save face Waiting forever to hook your man, who can't choose between love and craps Psychosomatic conditions due to constant marriage refusals Getting drunk in Havana Having your play selected for a Pulitzer, but having the Trustees of Columbia University veto it because your writer was a communist sympathizer (yes, this really happened) Losing the role of someone Jewish in the film because you *are* Jewish

Since we're talking about plagues, of course, it's time for another song!

Extraordinary Plagues Today (Tune of *Marry the Man Today*)

Although we issued our warning fair, Our lesson we have learned – You can't get through to Pharaoh, He's destined to get burned.

We said his people would suffer, With plagues and torture dire. But he just wouldn't listen! He's playing now with fire!

He simply took a gamble He got no guarantee Now look what he has to face To his disgrace! Now he'll see!

Blood was the first of ten. **Frogs** followed right along. Then **Lice** harassed all men. **Wild Beasts** came in a throng. **Pestilence** outbreak next, Was that enough of sorrow? Think that you've just been hexed? Just wait until — Tomorrow!

Boils came to do him harm. Fire and ice in **Hail**. **Locusts** began to swarm. **Darkness** came like a veil.

Haven't you had enough? Sick of these plagues of sorrow? Next will be really rough! We'll kill your sons, Your firstborn sons Your cherished ones ... TOMORROW!

Meanwhile back to our main story. We haven't forgotten that the Israelites have been crying out to Adonai, the God of our ancestors. He heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. Through his prophet Moses, warning Pharaoh that if he didn't Let My People Go, He would inflict unspeakable harm and hardship on the people of Egypt.

With each plague, Pharaoh initially agreed to let the slaves depart, but changed his mind. How often have each of us wanted to do good, only to be overtaken by the evil influences of indifference, greed, and selfishness. We can all reflect how we would have acted in his place: as a supreme leader, divinely destined yet fearful of his vast store of slaves.

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We now remember the plagues that struck ancient Egypt, the most cinematic episodes in the entire Torah.

Ten Plagues אַשָּׂר מַכּוֹת

Remove a drop of wine while reciting each plague.

 ${f T}$ hese are the ten plagues which the Holy One, blessed be He, brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt:

Egypt and Israel felt God's presence in every corner of the land. His signs filled the earth and sky; his wonders could be seen by every living thing. "I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth — blood and fire and pillars of smoke."

With a mighty hand He demanded justice for the oppressed. With plagues and wonders He taught the Egyptians the lesson of his power.

So may God's signs be present today: to teach us of Your justice and Your mighty acts.

As one spills three drops of wine, relate the wonders of the heavens and the earth:

"Blood, fire, and columns of smoke."

How many abundant favors has God performed for us!

דינו Dayenu Sing traditional Dayenu אָלוּ הוֹצִיאַנוּ מִמִּצְרַיָם, וְלֹא עֲשָׂה בַהֵם שְׁפַטִים, דַיַּנוּי אָלוּ עַשָּׁה בַהֵם שִׁפַּטִים, וָלא עַשָּׁה בָאלהֵיהֵם, דַיֵּנוּי אָלוּ עַשָּׁה בָאלהֵיהָם, וָלא הַרָג אֶת־בָּכוֹרֵיהָם, דַיָּעוּי אָלּוּ הָרַג אֶת־בְּכוֹרֵיהֶם, וְלֹא נָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־מָמוֹנם, דַיֵּנוּ: אָלּוּ נַתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־מַמוֹנַם, וְלֹא קַרַע לֵנוּ אֶת־הַיָּם, דַיָּנוּי אַלּוּ קַרַע לַנוּ אַת־הַיַּם, וְלֹא הַעֵבִירָנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶחָרָבָה, דַיֵּנוּ אָלוּ הֶעֶבִירָנוּ בְתוֹכוֹ בֶחָרָבָה, וְלֹא שִׁקַע צָרֵינוּ בְּתוֹכוֹ, דַיֵּנוּ אָלּוּ שִׁקַע צָרֵינוּ בְּתוֹכוֹ, וְלֹא סְפֵק צָרְכֵנוּ בַּמִדְבָּר אַרְבָּעִים שָׁנָה, דַיֵּנוּ אַלּוּ סְפֶּק צָרְכֵּנוּ בַּמִדְבָּר אַרְבַּעִים שַׁנָה, וְלֹא הָאֵכִילֵנוּ אֶת־הַמַן, דַיָּנוּי אָלוּ הַאָכִילֵנוּ אֶת־הַמַן, וְלֹא נַתָן לֵנוּ: אֶת־הַשָּׁבַת, דַיָּנוּי אָלּוּ נַתַן לַנוּ אֲת־הַשְׁבָּת, וְלֹא קֵרְבָנוּ לִפְנֵי הַר סִינַי, דַיֵּנוּי אָלוּ קַרְבָנוּ לִפְגֵי הַר סִינַי, וְלֹא נָתַן לֵנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה, דַּיֵּנוּ: אַלּוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה, וְלֹא הִכְנִיסְנוּ לְאֶרֵץ יִשְׂרָאֵל, דַּיֵּנוּ אַלּוּ הַכְנִיסַנוּ לָאָרֵץ יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְלֹא בַנֵה לֵנוּ אֲת־בֵּית הַבָּחִירָה, דַיָּנוּ

אָלּוּ הוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרָיָם, דַּיֵּנוּ Ilu hotzi-hotzianu, Hotzianu mi-Mitzrayim, Dayenu. אַלּוּ נֶתַן לְנוּ אֶת־הַשְׁבָּת, דַיֵּנוּ Ilu natan, natan lanu, Natan lanu et ha-Shabat, Natan lanu et ha-Shabat, Dayenu. (chorus) אַלּוּ נֶתַן לְנוּ אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה, דַּיֵּנוּ Ilu natan, natan lanu, Natan lanu et ha-Torah, Natan lanu et ha-Torah, Natan lanu et ha-Torah, Natan lanu et ha-Torah, Dayenu. (chorus)

Dayenu Madness Read as fast as possible

Had He brought us out of Egypt, and not executed judgments against the Egyptians, It would have been enough—Dayenu!

Had He executed judgments against the Egyptians, and not their gods - Dayenu!

Had He executed judgments against their gods and not put to death their firstborn — Dayenu!

Had He put to death their firstborn, and not given us their riches - Dayenu!

Had He given us their riches, and not split the Sea for us - Dayenu!

Had He split the Sea for us, and not led us through it on dry land, — Dayenu!

Had He led us through it on dry land, and not sunk our foes in it - Dayenu!

Had He sunk our foes in it, and not satisfied our needs in the desert for forty years - Dayenu!

Had He satisfied our needs in the desert for forty years, and not fed us the manna — Dayenu!

Had He fed us the manna, and not given us the Sabbath - Dayenu!

Had He given us the Sabbath, and not brought us to Mount Sinai - Dayenu!

Had He brought us to Mount Sinai, and not given us the Torah, - Dayenu!

Had He given us the Torah, and not brought us into Israel - Dayenu!

Had He brought us into Israel, and not built the Temple for us — Dayenu!

All together: How much more so, then, should we be grateful to God for the numerous favors that He bestowed upon us: He brought us out of Egypt, and punished the Egyptians; He smote their gods, and slew their firstborn; He gave us their wealth and split the Sea for us; He led us through it on dry land, and sunk our foes in it; He sustained us in the desert for forty years, and fed us with the manna; He gave us the Sabbath, and brought us to Mount Sinai; He gave us the Torah, and brought us to Israel; He built the Temple for us, to atone for all our sins.

