

Golden Beetle Passover Menu

5 course tasting menu Passover 2013

March 25th to April 2nd

Each piece of the Seder plate helps to tell the story of Passover. A Seder literally means "order" and the Seder itself is the order in which we ritualize and tell the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt, from slavery to freedom.

1st course

Maror/Koreach

House made matzoh with a horseradish jam, chives

2nd course

Beitzah

Soft boiled tea egg in a briny vegetable broth, breakfast radishes, parsley plouches and green onions, bias cut

3rd course

Karpas

Braised mustard greens in apple cider vinegar, roasted garlic and fried navy beans

4th course

Zeroa

Lamb kebab (shallots, garlic, black pepper, aleppo, paprika, tomato paste) over caramelized onions, parsley

5th course

Charoset

Red wine cooked apples with currants and almonds

1st Course Meaning:

- **Maror**, the bitter herbs represent the bitterness of the years of slavery the Jews labored under the Egyptians.
- **Koreach** is one of fifteen steps to the telling of the story and it is the eating of the sandwich. Koreach is the connection of the bitterness of slavery and the freedom the matzoh represents.
- **Matzoh** itself is the basis for the dietary laws for all of Passover. It is said that the Jews left in such a hurry that there was no time to allow the bread to rise and as they traveled in the desert it cooked on their backs into Matzoh. Thus, no leavened bread is eaten during the eight days of Passover.

2nd Course Meaning:

- **Beitzah** is the egg, usually roasted, it is a symbol of the sacrifice made in the

days of the temple to commemorate the Passover holiday. Once the temple was destroyed for the second time by the Romans and the Jews were exiled from Israel, it became law that no sacrifices could be made until the temple was built again and the Jews lived again in Jerusalem. It also represents the circle of life, birth and springtime, the confluence of life and death as one which is a reminder to Jews that we are all part of one universe.

3rd Course Meaning:

- **Karpas** is usually represented with parsley and traditionally dipped in salt water and symbolizes spring and bounty of harvest. The other layer of Passover is that of the new year, the birth of spring. Greens dipped in salt water is the joy of rebirth out of the tears of slavery.

4th Course Meaning:

- **Zeroa** is the pascal sacrifice, another reminder of the sacrificial lamb whose blood saved the first born of the Jews while those of the Egyptians were taken as the 10th and final plague.

5th Course Meaning:

- **Charoet** symbolizes the mortar that the Jews used as slaves to build the houses and pyramids for the Egyptians.

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