וַיּוֹצִיאֵנוּ ה' מִמְצרֵים. לֹא עַל יְדֵי מֵלאָך, וְלֹא עַל יְדֵי שָּׂרָף, וְלֹא עַל יְדֵי שָׁלִיחַ, אֶלָא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא בִּכבוֹדוֹ וּבְעַצמוֹ. שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: וְעָבַרתִי בְּאֶרֶץ מִצרַיִם בַּלַילָה הַזֶּה, וְהַכֵּיתִי כָל בְּכוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ מִצרַיִם, מְאָדָם וְעַד בְּהֵמָה, וּבכָל אֱלֹהֵי מִצרַיִם אֶעֱשֶׂה שׁפָּטִים. אֵנִי ה'.

ְיְעָבַרתִּי בְּאֶרֶץ מִצרַיִם בַּלֵילָה הַזֶּה. אֲנִי וְלֹא מַלאָך. וְהִכֵּיתִי כָל בְּכוֹר בְּאֶרֶץ מִצרַיִם. אֲנִי וְלֹא שְּׂרָף. וּבכָל אֱלֹהֵי מִצרַיִם אֶעֱשֶׂה שׁפָּטִים. אֲנִי וְלֹא הַשָּׁלִיחַ אַנִי ה׳

בְּיָד תְוָקָה זוֹ הַדֶּבֶר, כְּמַה שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: הִנֵה יֵד ה' הוֹיָה בְּמִקנְּהְ אֲשֶׁר בַּשְּׂדֶה, בַּסוּסִים, בַּחֲמוֹרִים, בַגמַלִים, בַּבָּקָר וּבַצֹאן, דֶבֶר כָּבֵד מְאֹד.

ּרָבּוֹרְעַ בְּטוּיָה עַל יְרוּשָׁלָיִם. וְחַרבּוֹ שׁלוּפָּה בְּיָדוֹ, נְטוּיָה עַל יְרוּשָׁלָיִם.

וּבמֹרָא גָדוֹל זֶה גִלוּי שׁכִינָה, כְּמַה שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: אוֹ הַנָּסָה אֱלֹהִים לָבוֹא לַקַחַת לוֹ גוֹי מִקֶּרֶב גוֹי, בְּמַסֹת, בְּאוֹתוֹת וּבְמוֹפֹתִים וּבְמִלֹחָמָה וּבְיָד חֲזָקָה וּבִזרֹעַ נְטוּיָה וּבְמוֹרָאִים גדוֹלִים, כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לָכֶם ה׳ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם בְּמִצרָיִם, לְעֵינֵיךּ.

וּבאֹתוֹת זֶה הַמַטֶּה, כְּמַה שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: וְאֶת הַמַטֶּה הַזֶּה תִקַּח בְּיָדֶךּ אֲשֶׁר תַעֵּשֶׂה בּוֹ אֶת הַאוֹתוֹת.

וּבְמוֹפתִים זֶה הַדָם, כְּמַה שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: וְנָתַתִי מוֹפתִים בַּשְׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרֶץ.

(Use finger to spill 3 drops of wine into a saucer--one for each word.)

דָם. וָאֵשׁ. וְתִמרוֹת עָשְׁן

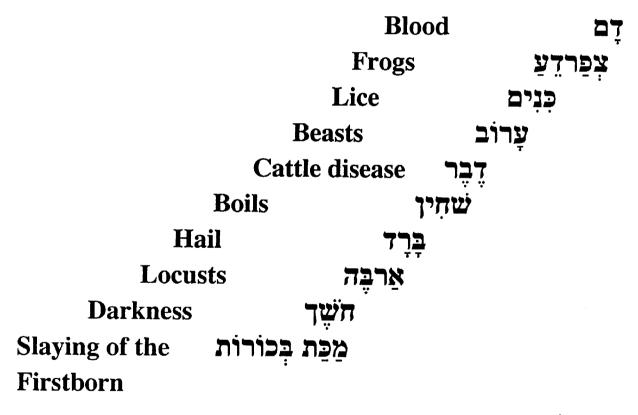
Blood. And Fire. And pillars of smoke.