Returning now to our play, we sing one of its most famous songs.

Luck Be Dayenu Tonight (Tune of Luck be a Lady Tonight)

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So many gifts You gave!	•
There is no room for doubt.	
And yet, we wonder – do we deserve this,	
And what could You leave out?	ļ

From Egypt we were led, You judged our captors bold, You showed Your might by killing their first-borns And giving us their gold.

We'll sing to You Dayenu, And list Your wondrous ways. So listen now as we declare Your praise.

We say Dayenu tonight. Listing the scope of Your might. God, You have always been our guardian and our savior. We'll say Dayenu tonight You split for us the Red Sea, Drowning our foes as we flee, You gave us Manna in the desert as we wandered, For all these things we thank Thee.

And then you graced us with the Sabbath, 'Cause we were weak, and we were scared. The Torah was Your next gift – the rules to behave, All this shows us just how much You cared.

So now, as we sit here tonight, Reflecting on all of Your might, You led us to Israel, and we built Your holy Temple, We say, Dayenu, Yes God, Dayenu! We say Dayenu Tonight!!! Rabbi Gamliel used to say that whoever does not mention the following three things on Passover has not fulfilled his duty: the sacrifice of Pesach, the unleavened bread, and the bitter herbs.

Whereas, Rebbe Natan used to say that whoever does not bring the following three things shall personally pass over the location of the game: the racing sheet, a wallet full of un-laundered bread, and their crooked dice.

The Racing Tip Sheet, which our ancestors consulted during the existence of the Temple – for what reason was it used? Because the Omnipresent, blessed be He, passed over the horses of our ancestors in Egypt, as it is said: "You shall say, it is that which was provided unto the Lord, who spared the horses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote Egyptians and paralyzed their thoroughbred horses at the Sea of Reeds, and the people bowed themselves and worshipped the words of the sacred parchment tip sheet."

NAME Show the unlaundered bread and say: This Unlaundered Bread, which we now wave around, what does it mean? It is because the King of Kings, the Holy one, revealed Himself to our fathers and redeemed them and gave them enough dough to foment a game, as it is written: "They received the dough which they had brought out of Egypt hidden inside their unleavened cakes; for they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any provisions for their recreation."

N: **N**, **Show the loaded dice and say:** These Crooked Dice, which we roll, what does it represent? They are used by the evil high-rollers who embittered the lives of our less dishonest gamblers, as it is written: "They embittered their lives with hard odds, in ivory and bone, and in all manner of castings on the floor. All their throws were imposed upon them with rigor."



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Fugue for Seder Symbols (Tune of *Fugue for Tinhorns*²)

l've got the shank bone here Its meaning's pretty clear: The Temple sacrifices of yesteryear.

There's three These three We have to recite these three, To learn how we came to be All free, all free. *[Repeat chorus]*

And here's the matzah, guys, Our bread just didn't rise Before the time that we had to mobilize.

There's three These three We have to recite these three, To learn how we came to be All free, all free.

The bitter herbs are next, And we were truly vexed By so much heavy work that could break our necks!

There's three These three We have to recite these three, To learn how we came to be All free, all free.

Shank bone's one... Matza's two... Herbs are three... All at our Se-der here!!

הקללהור In every generation each individual is bound to regard himself as though he personally had come out of Egypt, as it is said: "You shall tell your son on that day: This is on account of what the Eternal did for me when I came out of Egypt." It was not only our ancestors whom the Holy One redeemed from slavery; we, too, were redeemed with them, as it is said: "He took us out from there in order to bring us in, that He might give us the land which He had sworn to our ancestors."

Fill the second cup. Raise the cup of wine and say:

Therefore it is our duty to thank and praise, pay tribute and glorify, exalt and honor, bless and acclaim the One who performed all these miracles for our fathers and for us. He took us out of slavery into freedom,

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² A tinhorn is defined as a person pretending to have money, influence, or ability, a term often used to describe gamblers

out of grief into joy, out of mourning into a festival, out of darkness into a great light, out of slavery into redemption. We will recite a new song before Him! Halleluyah!

As the Israelites flee from Egypt, they approached the Red Sea. They see Pharaoh's army in the distance, they see the great waters ahead. In spite of experiencing the miracles of the plagues, they despair because they think they're trapped. To encourage his people, Moses goes to the proscenium and sings:

Sit Down – We're Crossing! (Tune of Rockin' the Boat)	
I dreamed last night That I saw a bush was burning, And by some chance It was not being consumed! And as I watched	We dreamed last night That an angel came from heaven, Or, could it be? Was it actually our Lord?
I heard someone whisper to me,	And as we watched we heard
And His message was not	Voices crying "Save Me!"
What I assumed!	That's the moment we all looked heavenward.
'Cause He said to me -	And we said to ourselves
You must go!	It's here!
My sons require My aid!	Redeemed by our Lord of Hosts!
le said to me -	We said to ourselves
ʿace Pharaoh!	Let's cheer!
ʌnd tell him you're unafraid!	It's real! No longer just boasts!
For My people will be redeemed soon! And Egypt will know that they've been betrayed! Be brave, They're slaves! He must behave! His evil will now be repaid!	And the devil will drag them under, As the Red Sea drowns them – they'll never float! It's clear, it's here, it's time to cheer, We're crossing now – with no boat!

The plot of Guys and Dolls centers around a revival meeting, so it's not coincidental the show had seven revivals in New York, eight runs in London, including two all-black productions. Our own seder has had several dozen revivals. And of course, the seder is a ceremony where we "revive" our memories and lessons of the past. So let's revive ourselves now with ...

Second Cup

פוס שני

<u>רָחָצַה</u>

Over the second cup of wine, recite:

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפָן:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Rachzah

Wash the hands for the meal

ָבָרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֶלהַינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדְיָם:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments, and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands.

Take the two whole matzahs and the broken one and say the following blessing:

ַבְּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ: בִּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצוַּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments, and commanded us concerning the eating of unleavened bread.

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Take some bitter herbs, dip them in charoset and say:

ּבָרוּדָ אַתָּה יִיָ אֶלהַינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוְנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹרי

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with your commandments, and commanded us concerning the eating of the bitter herbs.

Hillel's Sandwich אָמָקָדָשָׁ אָמָקָדָ שָׁרָאָלָן Break the undermost matzah and distribute with some bitter herbs and charoset, and say:

Thus did Hillel during the existence of the Holy Temple: he took matzah and bitter herbs, and ate them together, in order to perform the Law: "With unleavened bread and bitter herbs shall they eat it."

Oldest Established Seder Tune of *The Oldest Established (Permanent Floating Crap Game)*

The Pesach hotels want three grand, And we ain't got three grand on hand! There's a Seder at our JCC But the crowd there is too much for me!

We could go to your sister – it's not too far, But too many kids there make me wanna shout! And things being the way they are– Going to your mother this year is out!!

So the Spiegel house must be the spot, The best Seder around's what they've got!

Well, it's good old reliable Spiegels! And we gather here every spring. When we look for a Seder That's clever and new, We don't have to look far, cause we just turn to you! Yes, the good old reliable Spiegels! And it's wonderful to be here! It's our oldest established, permanent, yummy Seder every year!

Where's the riddles? Where's the meal? (Gotta have a meal or else it's no deal!)

It's our oldest, established, fabulous, super Seder every year!

Now we eat (all together now) ...

The Festive Meal

שַׁלְחָן עוֹרֵדְ

Tzafon





Find the Afikomen. Eat the Afikomen.







