

2023 Pesach Communion Service Details

OPENING PRAYER

Let's ready our hearts to celebrate our story of deliverance, freedom, and redemption

HOST - History reveals Israel was once a slave in Egypt & we all were once slaves to sin

As believers in Yeshua, we celebrate Israel's deliverance & Exodus today as our own

And it is in this spirit of Community, we perform this symbolic Seder

That is based on a traditional Seder, but done in a spiritual Messianic way

HOST or SPOUSE - *We praise you O Yahweh our Elohim, Ruler of the universe, who hallows our lives with commandments, and who has commanded us to prepare for Pesach by removing the leaven*

FAMILY MEMBER/GUEST - **Any leaven that may remain among us that we have not seen and have not removed, may it be as if it does not exist, as if it is the dust of the earth**

HOST - Start pouring wine into the glasses as you or someone else reads the verses below

Ex 12:25-28 "When you come to the land which Adonai will give you, as he has promised, you are to observe this ceremony. 26 When your children ask you, 'What do you mean by this ceremony?' 27 say, 'It is the sacrifice of Adonai's Pesach [Passover], because [Adonai] passed over the houses of the people of Isra'el in Egypt, when he killed the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" The people of Isra'el bowed their heads and worshipped. 28 Then the people of Isra'el went and did as Adonai had ordered Moshe and Aharon – that is what they did." CJB

4 Questions (children should ask these, if there aren't any, host & guests can ask them)

FAMILY MEMBER OR GUEST - **A Wise Child would ask: "What is the meaning of the laws and commandments that Yahweh our Elohim commanded us to keep?"**

ADULT - **We observe Pesach to remember what Yahweh has specifically done to deliver us from sin**

FAMILY - **A Wicked or Scornful Child would ask: "What does this service mean to you?"**

ADULT - **We celebrate Pesach to recall what Yahweh did for Israel while they were once slaves in Egypt. We also celebrate what Yeshua did for us while we were once slaves to sin.**

FAMILY MEMBER OR GUEST - **A Simple Child would ask: "What is this all about?"**

ADULT - **"It reminds us as Yahweh saved Israel from slavery, Yeshua saves us from sin**

FAMILY MEMBER/GUEST - **An Ignorant Child doesn't know enough to ask a question**

ADULT - **We observe Pesach, for our loving Yahweh delivered Israel from a natural Egypt and a natural Pharaoh by his strength and power. He also delivers spiritual Israel from a spiritual bondage and a spiritual Pharaoh by that same strength and power.**

HOST

Adonai spoke to Moshe and Aharon in the land of Egypt; he said, “You are to begin your calendar with this month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Speak to all the assembly of Isra’el and say, ‘On the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb or kid for his family, one per household – except that if the household is too small for a whole lamb or kid, then he and his next-door neighbor should share one, dividing it in proportion to the number of people eating it. Your animal must be without defect, a male in its first year, and you may choose it from either the sheep or the goats” CJB

HOST OR SPOUSE

“You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and then the entire assembly of the community of Isra’el will slaughter it at dusk. They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it. That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror. Don’t eat it raw or boiled, but roasted in the fire, with its head, the lower parts of its legs and its inner organs. Let nothing of it remain till morning; if any of it does remain, burn it up completely.”

HOST - Have everyone stand before you read this passage

“Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is Adonai’s Pesach [Passover]. For that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I am Adonai.

HOST OR SPOUSE

“The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over [Hebrew: pasach] you – when I strike the land of Egypt, the death blow will not strike you. “This will be a day for you to remember and celebrate as a festival to Adonai; from generation to generation you are to celebrate it by a perpetual regulation.” CJB

FAMILY MEMBER OR GUEST

“When your children ask you, ‘What do you mean by this ceremony?’ say, ‘It is the sacrifice of Adonai’s Pesach [Passover], because [Adonai] passed over the houses of the people of Isra’el in Egypt, when he killed the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” The people of Isra’el bowed their heads and worshipped. Then the people of Isra’el went and did as Adonai had ordered Moshe and Aharon – that is what they did.” CJB

HOST - Instruct everyone to drink the cup symbolizing the 1st Cup of Sanctification

HOST - Refill the cups, have everyone sit down, then read this passage

“For what I received from the Lord is just what I passed on to you – that the Lord Yeshua, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and after he had made the b’rakhah he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this as a memorial to me”; likewise also the cup after the meal, saying, “This cup is the New Covenant effected by my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, as a memorial to me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.”

