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! Haroset

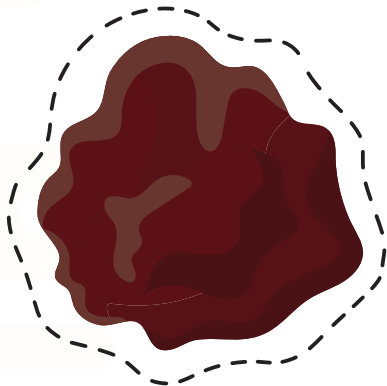
A mixture of fruits and nuts to remind us of the clay used by the Israelites during their hard physical labor in Egypt.

? Questions

What is the purpose of the Seder Plate?

What is Haroset?

Why do we eat it on Seder night?



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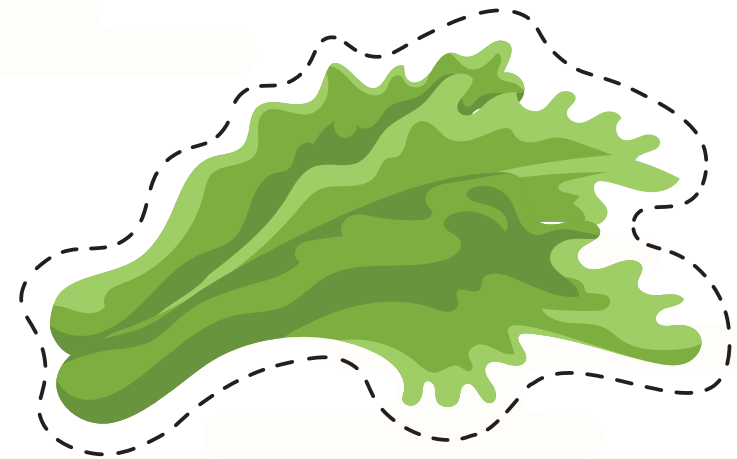
We eat bitter lettuce to remind us of the hardship and bitterness experienced by the Israelites in Egypt.

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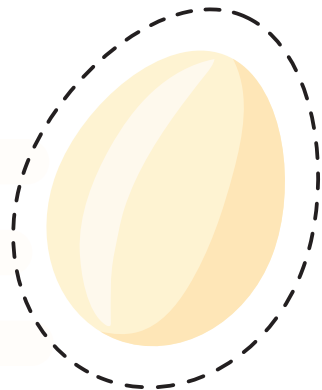
! Beitza

Beitza is an egg that symbolizes the sacrifice called the Korban Hagiga that was also offered up on Pesach in the Temple in Jerusalem.

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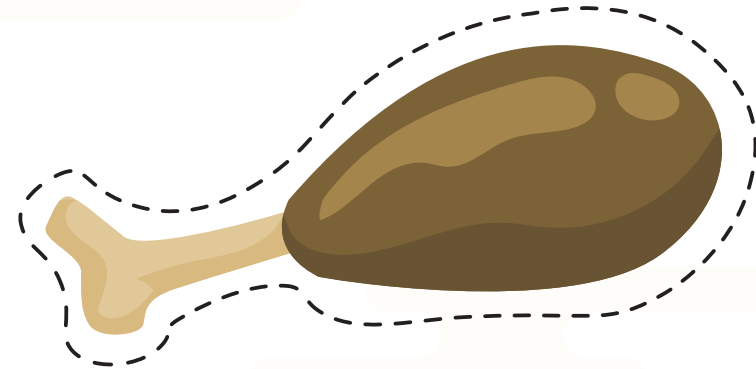
The bone of a chicken or lamb to remind us of the Pesach sacrifice offered in the Temple on Pesach.

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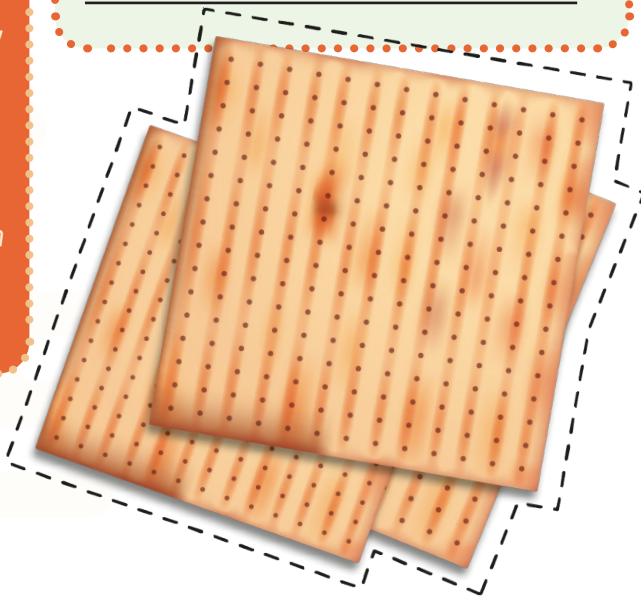
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! The Three Matzahs

The Matzah is the bread of poverty- bread that didn't have time to rise. The matzah reminds us that when the Israelites left Egypt, they did so quickly, and the dough they prepared didn't have time to rise, so they took matzah with them as food for the way instead of bread.

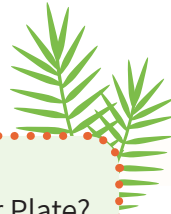


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! Karpas

Celery or potato dipped in salt water, as was the custom in the feasts of rich people in the past. It reminds us that we are no longer enslaved; we are like kings since we were redeemed from Egypt.

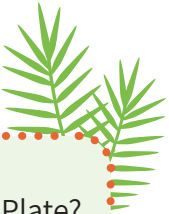


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! Afikoman

Three matzahs are placed on the Seder Plate. The afikoman is the name of the matzah that is eaten at the end of the Seder night. The custom is to take one of the three matzahs from the Seder plate, split it in half, and hide it until the end of the Seder night. In some Jewish communities, children steal the afikoman, hide it and receive a reward when it is found.

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How many matzahs are placed on the Seder Plate?

What is customary to do with one of the matzahs?

What is the name of this custom?