Grace after meals [Shorter version]

Barech

Pour the third cup and recite Shir Hama'alot and Birkat Hamazon.

(Read rightmost column first)

שִׁיר הַפַּעַלוֹת בְּשׁוּב יְיָ אֶת שִׁיבַת צִּיּוֹן הָיְיָנוּ כְּחֹלְמִים: אָז יִמָּלֵא שְׁחוֹק פִּינוּ וּלְשׁוֹנֵנוּ רְנָה אָז יֹאמְרוּ בַגּוֹיִם הְנְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִם אֵלֶה: הְגְדִיל יְיָ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִפְּנוּ הָיִינוּ שְׁמֵחִים: שׁוּבָה יְיָ אֶת שְׁבִיתֵנוּ כַּאֲפִיקִים בַּנֶּגֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּדָמְעָה בְּרָנָה יִקְצְרוּ: הָלוֹד יֵלֵד וּבָכֹה נֹשֵׁא מֵלֵשָׁר הָזֵרַע בַּא יָבֹא בַרְנַה נֹשָׁא אֵלָמּתֵיו:

רַבּוֹתַי וְבָרָדִּי Group: יְהִי שֵׁם יִי מְבֹרָדְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם. Leader: יְהִי שֵׁם יִי מְבֹרָדְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם. Leader: בְּרוּדְ אֱלֹהִינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶׁלוּ וּבְטוּבוֹ חַיִינוּ. Group: בְּרוּדְ אֱלֹהִינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶׁלוּ וּבְטוּבוֹ חַיִינוּ. Leader: בַּרוּדְ אֱלֹהִינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶׁלוּ וּבְטוּבוֹ חַיִינוּ. Eeder: בַּרוּדְ אֶלֹהִינוּ שָׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶׁלוּ וּבְטוּבוֹ חַיִינוּ.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּח יָיָ, אֱלֹחַיְנוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, הַזָּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם כַּלּוֹ הְּטוּבּוֹ הְּחֵן הְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים הוּא נוֹתַן לֶחֶם לְכָל בָשָׁר כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ. וּבְטוּבוֹ הַגָּדוֹל תָּמִיד לֹא חָסַר לְנוּ, וְאַל יֶחְסַר לְנוּ מָזוֹן לְעוֹלָם וָעָד. בַּעֲבוּר שְׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל, כִּי הוּיא אֵל זָן וּמְפַרְנֵס לַכֹּל וּמֵטִיב לַכּל, וּמֵכִין מָזוֹן לְכֹל הְרִיּוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיָ, הַזָּן אֶת הַכּל:

> אַלָּקָיָדָ וְשָּׁבְעָתָ, וּבַרַכְתָּ אָיָ אָיָ אָיָ אָלָזָידָ על הָאָרֶץ הַטּּבָה אֲשֶׁר נְתַן לָדָ. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיָ, עַל הָאָרֶץ וְעַל הַמָּזוֹן:

> > וּבְנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיָם אַיר הַקּוֶדָש בְּמְהַרָה בְיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיָ, בּוֹנַה בְּרַחֲמָיו יְרוּשָׁלָיָם. אָמֵן.

בְרָבַת הַמָּזוֹן [Exclude * paragraphs for shorter prayer] אַכְרָבַת הַרְחַמָן, הוּא יִמְלוֹדְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעָד. אַם הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִמְלוּדְ עַלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעָד. עם הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִתְּבָרַדְ בּשְׁמַיָס וּבָאָרֶץ. בּה וְעַל שַׁלְחָן זָה שָׁאָכַלְנוּ עָלָיו. הַרַחַמָן, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לֶנוּ אֶת אֵלִיְחוּ הַנָּבִיא זָכוּר לַטוֹב,

ברָדָ

For communal meals: הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יְבָרַדְ אֶת־כָּל־הַמְסוּבִּין כַּאן, For communal meals: אַ הַרַחַמָן, הוּא יְבָרַדְ אָת־כָּל אוֹתָנוּ וְאָת כָּל אֲשָׁר לֶנוּ, כְּמוֹ שְׁנִתְבָּרְכוּ אֲבוֹתַינוּ, אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֵקֹב: בַּכּּל מִכּּל כּּל. כֵּן יְבָרַדְ אוֹתָנוּ כֵּלֶנוּ יַחַד. בִּבְרָכָה שְׁלַמָה, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

בּמָרוֹם יְלַמְדוּ עֲלֵיתָם וְעָלֵינוּ זְכוּת, שֶׁתְּהַא לְמִשְׁמֶרֶת שְׁלוֹם, וְנִשְּׁא בְרָכָה מֵאֵת יְיָ וּצְדָקָה מֵאֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵנוּ, וְנִמְצָא חֵן וְשֵׂכָל טוֹב בְּעֵינֵי אֱלֹתִים וְאָדָם:

הַרְחַמָן, הוּא יַנְח יַלֵנוּ יוֹם שֶׁכֵּלוֹ שׁבֵּת וּמְנוּחָא לְחַיֵּי הָעוֹלָמִים: הָרַחַמֶן, הוּא יַנְחִילֵנוּ יוֹם שֶׁכֵּלוֹ טוֹב: Festivals:

> עשה שלום בּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַצַשָּׂה שָׁלוֹם, עַלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאַל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְרְאוּ אֶת יְיָ קְדֹשָׁיו, כִּי אֵין מַחְסוֹר לִירַאָיוּ: כְּבָּירִים רָשׁוּ וְרָעֲבוּ, וְדוֹרְשֵׁי יְיָ לֹא יַחְסְרוּ כָל טוֹב: הוֹדוּ לַיִי כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדוּ: פּוֹתֵח אֶת יָדֶךָּ, וּמַשְׂבְּיעַ לְכָל חֵי רָצוֹן: בָּרוּדְ הַגְּבֶר אֲשֶׁר יִבְטַח בַּיָי, וְהָזָה יִי מִבְטַחוֹ: נַעַר הָזִיתִי גָם זָקַנְתִי וְלֹא רָאִיתִי צַדִּיק נֶעֵזָב, וְזַרְעוֹ מְבַקַשׁ לֶחָם:

ַיָּ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתַּן, יְיָ יְבָרֵדְ אֶת עַמּוֹ בַשָּׁלוֹם:

Grace after meals [Shorter version with English]

Leader:

Group:

Leader:

Group:

Barech

Pour the third cup and recite Shir Hama'alot and Birkat Hamazon.

(Read rightmost column first)

שִׁיר הַמַּעַלוֹת בְּשוּב יִיָ אֶת שִׁיבַת צִיוֹן הַיָינוּ כָּחֹלָמִים: אָז יִמַלָא שָׁחוֹק פּינוּ וּלְשוֹנֵנוּ רְנָה אָז יֹאמָרוּ בַגוֹיִם הַגַדְיל ייַ לַעֲשוֹת עַם אַלָה: הָגָדִיל ייַ לַעֲשׂות עִמְנוּ הַיִינוּ שְׁמֶחִים: שוּבָה ייַ אֶת שְׁבִיתֵנוּ ַכַּאַפִיקִים בַּנֵגָבי הַאֹרְעִים בִּדְמָעָה בְּרְנָה יִקְצִרוּי הַלוּךְ יֵלֵךְ וּבָכֹה נשא משך הזרע בא יבא ברנה נשא אַלמתיוי [Psalm 126]

רַבּוֹתַי נְבָרָדִי

Let us praise God! יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָדְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.