דָבֶר אַחֵר: בְּיָד חֲזָקָה--שׁתָיִם. וּכִזרעַ נְטוּיָה-- שׁתַיִם. וּבְמֹרָא גָדוֹל-- שׁתָיִם. וּבְאֹתוֹת--שׁתַיִם. וּבְמוֹפּתִים--שׁתַיִם. אֵלוּ עֶשֶׂר מַכּוֹת שֶׁהֵבִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא עַל הַמִּצרִים בְּמִצרַיִם, וָאֵלוּ הֵן:

In different words: With a strong hand--two. With an upstretched arm--two With great terror--two With signs--two. And with wonders--two

These were the ten plagues which the Holy One, blessed be He, brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt:

(use finger to spill a drop of wine for each plague named)



ַרַבִּי יהוּדָה הָיָה נוֹתֵן בַּהֶם סִמָנִים:

דְצַ"ח עֲדַ"שׁ בְּאַחַ"ב

Rabbi Judah made up their acronyms:

D'tzakh -- Adash --B'akhav

(spill a drop of wine for each acronym. Plague-laden wine drops are later discarded.)

רַבִּי יוֹסִי הַגלִילִי אוֹמֵר: מִנַּיִן אַתָּה אוֹמֵר, שֶׁלָקוּ הַמִּצרִים בְּמְצרַיִם עֶשֶׁר מַכּוֹת וְעֵל הַיָּם לָקוּ חֲמִשִׁים מַכּוֹת. בְּמִצרַיִם מָה הוּא אוֹמֵר: וַיאֹמרוּ הַחַרטִמִים אֶל פַּרעה: אֶצבֵּע אֱלֹהִים הִיא. וְעַל הַיָּם מַה הוּא אוֹמֵר? וַיִרא יִשֹּרָאֵל אֶת הַיָּד הַגדוֹלָה, אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה ה' בְּמִצרַיִם, וַיִּיראוּ הָעָם אֶת ה', וַיַאֲמִינוּ בְּה' וּבְמשֶׁה עַבדוֹ. כַּמָה לָקוּ בְּאֶצבַּע, עֶשֶׂר מַכּוֹת: אֱמוֹר מִעָּתָה, בִּמצרַיִם לָקוּ עֶשֶׂר מַכּוֹת וְעַל הַיָּם לָקוּ חֲמִשִׁים מַכּוֹת.

רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר אוֹמֵר: מִנַיִן שֶׁכֹּל מַכָּה וּמַכָּה שֶׁהֵבִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא עַל הַמִּצְרִים בְּמִצרַיִם הָיתָה שֶׁל אַרבַּע מַכּוֹת שֶׁנֶאֱמָר: יִשֵׁלַח בַּם חֲרוֹן אַפּוֹ, עֶברָה וַזַעָם וְצָרָה מִשׁלַחַת מַלאֲכֵי רָעִים. עֶברָה אַחַת. וַזַעָם שׁתַיִם. וְצָרָה שָׁלשׁ. מִשׁלַחַת מַלאֲכֵי רָעִים, אַרבַּע. אֵמוֹר מִעַתָה, בִּמצרַיִם לָקוּ אַרבָּעִים מַכּוֹת וְעַל הַיָּם לָקוּ מָאתַיִם מַכּוֹת.

רַבִּי עֲקִיבָא אוֹמֵר: מִנַיִן שָׁכּל מַכָּה וּמֵכָּה שֶׁהֵבִיא הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא עַל הַמִּצרִים בְּמִצרַיִם הָיתָה שֶׁל חָמֵשׁ מַכּוֹת שֶׁנֶאֲמָר: יִשַׁלַח בַּם חֲרוֹן אַפּּוֹ, עֶברָה וַזַעָם וְצָרָה מִשׁלַחַת מַלאֲכֵי רָעִים. חֲרוֹן אַפּוֹ, אַחַת. עֶברָה שׁתַיִם. וַזַעָם שָׁלשׁ. וְצָרָה אַרבֵּע. מִשׁלַחַת מַלאֲכֵי רָעִים, חָמֵשׁ. אֵמוֹר מְעַתָּה, בְּמצרַיִם לָקוּ חֲמִשִׁים מַכּוֹת וְעַל הַיָם לָקוּ חֲמִשִׁים וּמָאתַיִם מַכּוֹת.

