

In the
narrative
of the Exodus

of the Jews
from their
slavery

In Egypt

the Torah tells
that God help
ed

the Children of Israel

escape from
their slavery in
Egypt by
inflicting

ten

plagues upon

the Egyptians

the tenth and
worst of the
plagues was
the

death of the
Egyptian first-
born.

The Jews
were
instructed to
mark the
doorposts of
their homes

with the blood
of a
slaughtered
lamb and,
upon God
seeing this,

he would *pass*
over the first-
born in these
homes, hence
the English
name of the

holiday-
known as

PASSOVER

When the
Pharaoh freed
the Jews,

they left in
such a hurry
that they
could not wait

for bread
dough
to rise
(leaven). In
commemorati
on

for the
duration of
Passover
no leavened
bread

is eaten.

Why is this

night different

from all other

nights?

On all other
nights we eat

leavened
products

and matzah

and on this
night only

matzah

On all other
nights we eat
all vegetables,

and on this
night only

bitter herbs.

On all other
nights, we
don't dip our
food

even once

and on this
night

we dip

Twice

On all other
nights we eat
sitting

or reclining,

and on this
night we only

recline.

VEHI

SHE'AMDA

LA'AVOTAINU

VELANU

SHELO ECHAD

BILVAD

AMAD ALEINU

LECHALOTEINU

ELA SHEB'CHOL

DOR

VADOR

OMDIM ALEINU

LECHALOTEINU

V' HAKADOSH

BARUCH HU

MATZILENU

MIYADAM.

And this

is what

kept

our

fathers

and what
keeps us

surviving.

For, not only

one arose

and tried to

destroy

us

rather in
every

generation

they try to

destroy us

and Hashem

saves

us from

Their

hands.