יהי שם יי מברד מעתה ועד עולם. Praised be the name of God, now and forever.

ַבּרְשׁוּת הַחֶבְרָה, וְבָרֵדְ אֱלֹהַינוּ שֶׁאָכֵלְנוּ מִשֵּׁלוֹ.

Praised be our God, of whose abundance we have eaten.

ַבָּרוּדָ אֱלֹהַינוּ שֵאָכַלָנו מִשֵּׁלו וּבְטוּבו חַיִינוּ.

בַּרוּד אָלתִינוּ שַאַכַלַנוּ מִשָּׁלו וּבְטוּבו חַיֵינו.

Praised be our God, of whose abundance we have eaten, and by whose goodness we live.

בָּרוּדָ הוּא וּבָרוּדָ שָׁמוֹ:

Praised be the Eternal God.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, הַזָּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם כַּלוֹ בְּטוּבוֹ בְּחֵן בְּחֵסֵד וּבְרַחֲמִים הוּא נוֹתֵן לֵחֵם לְכָל בָשָׂר כִּי לִעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ. וּבְטוּבוֹ הַגָּדוֹל תָּמִיד לֹא חָסַר לֵנוּ, וְאַל יֶחְסַר לֵנוּ מָזוֹן לְעוֹלָם וָעָד. בּעַבוּר שָׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל, כִּי הוּא אֵל זֵן וּמִפַרנֵס לַכּל וּמֵטִיב לַכּל, וּמָכִין מַזוֹן לָכֹל בְּרִיּוֹתֵיו אֲשֶׁר בַּרָא. בַּרוּדְ אַתַּה יָיָ, הַצַן אָת הַכּלי God of the universe, we praise You: Your goodness sustains the world. You are the God of grace, love, and compassion, the Source of bread for all who live; for Your love is everlasting. In Your great goodness we need never lack for food; You provide food enough for all. We praise You, O God, Source of food for all who live.

ַכַּכָּתוּבּ: וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבָעְתָּ, וּבַרַכְתָּ אֶת יִיָ אֱלֹהֶיף על האָרֵץ הַטבָה אַשֶׁר נַתַן לָדָ בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, על הארץ ועל המזון:

As it is written: When you have eaten and are satisfied, give praise to your God who has given you this good earth. We praise You, O God, for the earth and for its sustenance.

וּבְנֵה יְרוּשַׁלַיָם עִיר הַקּדָש בְּמְהַרָה בְיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּך אַתַּה יַיָ, בּוֹנֵה בְּרַחֵמַיו יִרוּשָׁלַיִם. אַמֵן.

Let Jerusalem, the holy city, be renewed in our time. We praise You, Adonai, in compassion You rebuild Jerusalem. Amen.

> הרחמן, הוא ימלוד עלינו לעולם ועד. הַרַחַמָן, הוּא יִתִבָּרַדְ בַּשַׁמַיָם וּבָאַרֵץ. הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לָנוּ בְּרָכָה מְרָבָּה בַּבַּיָת הַזֶּה, ועל שַלָחַן זָה שָאַכַלָנוּ עַלַיו.

הרחמן, הוא ישלח לנו את אליהו הנביא זכור לטוב, וִיבַשֶּׁר לָנוּ בְּשוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת יְשוּעוֹת וְנֶחָמוֹת.

Merciful One, be our God forever. Merciful One, heaven and earth alike are blessed by Your presence. Merciful One, bless this house, this table at which we have eaten. Merciful One, send us tidings of Elijah, glimpses of good to come, redemption and consolation.

בּרַכַּת המזון [Exclude * paragraphs for shorter prayer]

דָרָחַמָן, הוּא יִבָרָדָ אֶת־כָּל־הַמְסוּבִּין כַּאן, הוּא יִבָרָדָ אֶת־כָּל-הַמְסוּבִּין אותנו ואת כל אשר לנו, כמו שנתברכו אבותינו, אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעַקִב: בַּכּל מִכּל כּל.

ַכּן יִבָרַדְ אוֹתָנוּ כַּלַנוּ יַחַד. בִּבְרָכָה שְׁלַמָה, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵןי

May God bless all who are gathered here and all their families, as well as all dear to us. Even as our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were blessed in every way; so may He bless all of us together with a perfect blessing, and let us say, Amen.

בַּמָּרוֹם יִלַמְדוּ עֵלֵיהֶם וְעָלֵינוּ זְכוּת, שֶׁתְּהֵא לְמִשְׁמֶרֶת שָׁלוֹם, Group: וְנִשָּׂא בְרָכָה מֵאֵת יִי וּצְדָקָה מֵאֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵנוּ, וְנִמְצָא חֵן וְשֵׂכֶל Leader: טוב בּעַינֵי אֱלהים וְאָדָם:

May our merit and the merit of our fathers secure enduring peace Leader: for all of us. May we receive a blessing from the Lord, and justice from the God of our salvation. May we find grace and favor in the sight of God and man.

הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יַנְחִילֵנוּ יוֹם שְׁכָּלוֹ שׁבַּת Shabbat: וּמְנוּחֵא לְחַיֵּי הַעוֹלַמִים:

Merciful One, help us see the coming of when all time is Shabbat. הַרַחַמָן, הוּא יַנָּחִילֵנוּ יוֹם שְׁכָּלוֹ טוֹב: **Festivals**:

May God grant us the day that will be entirely good.

עשה שלום במרומיו, הוא יצשה שלום, עַלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאַל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

May the Source of peace grant peace to us, to all Israel, and to all the world. Amen. May the Eternal grant strength to our people. May the Eternal bless our people with peace.

> יראוּ אֶת ייָ קדשַיו, כִּי אֵין מַחְסור לִירַאָיוי * כָּל טוֹבי רָשוּ וְרָעֲבוּ, וְדוֹרְשֵׁי יִי לא יַחְסְרוּ כָל טוֹבי הודוּ לַיֵּי כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסִדּוֹ: פּוֹתָחַ אֶת יַדֵדָ, וּמַשְׂהֵיעַ לְכָל חֵי רָצוֹן: הָרוּדְ הַגֶּבֶר אֲשֶׁר יִבְטַח בַּיָיָ, וְהַיֵּה יִי מִבְטַחוֹּ: נַעַר הַיִיתִי גָם זַקַנָתִי וְלֹא רָאִיתִי צַדִּיק נֵעַזָב, וְזַרְעוֹ מִבַקַשׁ לָחֵם:

Revere the Lord, you are His holy ones For those who revere Him suffer no want. Those who deny Him may famish and starve, but they who seek the Lord shall not lack anything that is good. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever. He opens His hand and satisfies every living thing with favor. Blessed is the man who trusts in God; for the Lord will be his protection. I have been young, and I have grown older, but I have not seen the righteous man forsaken; nor his children begging for bread.

יִיָּ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יְהַנָן, יִיָ יִבְרֵךְ אֲת עַמּוֹ בַשָּׁלוֹם:

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Grace after meals [Traditional version]

בּרַכַּת

Barech

Pour the third cup and recite Shir Hama'alot and Birkat Hamazon.

