



YAHATZ: THE FOURTH MATZAH

This year, we add a fourth matzah at our Seder. Before breaking the middle matzah for *Y'ahatz*, this year, let us add another matzah to the plate. And then we crumble it, as a tangible reminder of all the brokenness around us this year

Here is a ritual which can be recited by the Seder leader or passed around the table:

[Lift the fourth matzah]

I lift this matzah, bread of affliction,
to remind us of what is broken in our world.

[Break the matzah in half]

I break this matzah to remind us of the four corners
of the earth
where human greed and gratification have wrought
destruction.

[Break the matzah in four]

I break this matzah once more to remind us of the children
whose futures are fractured and whose eyes are empty
of hope.

[Break the matzah again]

I break this matzah in pieces to remind us of the rubble
of lives ruined by war and hearts broken by hatred.

[Crumble the matzah]

Tonight, we relive the story of our own brokenness and
redemption — May it remind us to work for the
redemption of the world.

– Rabbi Deborah Silver



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