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life

Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Where, in spite of all you can do
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but through?
Then wait on the Lord, with a trust serene
Till the night of your fear is gone
He will send the winds, he will heap the floods
When he says to your soul, "Go on!"

And his hand shall lead you through, clear through
Ere the watery walls roll down;
No wave can touch you, no foe can smite
No mightiest sea can drown.
The tossing billows may rear their crests
Their foam at your feet may break
But over their bed you shall walk dry-shod
In the path that your Lord may make.

In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted cloud
You shall see but the Lord alone
When He leads you forth from the place of the sea
To a land that you have not known.
And your fears shall pass, as your foes have passed
You shall no more be afraid
You shall sing His praises in a better place
In a place that His hand hath made.

פַמָה מַעֲלוֹת טוֹבוֹת לַמָּקוֹם עָלֵינוּ!

אָלוּ הוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמְצרֵיִם --- דֵיֵינוּ אָלוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת --- דַיֵינוּ אָלוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַתוֹרָה --- דַיֵינוּ

(Dayeynu = it would have been enough for us)

Had He brought us out of Egypt Had He brought us out of Egypt Made us free of Egypt's bondage

Dah--yey--nu
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dah-yey-noo!

Had He given us the Sabbath Had He given us the Sabbath Given us a day to rest on

Dah--yey--nu
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dah-yey-noo Dah-yey-noo!

Had He given us the Torah Had He given us the Torah Given us the laws to live by

Dah--yey--nu
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dai Dah-yey-noo
Dah-yey-noo Dah-yey-noo!

רַבָּן גַמִּלִיאֵל הָיָה אוֹמֵר: כָּל שֶׁלֹא אָמֵר שְׁלֹשָה דָבָרִים אֵלוּ בַּפֶּסַח, לֹא יָצָא יְדֵי חוֹבָתוֹ, ואֵלוּ הַן:

ומַרור

מַצָה

פַסַת

Rabban Gamliel used to say: whoever did not say these three words on Passover has not fulfilled his duty, and they are (all say):

Pesach (Passover offering)

Matzah

and Maror

(Bone from Passover plate is held up)

שָּהָיוּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אוֹכלִים בִּזמֵן שֶׁבֵּית הַמִּקְדָשׁ הָיָה קַיָם, עַל שׁוּם מַה?
עַל שׁוּם שֶׁפָּסַח הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא עַל בָּתֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצרַיִם שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: וַאְמַרתֶם זֶבַח פָּסַח הוּא לה׳, אֲשֶׁר פָּסַח עַל בָּתֵי בנֵי יִשֹּׁרָאֵל בְּמִצרַיִם, בְּנָגפּוֹ אֶת מִצרַיִם וְאֶת בָּתֵינוּ הִצִּיל. וַיִּקֹד הָעָם וַיִּשׁתַחֲווּ.

The **Passover offering** which our forefathers ate in the days of the Temple, what was the reason for it? Because God **passed over** the houses of our forefathers in Egypt, as it is written: "And you shall say, 'It is a Passover offering for the LORD, who passed over the houses of our forefathers in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians and spared our houses.' And the people bowed down and worshipped."

בַּלְצָּקָם שֶׁלָּ אֲבּוֹתֵינוּ בְּבַלְים, עֵל שׁוּם מַה? עַל שׁוּם שֶׁלֹא הִספִּיק בְּצֵקָם שֶׁל אֲבּוֹתֵינוּ לְהַחְמִיץ, עַד שֶׁנְגלָה עֲלֵיהֶם מֶלֶך מַלֹכֵי הַמֹלָכִים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא, וּגְאָלָם. שֶׁנָאֲמַר: וֹיאפּוּ אֶת הַבָּצֵק אֲשֶׁר הוֹצִיאוּ מִמִצרִים עֻגוֹת מֵצוֹת, כִּי לֹא חָמֵץ, כִּי גרשוּ מִמִצרִים ולֹא יַכֹלוּ לְהָתמֵהמָה, וָגַם צֵּדָה לֹא עָשׁוּ לָהֶם.