(Read rightmost column first)

שִׁיר הַפַּעֲלוֹת בְּשׁוּב יְיָ אֶת שִׁיבַת צִּיּוֹן הָיְיָנוּ כְּחֹלְמִים: אָז יִפָּלַא שְׁחוּק פִּינוּ וּלְשׁוֹנֵנוּ רְנָה אָז יֹאמְרוּ בַגוּיִם הְנְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִם אֵלֶה: הַגְדִּיל יְיָ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִפְּנוּ הָיִינוּ שְׁמֵחִים: שוּבָה יְיָ אֶת שְׁבִיתֵנוּ כַּאֲפִיקִים בַּנֶּנֶב: הַזֹּרְעִים בְּדְמְעָה בְּרָנֶה יַקְצְרוּ: הָלוּדְ יַלֵך וּבָכֹה נֹשֵׁא מֵשֶׁך הַזָּרֵע בֹּא יָבֹא בְרַנָּה נֹשֵׂא אֵלָמּתָיו:

Leader:	רַבּוֹתַי נְבָרֶףּי
Group:	יְתִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָדְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.
Leader:	יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבֹרָדְ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם.
Leader:	ַבּרְשׁוּת מֶרָנֶן וְרַבָּנֶן וְרַבּוֹתַי, וְבָרֵדְ אֱלֹתֵינוּ שֶׁאָכֵלְנוּ מִשֶּׁלוֹ.
Group:	בָּרוּדָ אֶלֹחֵינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶּׁלוּ וּבְטוּבוֹ חָיִינוּ.
Leader:	בָּרוּדְ אֱלֹחֵינוּ שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ מִשֶּׁלוֹ וּבְטוּבוֹ חָיִינוּ.
Group:	בַרוּדָ הוּא וּבַרוּדָ שְׁמוֹ:

בָּרוּדְּ אַתָּח יְיָ, אֱלֹחֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, חַזָּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם כַּלוֹ בְּטוּבוֹ בְּחֵן בְּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים חוּא נוֹתַן לֶחֶם לְכָל בָשָׁר כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוּ. וּבְטוּבוֹ הַנָּדוֹל תָּמִיד לֹא חָסַר לֵנוּ, וְאַל יֶחְסַר לֵנוּ מָזוֹן לְעוֹלָם וָעָד. בַּעֲבוּר שְׁמוֹ הַנָּדוֹל, כִּי חוּא אֵל זֶן וּמְפַרְנֵס לַכֹּל וּמֵטִיב לַכֹּל, וּמֵכִין מָזוֹן לְכֹל בְּרִיּוֹתֵיו אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּח יָיָ, הַזֶּן אֶת הַכֹּל:

ַטּדָּה לְּדְ יִיָּ אֱלֹתֵיטּ עַל שֶׁהַנְחַלְתָּ לַאֲבוֹתֵיטּ, אֶרֶץ חָמְדָה טוּבָה וּרְחָבָה, בְּרִית וְתוֹרָה, תַיִּים וּמָאון. יִתְבָרָדְ שִׁמְדְ בְּמִי כָּל תַי תַּמִיד לְעוֹלָם נֶעֶד. כַּכָּתוּב: וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׁבְעְתָ, וּבַרַכְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֵלֹחֶיך עַל תָאֶרֶץ וְעַל תַמָּזוֹן: עַל תָאֶרֶץ וְעַל תַמָּזוֹן:

רַחֵם גָּא יִיָּ אֶלחִינוּ, עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמֶּךָ, וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלָים עִירֶדָּ, וְעַל צִיּוֹן מִשְׁפַּן כְּבוּדֶדָּ, וְעַל מַלְכוּת בֵּית דָּוִד מְשִׁיחֶדָּ, וְעַל הַבַּיָת הַגָּדוֹל וְהַקַּדוֹשׁ שָׁגְּקָרָא שִׁמְדָ עָלָיו. אֵלחִינוּ, אָבְינוּ, רְעַנוּ, זוּנְנוּ, פַּרְנְסַנוּ, וְבַלְכְּלֵנוּ, וְהַרְוִיחֵנוּ, וְהַרְנַח לֵנוּ יִיָ אֱלהִינוּ מְהַרָה מִכָּל צָרוֹתַינוּ, וְנָא, אַל תַּצְרִיבֵנוּ יִיָ אֱלהַינוּ, לֹא לִידִי מַתְּנַת בָּשָׁר נָדָם, וְלָא לִידַיהַלְנָאָתָם. כִּי אִם לְיָדְדָ הַמְלַאָה, הַפְּתוּחָה, הַמְדוֹשָׁה וְהָרָחָבָה, שֶׁלֹא גַבוֹשׁ וְלֹא וּכָּלָם לְעוֹלָם נָעָד:

> [If on Shabbat, extra paragraph goes here] Festivals:

אָלחַינוּ וַאלחַי אָבוֹתִינוּ, יַצָּלָה וְיָבֹא וַיַגִּיעַ, וְזַרְאָה, וְזַרְצָה, וְיִשְׁמַע, וִיּפְּקַדּ, וְיִזְכֵר זְרָרוֹנְנוּ וּפִקְדּוֹנְנוּ, וְזְרְרוֹן אָבוֹתַינוּ, וְזִרְרוֹן מָשִׁיִם בָּו דְּדּד עַבְדָּד, וְזִרְרוֹן יְרוּשָׁלַיִם אִיר קַדְשָׁדָ, וְזִרְרוֹן כָּל עַמְד בַּית יִשְׁרָאַל לְפָנֵידָ, לִפְלֵיטָה לְטוֹבָה לְחֵן וּלְחֶטָד וּלְרַחַמִים, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם בְּיוֹם תַג תַמַצוֹת תַזֶּת. זְרָרֵגוּ וְיָ אֶלתַינוּ בּוֹ לְטוֹבָה וּפְקָדֵנוּ בוֹ לְכָרָכָה וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ בוֹ לְחִיִים, וּבִדְבַר יְשׁוּאָה וְרַחַמִים, חוּס וְחַנֵּנוּ, וְרַחֵם עָלֵינוּ וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ בוֹ לְחַיִים, וּבִדְבַר יְשוּעָה וְרַחַמִים, כִּי אֵל מֶלֶדְ חַנּוּן וְרַחוּם אָתָּה:

> וּבְנֵה יְרוּשֶׁלָיֶם אַיר הַקֹּדֶשׁ בִּמְהַרָה בְיָמֵינוּ. בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְיָ, בוֹנֵה בְּרַחֲמָיו יְרוּשֶׁלָיָם. אָמֵן.

[Exclude * paragraphs for shorter prayer]

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָּ אֱלֹהַינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, הָאֵל אָבְינוּ, מַלְכֵּנוּ, אַדִירְנוּ בּוֹרְאַנִוּ, גּוֹאֲלֵנוּ, יוֹצְרַנוּ, קְדוֹשֵׁנוּ קְדוֹשׁ יַצַקב, רוֹעֵנוּ רוֹעֵה ישְׁרָאַל, הַמֶּלֶדְ הַטּוֹב, וְהַמֵּטִיב לַכּל, שְׁבְּכָל יוֹם נִיוֹם הוּא הַטִיב, הוּא מַטִיב, הוּא יֵיטִיב לֶנוּ הוּא גְמָלֵנוּ, הוּא גוֹמְלֵנוּ, הוּא יִנְמְלֵנוּ לָעַד לְחַן וּלְחֶסֶד וּלְרַחֲמִים, וּלְרָוַח הַצָּלָה וְהַצְּלָחָה בְּרָכָה וִישׁוּעָה, נֶחָמִים, פַּרְנָסָה וְכַלְכָּלָה, וְרַחַמִים, וְחַיִּים וְשָׁלוֹם, וְכָל טוֹב, וּמִכָּל טוּב לְעוֹלָם אַל יְחַסְרֵנִוּ

בּרַדְ

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ָהָרַחָמָן, הוּא יִתְבָּרַדְ בַּשָׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

 תַּרַחֲמֶוּ, הוּא יִשְׁתַּבַּח לְדוֹר דּוֹרִים, וְיִתְּפָאַר בְּנוּ
 קַעַד וּלְעַצַח וְצָחִים, וְיִתְהַדֵּר בְּנוּ לֵעַד וּלְעוֹלְמֵי עוֹלָמִים.
 כַּעַד וּלְעַצַח וְצָחַים, וְיִתְהַדַּר בַּנוּ לַעַד וּלְעוֹלְמֵי עוֹלָמִים.
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ּ תָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִשְׁבּוֹר עַלֵנוּ מֵעַל צַוָּארַנוּ וְהוּא יוֹלִיכֵנוּ קוֹמְמִיוּת לְאַרְצֵנוּ.

הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לְנוּ בְּרָכָה מְרָבָּה בַּבַּיָת הזָה, וְעַל שַׁלְחָן זֶה שֶׁאָכַלְנוּ עַלָיו.

ּ הָרַחֲמָן, הוּא יִשְׁלַח לָנוּ אֶת אֵלִיֶּהוּ הַנְּבִיא זָכוּר לַטּוֹב, וִיבַשֶּׁר לָנוּ בְּשוֹרוֹת טוֹבוֹת יְשוּעוֹת וְנֶחָמוֹת.

תָּרְחַמָּן, הוּא יְבָרָךָ אֶת־כָּל־תַּמְסוּבִּין כַּאן, At communal meals: תָּרָחַמָן, הוּא יְבָרָךָ אֶת־כָּל־תַמְסוּבִּין כַּאן אוֹתָנוּ וְאֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר לָנוּ, כְּמוֹ שֶׁנִתְבָּרְכוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַצַקֹבּ: בַּכּל מִכּּל כֹּל. כֵּן יְבָרֵדְ אוֹתָנוּ כֻּלָנוּ יַחַד. בִּבְרָכָה שְׁלַמָה, וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן:

בּמָרוֹם יְלַמְדוּ עַלֵיהָם וְעָלֵינוּ זְכוּת, שֶׁוְּהֵא לְמִשְׁמֶרֶת שָׁלוֹם,
 וְנִשָּׁא בְרָכָה מֵאַת יְיָ וּצְדָקָה מֵאֱלֹהַי יִשְׁעֵנוּ, וְנִמְצָא הַו וְשֵׁכֶל
 טוֹב בְּעֵינֵי אֱלֹתִים וְאָדָם:

הַרַחַמָן, הוּא יַנְחִילֵנוּ יוֹם שֶׁפָּלוֹ טוֹב: Fest: הָרַחַמָן, הוּא

ּ הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יְבָרֵךָ, אֶת־מִדִינַת יִשְׂרָאַל, רַאשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְאַלָתַנוּ

ַתָּרַחָמָן, הוּא יְבָרֵדָ, אֶת־אָחֶינוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאַל * הַנְתוּנִים בְּצָרָה, וְיוֹצִיאֵם מֵאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹרָה:

* הָרַחַמָן, הוּא יְזַכֵּנוּ לִימוֹת הַמָּשִׁיה וּלְחַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא.

ּ מִגְדּוֹל יְשׁוּעוֹת מַלְכּּוֹ, וְעְשֶׁה חֶסֶד לִמְשִׁיחוֹ, לְדָוִד וּלְזַרְעוֹ עַד עוּלָם:

עשה שלום בּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם, עַלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאַל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יְרְאוּ אֶת יְיָ קְדִשְׁיוּ, כִּי אֵין מַחְסוֹר לִירַאָּיוּ כְּכִּירִים רָשׁוּ וְרָעֲבוּ, וְדוֹרְשֵׁי יְיָ לֹא יַחְסְרוּ כָל טוֹב: חוֹדוּ לַיָּי כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוּ: פּוֹתָחַ אֶת יָדֶךָ, וּמַשְׂבְיעַ לְכָל חֵי רָצוֹן: בָּרוּדְ הַגְּבֶר אֲשֶׁר יִבְטַח בִּיָ, וְהָיָה וְיָ מִבְסַחוּ: נַעַר הָיִיְתִי גָם זָקַנֵּתִי וְלֹא רָאִיְתִי צַדִּיק נֶעֵזָב, וְזַרְעוֹ מְבַקַשׁ לֶחֶם:

ְיָ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתַּן, יְיָ יְבָרֵדְ אֶת עַמּוֹ בַשָּׁלוֹם:

Passover ritual includes the tangible reenactment of the story, through use of symbolic foods, actions and other means, to allow us to experience the degradations of slavery and the exhilaration of freedom. Only those who have experienced oppression can truly appreciate the value of liberty. A message that bears repeating in our own country, as many of us no longer appreciate how precious freedom is. - Uncle Eli's Haggadah

We now wrap up with miscellaneous tidbits regarding our main topic, along with the traditional seder. To enjoy them further we need to partake of our third cup.

Third Cup

בּוֹס שְלִישִית

Over the third cup of wine, say:

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶןי

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

The third cup is drunk. The door is opened for the Prophet Elijah and Hallel continues.

We ask God to destroy all godlessness and to punish the wicked and evil, thereby making the world ready for the Messiah. A traditional reading has us calling upon God to Pour wrath upon nations that do not acknowledge Adonai's power. They shall be destroyed from the face of the earth by the Lord's indignation. While a nice thought, evidence so far is light that such a reckoning will take place. Instead tonight, while our doors open for Elijah and all good spirits, be they Manischewitz or more refined, we call out to God to give us *protezione* and *giustizia*:

Direct Your wrath, O God, upon evil and persecution. Protect Your people, Israel, from those who would destroy them. May the spirit of Elijah, who enters our home at this hour, enter the hearts of all men. May he inspire them to love You, and may he fill them with the desire to build a good world, one in which justice and freedom shall be the inheritance of all.

At this point, we have focused more on the Guys than the Dolls. A casual reading shows Adelaide as rather one-dimensional. "I want my Guy, and when he keeps running away, all I can do is pine away, and suffer the psychosomatic effects of frustration." The Mission gal Sister Sarah is more guarded, won't be seduced, but has a firm grasp on her goals. The women in the play actually have a surprising degree of agency. These heroines arrive at their domestic bliss on their own terms. They are both independent women, who own their respective careers, embrace change, and stand their ground to get what they want.

The cast for the original Broadway production had a difficult trial run. They had a 41-performance tryout in Philly prior to opening on Broadway: each of the 41 preview performances was different. [That's a lot, but not a record. "SpiderMan: Turn Off the Dark," had 180 preview performances.]

During the tryouts, Loesser suggested reprising some songs in the second act. The director said "If you reprise the songs, I'll reprise the jokes." Obviously the director had the right idea: the production opened to unanimously positive reviews, and won five Tony awards, including Best Musical. It later received two Outstanding Musical awards for its various revivals.

Both Frank Loesser and his brother Arthur had great musical talent and skill. Arthur was Head of the Piano Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music, wrote several books on music, and gave numerous concerts and recitals. His lectures were known for their wit. In a famous quote, Arthur called his brother Frank "the Loesser of two evils."

We now seamlessly transition back to Eliyahu, obviously a Prophet who stays away from all evil. In the Talmud, Elijah would visit rabbis to help solve particularly difficult legal problems. When confronted with reconciling impossibly conflicting laws or rituals, the rabbis would set aside any decision "until Elijah comes." Elijah is important to Jews, Christians, Moslems, Druze and Bahai faiths. According to traditional Judaism, only two humans went to heaven while still alive (Enoch and Elijah) – Midrash expands this list to 8 people, including Pharaoh's daughter.

