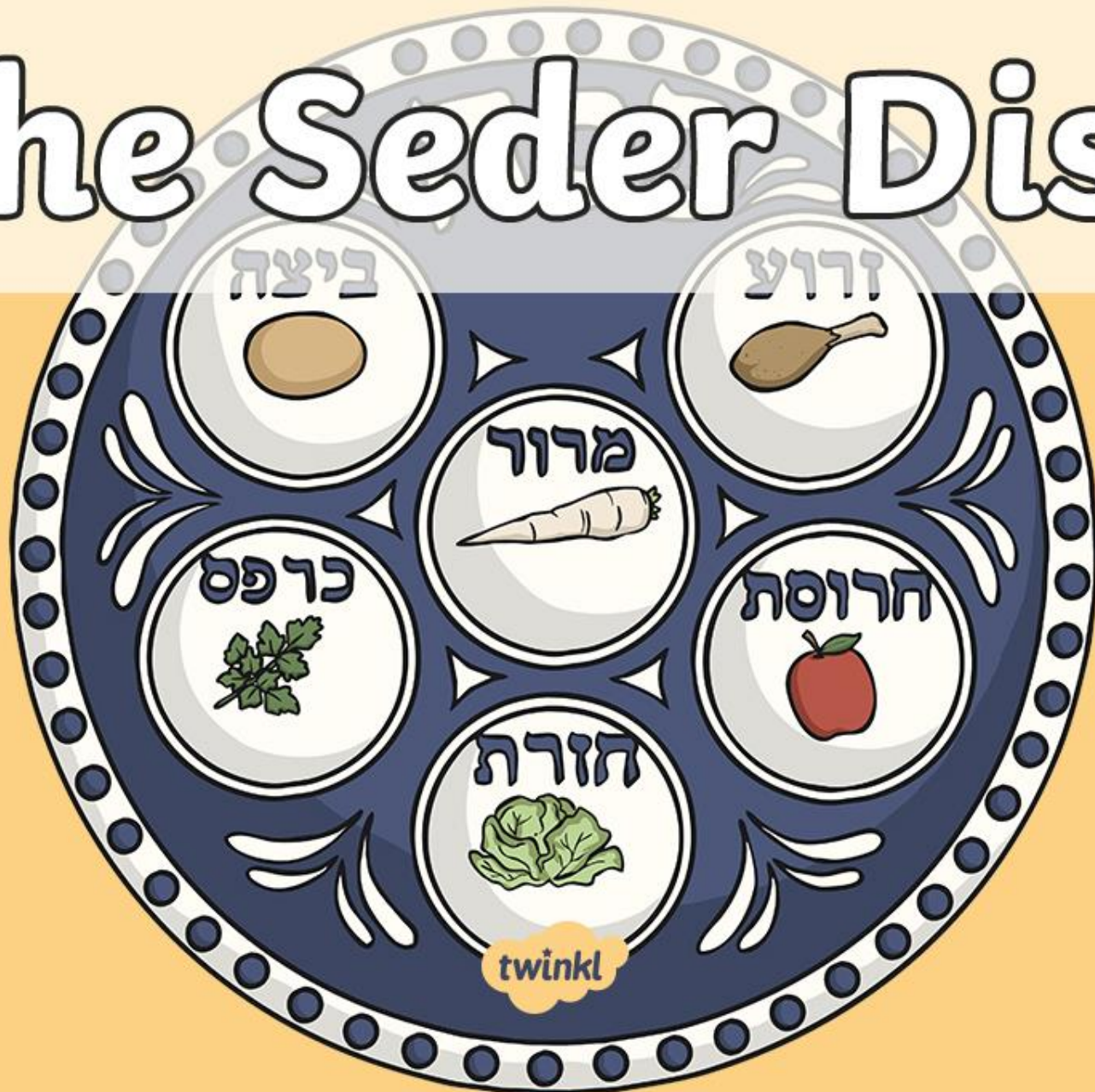


The Seder Dish



What Is Passover?

Passover is an important festival celebrated by Jewish people.

It is celebrated in spring.

Passover celebrates when the Jewish people were freed from slavery in Egypt over 3000 years ago.

The story is told in the special Jewish book, the **Torah**.



How Is Passover Celebrated?

Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days.

An important part of Passover celebrations is something called **matzah**, which is a type of **unleavened bread**.

It reminds Jewish people of the escape from Egypt, when they didn't have time to make normal bread that would rise in the oven.



The Seder

The evening before Passover begins, there is a special time called **Seder**, this means 'order'.

The Seder happens during a meal with family and friends.



The Seder Plate

An important part of the Seder is the Seder plate or the **Ka'arah** as it is known in the special Jewish language, **Hebrew**.

It has sections that hold special Seder food.

They all represent something from the story of Passover.



Ze'ro'a

Zeroah is a roasted lamb bone. It is a symbol of the offerings the Jewish people made to God as part of their worship.



Charoset

Charoset is a paste of chopped apples, walnuts and wine. It reminds people of the mortar (paste) that the Jewish slaves had to use when building things in Egypt.



Maror

Maror is a very bitter herb made from horseradish. It is a symbol of the suffering of the Jewish people in Egypt.



Chazeret

Chazeret is another bitter herb, usually romaine lettuce. It also reminds people about the suffering of the slaves in Egypt.



Karpas

Karpas is a small slice of a vegetable which is dipped in salt water. This reminds people of the tears the slaves in Egypt would have shed.



Beitzah

Beitzah is a hard boiled egg. The egg represents the offerings Jewish people made to God as part of their worship.