(Hold up the Matzah)

This **Matzah** which we eat, what is the reason for it? Because the dough of our forefathers did not have time to rise, before God revealed Himself to them and redeemed them. As it is written: "And the dough which they had brought out from Egypt they baked into round cakes of unleavened bread, for it had not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt, nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions.

[The above reason for the matzah seems a bit puzzling. Matzah is just the kind of food one would prepare in anticipation of a long journey in the wilderness! Unleavened crackers or "hardtack" have long been the staple of sailors, of lifeboat provisions and military rations; in the Israeli army they are called "matzeeyoth" or "little matzoth." In Alaska they are popular as "pilot bread," winter food capable of being stored almost indefinitely, short on taste but long on caloric value.

If the exodus from Egypt indeed followed the biblical scenario, the Israelites might have expected it for a long time. As the miraculous plagues grew more intense, it should have become evident which way things were moving--even Pharaoh's resistance softened. It would then have made sense for the Israelites to prepare matzoth for their great journey--and in that case, matzah would still have been the symbol of the Exodus. But that is not the way the Bible tells it!]

(Hold up the bitter herb)

בְּלֵרוֹ תָה שֶׁאָנוּ אוֹכלִים, עַל שׁוּם מַה? עַל שׁוּם שֶׁמַרְרוּ הַמִּצרִים אֶת חַיֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצרִים, שֶׁנָאֲמֵרְ: וַימָרֲרוּ אֶת חַיֵיהֶם בַּצְבוֹדָה קָשָׁה, בְּחֹמֶר וּבִלבִנִים וּבכָל עֲבוֹדָה בְּשָׁבִי. אֶת כָּל עָבוֹדָתָם אֲשֵׁר עָבדוּ בָהֶם בְּפָּרֶך.

This maror, the bitter herb which we eat, what is the reason for it? It is because the Egyptians embittered the lives of our forefathers in Egypt. As it is written: "They made their life bitter with hard labor: with bricks and mortar, with all kinds of work in the field, all the work which they made them do was rigorous."

בְּכָל דוֹר וְדוֹר חָיַב אָדָם לִראוֹת אֶת עַצמוֹ כְאָלוּ הוּא יָצָא

מָמָצרַיִּם. שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר:"וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנךּ בַּיוֹם הָהוּא לֵאמוֹר, בַּעֲבוּר זֶה עָשָׂה ה' לי בצאֵתִי מִמְצרַיִם." לֹא אֶת אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בִלבָד גָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּך הוּא, אֶלָא אַף אוֹתָנוּ גָאַל עִמְהֶם, שֶׁנֶאֱמֵר: "וְאוֹתָנוּ הוֹצִיא מִשָּׁם, לְמַעַן הָבִיא אוֹתָנוּ, לָתֶת לָנוּ אֶת הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשׁבֵּע לַאֵבוֹתֵינוּ."

ַנְזכּר וּבֵל נִשׁכַּח: עוֹד יֵשׁ עַבדוּת בָעוֹלָם, ולוּ גַם בְּמַסווֹת חָדָשִׁים. בָּאֲשֶׁר הִיא קָנֶמֶת, תוֹעבת אֵלהִים הִיא, ולַחָם נָלַחָם בָה עַד כּלוֹתַה.

In every generation one should see oneself as having

personally come out of Egypt, as it is written: "And thou shalt tell thy son on that day, saying, it is because of this that the LORD did for *me* when I came out of Egypt." Not our forefathers alone did God redeem from Egypt, but us too did he redeem from there. As it is written: "And He brought us out of there, to bring us, to give us the land which He had promised to our forefathers."

Let us remember and never forget: slavery still exists in this world, even if it wears new guises. Wherever it exists, it is an abomination before God, and we will surely fight it until it disappears.