Everyone read together:



Anagni Cathedral c.1250

Our God and God of our Fathers, help us to live by our faith. 14

Where there is hatred, may we bring love, Where there is pain, may we bring healing, Where there is darkness, may we bring light, Where there is despair, may we bring hope, Where there is discord, may we bring peace. Make this a better world, and begin with us. - Al Stoloff

Eliyahu heralds the Messiah, which will begin the era of peace, love, perfect contentment, that we all yearn for. He might even arrive while we sing, so let's sing with gusto!

Eliyahu Hanavi, Eliyahu ha-Tishbi; Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu ha-Giladi. Beem-hei-rah, V'yamaynu, Yavo ei-leinu. / Eem moshiach, ben David /

Hallel

תַלַל

Pour the fourth cup and recite Hallel.

לא לְנוּ יְיָ לא לְנוּ כִּי לְשִׁמְךָ תַּן כָּבוֹד, עַל חַסְדְּךָ עַל אֲמָתָּדָ. לָמָה יֹאמְרוּ הַגּוֹיִם, אַיַּה נָא אֱלֹחַיהָם. וַאלֹחַינוּ בַשָּׁמָיָם כֹּל אֲשָׁר חָפֵץ יִרִיחוּן. יְדֵיהָם וְלֹא יְמִישׁוּן, רַגְלַיהָם וְלֹא יְחַלֵכוּ, לֹא יֶהְגוּ בִּגְרוֹנָם. כְּמוֹהָם יִהְיוּ עַשִׁיהָם, כֹּל אֲשָׁר בַּטֵח בָּהָם: יִשְׁרָאַל בְּטַח בַּיָ, עֶזְרָם וּמָגַנָּם הוּא. יִרְאֵי יְיָ בִּטְחוּ בִיִי, עֶזְרָם וּמָגַנָּם הוּא.

(All say:) Nor for our sake, O Lord, not for our sake, but for Your name's sake give glory, because of Your kindness and Your truth.

ַיָּ זְכָרָנּוּ וְבָרַדָּ, וְבָרַדָּ אֶת בַּיּת יִשְׂרָאַל, יְבָרַדְּ אֶת בַּית אַחֵרן. יְבָרַדְ יִרְאֵי יְיָ, הַקְּטַנִּים עם הַגְּדֹלִים. יֹסֵף יְיָ עֲלַיכֶם, עֲלַיכֶם וְעַל בְּנֵיכֶם. בְּרוּכִים אַתָּם לַיָּי, עֹשֵׁה שֶׁמַיִם נָאָרֶץ. השְׁמַיָם שָׁמַיָם לַיָּי, וְהָאָרֶץ נְתַן לִבְנֵי אָדָם. לא הַמַתִּים יְהַלְלוּיָה: וְבָרַדְ יָה, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם, הַלְלוּיָה:

The Lord who has remembered us will bless; He will bless the house of Israel ... Halleluyah! How can I repay the Lord for all His kind acts toward me? I will raise the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Halleluyah!

Give thanks to the Lord, all you nations; praise Him, all you peoples!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;	And took Israel out from among them, נְּי לְעוּלָם תַקדּוּ With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
His kindness endures forever פּי לְעוּלָם חַקדוּ	פּי לְעוֹלָם הַסְדּוֹ:
Give thanks to the God above gods, פּי לְעוּלָם חַקדוּ	דָל אָעוּלָם הַיְסְדּוּ: To Him who parted the Red Sea, פִּי לְעוּלָם הַסְדּוּ
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, פּי לְעוֹלָם הַקדוּ:	
To Him who alone does great wonders,	And caused Israel to pass through it, פּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוּ
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:	And threw Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
To Him who made the heavens with understanding,	כַּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:
בּי לְעוּלָם חַסִדּוּ	To Him who led His people through the wilderness,
To Him who stretched the earth over the waters,	פּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:
ר לעולם תסדו:	To Him who smote great kings, פּי לְעוֹלָם תַקִּדּוּ:
To Him who made the great lights, כָּי לְעוֹלָם חָסִדוֹ	And slew mighty kings, פּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוּ
The sun to reign by day, פּי לעולם חַסִדּוֹ	Sihon, king of the Amorites, פּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:
The moon and the stars to reign by night,	And Og, king of Bashan, פִּי לְעוּלָם חַסְדּוּ:
כּּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:	And gave their land as an inheritance, אָי לְעוּלָם תַּקידי
To Him who smote Egypt in their firstborn,	An inheritance to Israel His servant, אָעוֹלָם תַקדוּ:
כּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ	Who remembered us in our low state, פּי לְעוֹלָם חַקדוּ:
	And released us from our foes, פּי לְעוֹלָם תַסְדּוֹ:
	Who gives food to all creatures, פּי לְעוּלָם תַקדוּ:

The blessing over wine is said and the fourth cup is drunk while reclining:

Fourth Cup

ַבָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְּפֶןי

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. (Don't drink it yet!)

וְעַל תִּנוּבַת הַשָּׁדֶה, וְעַל אֶרֶץ חֶמְדָּה טוֹבָה וּרְחָבָה, שֶׁרָצִיתָ וְהִנְחַלָת לאַבותינוּ, לָאָכוֹל מִפְרָיָה וְלִשְׁבּוֹעַ מְטוּבָה. רַחֵם נָא יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל יִשְׁרָאֵל עַמֶּדְ, וְעַל יִרוּשָׁלַיִם עִירָדָ, וְעַל צִיּוּן מִשְׁכֵּן כְּבוֹדָדָ, וְעַל מִזְבְּחֶךְ וְעַל חֵיכָלֶךָ. וּבְנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיָם עִיר חַקָּדָש בְּמְחַרָה בְיָמֵינוּ, וְהַעַלֵנוּ לְתוֹכָה, וְשַׁמְחֵנוּ בְּבְנָיָנֵה וְנֹאכַל מִפְּרְיָה וְנָשְׁבַע מְטוּבָה, וּנְבַרֵכְדָ עַלֵיהַ בְּקָדָשָׁה וּבְטָהַרָה ושַׁמְחֵנוּ בְּיוֹם חֵג הַמַצות הַזֶּה. כִּי אַתָּה יְיָ טוֹב וּמֵטִיב לַכֹּל, וְנוֹדֶה לִדְ עַל הַאָרֵץ וְעַל פְּרִי הַגַּפֵן.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, for the vine and its fruit, and for the produce of the field, for the beautiful and spacious land which You gave to our fathers as a heritage to eat of its fruit and to enjoy its goodness. Have mercy, Lord our God, on Israel your people, on Jerusalem your city, on Zion the abode of your glory, on your altar and your Temple. Rebuild Jerusalem, the holy city, speedily in our days. Bring us there and cheer us with its restoration; may we eat of its fruit and enjoy of its goodness; may we bless You for it in holiness and purity; and grant us happiness on this Feast of Matzot; For Thou, O Lord, are good and beneficent to all; we thank You for the land and the fruit of the vine. (OK, now the fourth cup is drunk.)

