

The Four Worlds:

Atsilut World of Emanation Birthing, next-to-God

Chokhmah Wisdom Fire

Going from one wine or liquor to a better one, one can bless: Blessed be You ... who is good and does good. Barukh Atah...hatov v'hameitiv

Brivah World of Creation

Creating something from nothing, intellect

Binah Understanding Air

The order of the four elementsearth, water, air, fire-follows medieval science, moving from concrete to more ephemeral. However, the order can also be earth-Asivah. air-Yetsirah. fire-Briyah, water-Atsilut-like Gevurah and Chesed.

> Yetsirah World of Formation Creating in the world

emotions Tiferet Beauty

Water

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> Asiyah World of Doing Making and moving

Malkhut Kingdom Shekhinah Presence Earth

Some people begin or end the seder with grains that are grown in Israel. You can also end with challah and make that the start of a regular meal.

FRUIT The Kabbalists would eat ten fruits for each level. אצילות 5 Atsilut 8. Beyond physical fruit Unity with all Enjoy sweet smells like cinnamon, bay leaf, or special tastes like scotch בריה *Brivah* 7 7. red with a drop of white 6. Completely edible fruit No shells, Open on all levels Eat apple, pear, orange, grape, fig, etc. יצירה **Yetsirah** ٦ 5. half red half white 4. Fruit with a pit

Shell on the inside, Inner Defenses Eat olive, date, avocado, cherry, etc.

עשיה Asiyah

3. white with a drop of red

2. Fruit with an inedible shell Outer Defenses

Eat almond, coconut, pomegranate, etc.

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All-Purpose Traditional Blessing After Eating:

Blessed be You YHVH-Adonai our God Ruler of the World, the One who creates many souls along with whatever they lack, for everything that you created, to give life through them to the soul of all life.

Blessed is the Life of the Worlds ברוך הי העולמים

יין WINE At each level, before drinking wine, one can add, "For the sake of the unification of Yod-Heh with Vav-Heh!"

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The Four Levels of Meaning:

At each level, share teachings that fit that level. The acronym for all four levels spells פרדס Pardes, orchard or paradise.

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Secret, mystical meaning Kabbalah

How to do the seder

Start from the bottom.

For each level: 1. Drink the wine.

- 2. Learn a text.
- 3. Eat the fruit.
- 4. Share songs, poems
- and meditations.

דרש Drash Mythic meaning Poetry, Midrash

Blessings for smelling:

fruit: borei rei'ach tov bapeirot trees: borei `atsey b'samim plants: borei isvey b'samim prepared spices: borei miney b'samim

רמז Remez Moral, Ethical meaning Parable, Allegory

Blessings for eating:

wine/grape juice: borei p'ri hagafen other drinks: shehakol nihyeh bidvaro tree fruit: borei p'ri ha'eits grains: borei miney m'zonot vegetables or ground fruit: borei p'ri ha'adamah

טשש P'shat Simple, Literal meaning



You can start or end the seder with the blessing from the original Kabbalistic seder, downloadable from neohasid.org.

1. all white make the blessing for wine for all 4 cups