בַּכַל דוֹר וְדוֹר חָיַב אָדָם לִראוֹת אֶת עַצמוֹ כְאָלוּ הוּא

נָצָל ֹמָן הַשׁוֹאָה. בְּלֵיל סֵדֶר זֶה נִפּתַח הַמֶּרֶד הָמְיוּאָשׁ שֶׁל גָטוֹ וָרשָׁה. חֹדֶשׁ אַחְבֵי כֵּן נוֹתרוּ מִן הַגָטוֹ חֲרֵבוֹת בִּלבָד וְרַק מְתֵי מְעָט מתוֹשָׁבִיו נוֹתרוּ בָחָיִים.

In every generation one should see oneself as having

personally survived the Holocaust. On this seder night began the desperate uprising of the Warsaw ghetto. A month later only ruins were left of the ghetto, and only a handful of its inhabitants remained alive.

Pesach Has Come to the Ghetto Again

(Warsaw, April 19, 1943)-- by Binem Heller, 1906-1998

Pesach has come to the Ghetto again. The wine has no grape, the matzah no grain. But the people anew sing the wonders of old, The flight from the Pharaohs, so often retold. How ancient the story, how old the refrain.

The windows are shuttered. The doors are concealed. The Seder goes on. And fiction and fact Are confused into one. Which is myth? Which is real? "Come all who are hungry!" invites the Haggadah. The helpless, the aged, lie starving in fear. "Come all who are hungry!" and children sleep, famished. "Come all who are hungry!" and tables are bare.

Pesach has come to the Ghetto again,
And shuffling shadows shift stealthily through,
Like convert-marranos in rack-ridden Spain
Seeking retreat--with the God of the Jews.
But these are the shards, the shattered remains
Of the "sixty ten-thousands" whom Moses led out
Of their bondage...driven to ghettos again...
Where dying's permitted but protest is not.
From Holland, from Poland, from all Europe's soil,
Becrippled and beaten the remnant has come.
And there they sit weeping, plundered, despoiled,
And each fifty families has dwindled to one.

Pesach has come to the Ghetto again.

The lore-laden words of the Seder are said,
And the cup of the Prophet Elijah awaits,
But the Angel of Death has intruded, instead.

As always--the German snarls his commands.
As always--the words sharpened-up and precise.
As always--the fate of more Jews in his hands:
Who shall live, who shall die, this Passover night.
But no more will Jews to the slaughter be led.
The truculent jibes of the Nazis are past.
And the lintels and doorposts tonight will be red
With the blood of free Jews who will fight to the last.

Pesach has come to the Ghetto again.

And neighbor to neighbor the battle-pledge gives:
The blood of the German will flow in the Ghetto
So long as one Jew in the Ghetto still lives!

In face of the Nazi--no fear, no subjection!
In face of the Nazi--no weeping, no wincing!
Only the hatred, the wild satisfaction
Of standing against him and madly resisting.

Listen! How Death walks abroad in the fury!
Listen! How bullets lament in their flight!
See how our History writes END to the story,
With death heroic, this Passover night.

Tonight we remember. Blind hate still exists in this world, driving people to kill and expel their neighbors, under the banners of "ethnic cleansing" and "racial purity." Wherever it exists, it is an evil. Our forefathers commanded "Love the stranger in thy midst, for thou wast a stranger in the land of Egypt." We, too, will teach tolerance.

לְפִיכָך אֲנַחנוּ חַיָּבִים לְהוֹדוֹת, לְהַלֵּל, לְשַׁבֵּחַ, לְפָאֵר, לְרוֹמֵם, לְהַדֵּר, לְפִיכָר אֲנַחנוּ חַיָּבִים לְהוֹדוֹת, לְהַלֵּל, לְשַׁבֵּחַ, לְפָאֵר, לְרוֹמֵם, לְהַדִּר, לְבָרֵר, לְעֵלֵה וּלְקַלֵּס, לְמִי שֶׁעָשָׁה לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְלָנוּ אֶת כָּל הַנְסִים הָאֵלֶה. הוֹצִיאָנוּ מְעַבדוּת לְחַרוּת, מְיָגוֹן לְשִׁמחָה, מְאֵבֶל לְיוֹם טוֹב, וּמְאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹר גַדוֹל, וּמִשְׁעבּוּד לְגִאוּלַה. וְנֹאמֵר לְפַנֵיו שִׁירֵה חֲדַשַׁה. הַּלְלוּיַה!