Nirtzah

נִרְצַה

כוס רביעית

 ${f T}$ he Seder now concludes according to Halacha, complete in all laws and ordinances. Just as we were privileged to celebrate it tonight, so may we be granted to perform it again. Oh Lord, who dwells in the heights above, establish us as a countless people once again, speedily guide Israel as a redeemed people, to the land of Zion with song.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

This year we are here, next year in the Promised Land. Sing: L'Shana Haba'a, B'Yerushalayim ... Habnuya! לִשַׁנַה הַבַּאַה בִּירוּשַׁלַיִם:

And You Shall Say: It is the Pesach Sacrifice. Say on second night: A list of events that happened during Passover usually follows this, the text of which you can find in a traditional Haggadah.

Ki Lo Naeh

כִּי לוֹ נַאֵח

Powerful in kingship, truly chosen, His troops sing to Him: Thine only Thine, O Lord, is the Majestic Kingdom. Beautiful praises are His due. Famous in kingship, truly glorious, His faithful sing to Him: Thine only Thine, O Lord, is the Majestic Kingdom. Beautiful praises are His due.

אַדִּיר בִּמְלוּכָה, בָּחוּר כַּחַלָכָה, גְּדוּדָיו יֹאמְרוּ לוֹ: לְד וּלְדּ, לְד כִּי לְדָ, לְדָ אַר לְדָ, לְד יִיָ חַמַּמְלָכָה. כִּי לוֹ נָאֶה, כִּי לוֹ יָאֶה.

דָּגוּל בִּמְלוּכָה, הָדוּר בַּהַלֶכָה, וְתִיקָיו יֹאמְרוּ לוֹ: לְד וּלְדּ, לְדָ כִּי לְדָ, לְדְ אַף לְדָ, לְדְ יִיָ חַמַּמְלָכָת. כִּי לוֹ נָאָה, כִּי לוֹ יָאָה.

Say on second night:

הַיום יום אָחָד לַעוּמֵר This is the first day of the Omer

> בּרוּך אַתּה יַיָ, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֵלֶך הַעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בִּמְצִוֹתַיו וְצְוַנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הַעֹמֵרי יָהִי רַצון מִלְפַגִיך יַי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וָאלֹהֵי אַבוֹתֵינוּ שֵׁיּבַּגָה בֵּית הַמִּקָדָשׁ בְּמְהַרָה בִיָמֵנוּ וְתָן חֵלְקַנוּ בִּתוֹרַתָּדָי

May it be your will, O Eternal, our God, and the God of our ancestors, speedily rebuild your temple in our days, and grant us our share in your Law. 16

Chad Gadya

גּדַיַא, חד גּדַיַא חד

דַזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא.

Leader and chorus version

One little goat "Ma Ma" That my Abba bought "Thanks Dad" With two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came a cat "Meow" "Ma Ma" That ate the little goat That my Abba bought "Thanks Dad" With two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

Had Gadya (One little goat)

And then there came a dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came a stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came a fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came some water ("Whoosh"); That put out the fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came an ox ("Moo"); That drank up all the water ("Whoosh"); That put out the fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came a shochet ("Chop"); Who slaughtered the ox ("Moo"); That drank up all the water ("Whoosh"); That put out the fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then came the Angel of Death ("BOO"); Who slaughtered the shochet ("Chop"); Who slaughtered the ox ("Moo"); That drank up all the water ("Whoosh"); That put out the fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

And then there came our God ("Yay!"); Who killed Angel of Death ("BOO"); Who slaughtered the shochet ("Chop"); Who slaughtered the ox ("Moo"); That drank up all the water ("Whoosh"); That put out the fire ("Ouch"); That burned the stick ("Whack"); That hit the little dog ("Ruff Ruff"); That bit the little cat ("Meow"); That ate the little goat ("Ma Ma"); That my Abba bought ("Thanks Dad"); with two Gold coins, Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

חד גדיא, חד גדיא. דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא. ַוְאָתָא שׁוּנְרָא, וְאָכְלָה לְגַדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא. ואָתָא כַלְבָּא, וְנָשֵׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכְלָה לְגַדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בְּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חֵד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא ַוְאָתָא חוּטְרָא, וְהַכָּה לְכַלְבָּא, דְּנָשַׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכְלָה לְגִדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא. ַוְאָתָא נוּרָא, וְשָׂבַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְהַכָּה לְכַלְבָּא, דְּנָשַׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכְלָה לְגַדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְבֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא, חַד גַּדְיָא. ַואָתַא מַיָּא, וְכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְּשָׂרַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְהַכָּה לְכַלְבָּא, דְנַשֵׁךְ לְשוּנְרָא, דְאָכָלָה לְגַדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזֵי, חַד גַּדְיָא. 2 ַןאָתָא תוֹרָא, וְשָׁתָא לְמַיָּא, דְכָבָה לְנוּרָא, דְשָׂרַף לְחוּטְרָא, דְהַכָּהלְכַלְבָּא, דְנָשַׁדְ לְשוּוּנָרָא, דְאָכְלָה לְגַדְיָא, דְזַבִּין אַבָּא בִּתְרֵי זוּזַי, חַד גַּדְיָא י <u>Echad Mi Yodea</u> was written as a polemic against the Christian world. You Christians say there are three gods? No, there's just one! You say there is one father? Nope, there were three! And even: You say conception happens immaculately? Nope, it takes nine months! Although originally written with 12 verses, a thirteenth was later added to serve as further polemic – in Christianity, thirteen may be an unlucky number (consider the number of attendants at the last supper) but in Judaism, thirteen is especially lucky (bar mitzvah, the attributes of God, etc).

Echad Mi Yodea אֶׁחָד מִי יוֹדֵעַי

(Find words in traditional Haggadah)

Adir Hu אַדָּיר תוּא

אַל בְּנֵה, בְּנֵה בֵיתָדָ בְּקָרוֹב.

אַדִּיר הוּא, יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, בִּמְחֵרָה בִּמְחֵרָה, בְּיָמֵינוּ בְּקָרוֹב. אֵי בָּחוּר הוּא, נְּדוֹל הוּא, דָּגוּל הוּא, יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, בִּמְחֵרָה בִּמְחַרָה, בְּיָמֵינוּ בְקָרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה, אֵל בְּנֵה, בְּיָת בֵיתְדְ בְּקָרוֹב. הָזּוּר הוּא, וָתִיק הוּא, זַכַּאי הוּא, חָסִיד הוּא, יִבְנֶה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, בְּמְחַרָה בִּמְחַרָה, בְּיָמֵינוּ בְקָרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה, אֵל בְּנֵה, יִבְנָה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב. בִּמְחַרָה בִּמְחַרָה, בְּיָמֵינוּ בְקָרוֹב. אֵל בְּנֵה, אֵל בְּנֵה, יִבְנָה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, בִּמְחַרָה בִּמְחַרָה, בְּיָמֵינוּ בְקָרוֹב. אַל בְּנֵה, אֵל בְּנֵה, בְּנָה בִיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, סְהוֹר הוּא, יָחִיד הוּא, כַּבְּיר הוּא, צָדִיק הוּא, מֶלֶדְ הוּא, מֹלֶד הוּא, מֹרָא הוּא סַגִּיב הוּא, עָזּוּז הוּא, פוֹדָה הוּא, צַדִּיק הוּא, יִבְנָה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, קַמָּרוֹב, הַמְחַרָה בְּמְחַרָה, בְּיָמִינוּ בְקָרוֹב. אַל בְּנֵה, אֵל בְּנֵה, יְבָנָה בֵיתוֹ בְּקָרוֹב, קַדוֹשׁ הוּא, יַרחוּם הוּא, שַׁדִי הוּא, תַּקִיף הוּא, יִבְנָה בִיתוֹ בְקָרוֹב,