

Kittel

In many homes, the person conducting the "Seder" service wears a white robe, called a "Kittel". White has always been a symbol of purity and holiness to the Jews, and was worn by priests in the Temple in Jerusalem when they offered sacrifices. If anyone wants to order a Kittel, please contact Rabbi Schnall.

Haggadah

This Hebrew word means "telling". It is the title of the book used for the Seder service and tells the story of our people's fight for life and liberty. It reveals the glory of true freedom, and tells us that it is every man's duty in every generation to look upon himself as though he personally had come out of Egypt. For if G-d had not taken our ancestors out of Egypt, our people might still have been enslaved here. The Mitzvah of Seder night is to study, understand, and analyze the Exodus from Egypt, not simply to think of it as a children's story.

Hesebe

To accentuate the fact that we are a free people, it is customary to sit in a reclining position on a thick pillow or a comfortable couch. In olden times, this was something only kings and princes would do.

SALE OF CHOMETZ

It is forbidden to keep Chometz or its mixtures or derivations in one's possession the entire eight days of Pesach. To prevent substantial financial losses, the Rabbis provided for the sale of Chometz to a non-Jew, preferably. The Rabbi should be authorized as a delegate of agent, by the owner, to sell it to a non-Jew. It is preferable that this act of authorization be done personally. For those who cannot, a form of authorization is included below. This procedure is not a "legal fiction," but a bona fide sale, in accord with Talmudic and secular law.

SALE OF CHOMETZ

I, _____ residing at _____

Business address _____

authorize Rabbi Avrohom Schnall to sell the chometz in my possession to a non-Jew as prescribed by Jewish Law.

Date: _____ Signed: _____