Therefore it is our duty to thank, praise, laud, glorify, uplift, extol, bless, exalt and adore—Him, who did all these miracles for our fathers and for ourselves. He brought us forth from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from darkness to great light, and from enslavement to redemption. Let us therefore recite before Him a new song: praise the LORD, Halleluyah!

(תַהַילִים קי"ג)

Halleluyah! Praise, servants of the LORD Halleluyah! Praise the name of the LORD Every living soul will praise the LORD Halleluyah, Halleluyah.

Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forever
From the rising of the sun to its setting
The LORD's name is to be praised
The LORD is high above all nations
His glory is above the heavens

הַלְלוּיָה! הַלְלוּ עַבֹדֵי ה' הַלְלוּיָה! הַלְלוּ את שֵׁם ה' כָּל הַנְשַׁמָה תְהַלֵל יָה הַלְלוּיָה, הַלְלוּיָה

יְהִי שֵׁם ה' מְבֹּרָך מֵעַתָּה וְעֵד עוֹלָם מִמִזרַח שֶׁמֶשׁ עַד מְבוֹאוֹ מְהָלָל שֵׁם ה' רָם עַל כָּל גוֹיִים ה' עַל הַשָּׁמֵיִם כּבוֹדוֹ

מִי כּה׳ אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַמַגבִּיהִי לַשָּׁבֶת. הַמַשׁפָּלִי לְראוֹת בַּשָׁמֵיִם וּבָאָרֶץ. מְקִימִי מְעָפָּר דָל, מֵאַשׁפּׂת יָרִים אֶביוֹן. להוֹשִׁיבִי עִם נְדִיבִים, עִם נְדָבֵי עַמוֹ. מוֹשִׁיבִי עֲקֶרֶת הַבַּיִת, אֵם הַבַּנִים שֹמֵחָה. הַלְלוּיָה!

Who is like the LORD our God
Who sits so high, yet sees so far below,
In the heavens and on Earth?
He lifts up the poor from the dust
And the needy from the filth.
To have them sit with the princes of His people
Who makes the barren woman to dwell in her house
As joyful mother of the children. Halleluyah!

(תְהִילִים קי"ד)

בְּצֵאת יִשֹּרָאֵל מִמְצרַיִם, בֵּית יַעֲקֹב מֵעַם לֹעֵז הָיתָה יְהוּדָה לְקָדשׁוֹ, יִשֹׁרָאֵל מַמשְׁלוֹתָיו. הַיָם רָאָה וַיָנֹס, הַיַרדֵן יִסֹב לְאָחוֹר, הֶהָרִים רָקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים, גְבָעוֹת כִבּנֵי צֹאן. הֶהָרִים רָקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים, גְבָעוֹת כִבּנֵי צֹאן.

מַה לך הַיָם כִּי תָנוּס, הַיַרדֵן תִסֹב לְאָחוֹר? הֶהָרִים תִרקְדוּ כְּאֵילִים, גְּבָעוֹת כִבנֵי צֹאן? מִלְפנֵי אָדוֹן חוּלִי אָרֶץ, מִלְפנֵי אֱלוֹהַ יַעֲקֹב הַהֹפֹכִי הַצוּר אֲגַם מִיִם, חֲלַמִישׁ לְמַעינוֹ מָיִם. (Psalm 114)

When Israel came out of Egypt
The house of Jacob from a stranger's folk
Judah became his sanctuary
Israel his dominion
The sea saw it, and fled
The Jordan turned backwards
The mountains skipped like rams
The hills like young sheep.

What ails thee, oh sea, that thou fleest?
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest backwards?
Ye mountains, that you skip like rams
Ye hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, thou earth, before your master
Before the God of Jacob
Who turns the rock into a pool of water
The flint into a fountain of waters.

