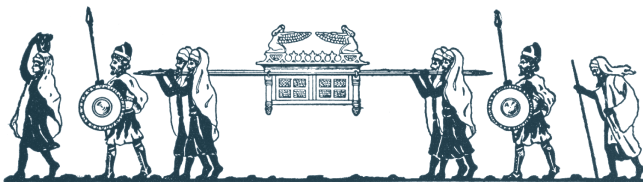


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BEFORE THE MEAL

• OPENING PRAYERS •

Leader:

Now, in the presence of loved ones and friends,
Before us the emblems of festive rejoicing,
We gather for our sacred celebration.

With the household of Israel, our elders and young ones,
Linking and bonding the past with the future,
We heed once again the divine call to service:
Living our story, that is told for all people,
Whose shining conclusion is yet to unfold,
We gather to observe Passover!

As it is written:

Response:

You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ancestors out of Egypt. You shall observe this day throughout the generations, a sacred remembrance of the day on which God freed you with a mighty hand!

Leader:

God of all the generations, we welcome this festival of freedom with joyful hearts. We have assembled together