HOST

“Yeshua sent Kefa and Yochanan, instructing them, “Go and prepare our Seder, so we can eat.” They asked him, “Where do you want us to prepare it?” He told them, “As you’re going into the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters, and say to its owner,”

HOST OR SPOUSE

“The Rabbi says to you, “Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Pesach meal with my talmidim?” He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished; make the preparations there.” They went and found things just as Yeshua had told them they would be, and they prepared for the Seder.”

HOST

“When the time came, Yeshua and the emissaries reclined at the table, and he said to them, “I have really wanted so much to celebrate this Seder with you before I die! For I tell you, it is certain that I will not celebrate it again until it is given its full meaning in the Kingdom of God.”

HOST - What does the Maror (bitter herbs) symbolize?

To our ancestors, Maror symbolizes the tears Israel cried as slaves in Egypt

Reminding them that without those tears, they would have never left Egypt

Making the tears and bitterness an integral instrument in His deliverance process

HOST/SPOUSE - To us, it also represents the struggles we face being Yahweh’s child

Maror reminds us not to run from obstacles, challenges, or seemingly bitter times

Knowing without bitterness and struggle, we never reach our full potential

HOST - Instruct everyone to eat all the Maror

HOST - What does the Lamb symbolize?

To our ancestors, the Lamb represents the “innocent” victim whose substitutionary death in their place as the guilty, allowed the death angel to “pass over” their homes

Reminding them to be thankful the sacrificial blood of the innocent around their door, protected them from the “death” all Egypt experienced that evening

HOST/SPOUSE - To us, the Lamb also represents the “innocent” Yeshua whose death in our place as the “guilty” allowed eternal death to “pass over” our soul

Reminding us to be thankful His innocent blood spared us from eternal damnation

HOST - Instruct all to eat the Lamb & drink the cup symbolizing 2nd Cup of Deliverance

HOST - Refill the table cups again and say “Amen” once they are filled

HOST

Then, taking a cup of wine, he made the b'rakhah and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on, I will not drink the 'fruit of the vine' until the Kingdom of God comes." Also, taking a piece of matzah, he made the b'rakhah, broke it, gave it to them and said, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in memory of me."

HOST - What does the Matzah symbolize?

To our Ancestors, it represented the unleavened bread they left Egypt with that night

Reminding them Yahweh didn't need time to prepare; He could save in an instant

HOST OR SPOUSE - To us, it's also represents the unleavened life available to us in Yeshua because we are saved and are no longer slaves to iniquity and transgression

Reminding us, Yahweh can change things instantly without our effort or input

So, no matter what our current state of life is, we should never give up hope

HOST - Instruct everyone to eat all the Matzah

HOST

Also he took a cup of wine, made the b'rakhah, and gave it to them, saying, "All of you, drink from it! For this is my blood, which ratifies the New Covenant, my blood shed on behalf of many, so that they may have their sins forgiven."

HOST - What does the Wine symbolize?

To our Ancestors, it represents Yahweh's 4 expressions of Israel's redemption from a natural Pharaoh's rule and influence

I shall take you out ..., I shall rescue you ..., I shall redeem you ..., I shall bring you ...

HOST/ SPOUSE - To us, it now represents Yeshua's 4 expressions of redemption from a spiritual Pharaoh's rule and influence through His bloody death as the Lamb of God

I have taken you out ...

I have rescued you ...

I have redeemed you ...

I've brought you to ...

HOST - Instruct everyone to drink from the cup symbolizing 3rd Cup of Redemption

HOST/ SPOUSE

Close the Seder with a Prayer of Thanksgiving

Say a prayer of grace over the rest of the meal

Remind everyone the rest of the Zoom service restarts at 7:30 pm