(Fill second cup of wine. Rise for the Kiddush)

בָּרוּך אַתָה ה׳, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר גְאָלָנוּ וְגָאֵל אֶת אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמְצרַיִם, וְהִגִּיעַנוּ לַלַילָה הַזֶה, לֶאֱכָל בּוֹ מַצָּה וּמָרוֹר. כֵּן ה׳ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ יַגִּיעֵנוּ לְמוֹעֲדִים וּלִרגָלִים אֲחֵרִים, הַבָּאִים לִקרָאתֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם. שֹמֵחִים בְּבִנין עִירֵה וְשָׂשִׁים בְּצְבוֹדָתֶה, וְנֹאכַל שָׁם מִן הַזבָחִים וּמָן הַפּסָחִים אֲשֶׁר יַגִּיעַ דָמָם עַל קִיר מִזבַּחֲהְ לְרָצוֹן. וְנוֹדֶה לֹהְ שִׁיר חִדְשׁ עַל גִאָלַתֵנוּ וְעֵל פּדוּת נַפּשֵׁנוּ. בָּרוּך אַתָּה ה׳, גָאַל יִשֹּׁרָאֵל.

בַּרוּך אַתָה ה׳, אֱלהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגְפֶּן

Blessed art Thou, Lord our God

ruler of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.

(Drink second cup of wine)

רַחַצָה

Wash hands and recite benediction:

בָּרוּך אַתָה ה׳, אֱלהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדשָׁנוּ בְּמִצווֹתִיו וְצִנְנוּ עַל נְטִילֵת יָדָיִם. Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has ordered us to wash our hands.

מוֹצִיא מֵצָה

The master of the seder breaks pieces from the top and bottom matzah on the platter and distributes them, keeping half of the middle matzah for afikoman. After that the benediction is recited

בָּרוּך אַתָה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הַאָּרֶץ. בַּרוּך אַתָה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדשָׁנוּ בְּמִצווֹתִיו וְצִוָנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה.

Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, ruler of the universe who bringest forth bread from the earth.

Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and ordered us to eat matzah.

(Eat of the Matzah)

מָרוֹר

בָּרוּך אַתָה ה׳, אֱלהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדשָׁנוּ בְּמִצווֹתָיו וְצִוָנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מָרוֹר.

Blessed art Thou, LORD our God, ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and ordered us to eat bitter herbs.

כּוֹרֵך

זֵכֶר לְמִקדָשׁ כְּהָלֵל. כֵּן עָשָׁה הָלֵל בִּזמֵן שָׁבֵּית הַמִּקדַשׁ הָיָה קַּיָם. הָיָה כּוֹרֵך מַצָּה וּמְרוֹר וְאוֹכֵל בְּיַחַד, לְקַיֵם מַה שֶׁנֶאֲמַר; עַל מַצוֹת וּמרוֹרִים יֹאכלוּהוּ.

We do as Hillel did, in memory of the holy Temple. Thus would Hillel do when the Temple was standing: he would wrap matzah and maror together, to fulfil what is written, "they shall eat it (the Passover offering) on matzah and bitter herbs."

The Festival Meal

שֵׁלחָן עוֹרֵך

גַפוּן

(Divide the afikoman among those present, as the last food of the me

Grace after the Meal

בֿנר

(תָהִילִים קכ"ו)

שִׁיר המֵעְלוֹת בשוּב ה׳
אֶת שִׁיבַת צִיוֹן הָיִינוּ כְּחוֹלמִים
אָז יִמְלֵא שֹחוֹק פִּינוּ וּלשׁוֹנֵנוּ רָנָה
אָז יִמְלֵא שֹחוֹק פִּינוּ וּלשׁוֹנֵנוּ רָנָה
אָז יֹאמרוּ בַגוֹיִים: הִגִּדִיל ה׳ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִם אֵלֶה
הַגִּדִיל ה׳ לַעֲשׁוֹת עִמָנוּ, הָיִינוּ שֹׁמֵחִים.
שׁוּבָה ה׳ אֶת שׁבִיתֵנוּ כָּאֲפִיקִים בַּנֶגֶב.
הַזֹרעִים בְּדָמעָה, בְּרָנָה יִקצֹרוּ.
הָלוֹך יֵלֶך וּבָכֹה, נוֹשֵׂא מֶשֶׁך הַזָרַע.
בֹּא יָבוֹא בְּרָנָה נֹשֵׂא אֲלָמוֹתָיוֹ.

