

## Passover Seder



Our service will be given over to a Passover Seder. A number of Unitarian Universalist congregations have a Passover Seder in which many of the customs and traditions of the Seder are observed.

The seder, a festive holiday meal, actually means "order." It is called this because the meal is done in a certain order which takes us from slavery to freedom. The Haggadah - which means "the telling" - is the book used at the Passover seder. The Haggadah explains the foods on the seder plate, recounts the highlights of the Exodus, and includes songs, prayers, questions and vignettes. It is believed that the obligation to tell the story of the Exodus was observed by Jews ever since the actual Exodus itself. The scriptural command (Exodus 13:8) to tell the story of the Exodus to children is interpreted as a positive teaching.