Shir Hama'alot-When God returned

(Psalm 126)

The exiles to Zion, we were like dreamers.

Laughter filled our mouth, song was on our tongue.

And the nations said: God had done greatly for these.

God had done greatly for us, and we were joyful.

Bring our return, God, like flash floods in the southland.

Those who sow tearfully, with song will reap;

Walking and weeping goes forth the bearer of the measure of seed

In glad song he will come back, carrying his sheaves.

(The translation of "Shir Hama'alot" is obscure. "Shir" is of course "song", but the translation of "ma'alot" is unclear. Today is means "degrees," while in the full "Dayeynu" of the traditional Haggadah it means "virtues." But it also means "stairs" [e.g. Isaiah, 38, v.8], so perhaps this was simply a psalm sung by a choir standing on a staircase in the 2nd Temple. Many other psalms are also labeled "Shir Hama'alot.)

רַבּוֹתֵי נְבָרֵך

ריַבְי שֵׁם ה׳ מְבֹרָך מְעַתָה וְעַד עוֹלָם ה׳ מְבֹרָך יהי שֶׁם ה' מִבֹרַך מִעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם. בּרשׁוּת מָרָנַן וְרַבּותַי, נבָרֵך [מִניָן אוֹ יוֹתֵר: אֱלֹהֵינוּ] שֵׁאָכַלנוּ מִשֵׁלוֹ. ----בַרוּך [אֱלֹהֵינוּ] שֶאַכַלנוּ מִשַׁלוֹ וּבטוּבוֹ חָיִינוּ. בָּרוּךְ [אֱלהֵינוּ] שֶׁאָכַלנוּ מִשֶּׁלוֹ וּבטובוֹ חָיִינוּ. ברוך הוא וברוך שמו.

[host] My masters, let us bless.

-----May God's name be blessed from now and evermore. [Diners]

[host repeats] May God's name be blessed from now and evermore.

By permission of this assembly and of our teachers, let us bless our [host]

God whose bounty we have eaten and by whose goodness we live.

-----Blessed be God, whose bounty we have eaten and by whose [Diners] goodness we live.

[host repeats] Blessed be God, whose bounty we have eaten and by whose goodness we live.

Blessed be He and blessed be His name.

(translation fits the traditional melody)

בָּרוּך אַתָה ה׳, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם הַזֵן אָת הַעוֹלָם כָּלוֹ בְּטוֹבוֹ, בְחֵן וֹבּחֶסֶד וּבְרַחֲמִים הוא נותן לחם לכל בַשַּׁר כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסדוֹ ובטובו הַגָּדוֹל, תָמִיד לֹא חָסַר לָנוּ וְאַל יֶחֲסַר לָנוּ מָזוֹן לְעוֹלָם וָעֵד. בַּעַבור שָמוֹ הַגַדול. כִּי הוּא אֵל זַן וֹמְפַרנֵס לַכּל, וּמֵטִיב לַכּל וּמֵכִין מַזוֹן, לְכֹל בּרְיוֹתָיוֹ אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא. Blessed art Thou, Oh LORD Our God and master of the world בַּרוּך אַתַה ה׳, הַזַן אָת הַכּל.

Who feeds the whole world by his ample kind love

With grace, with favor and mercy.

He provides daily bread to all of flesh

Through His eternal grace

And by His love, oh, so great

We never suffered lack, nor may we ever lack

Food from now and for ever more

He is true to His own great name

As a God who sustains and provides

Who does favors to all, and sets out all ample food

To all of His creatures which He has called to life

So, blessed art Thou, oh LORD

Who feedeth everyone.