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To be read before the three symbols of Passover. (Magid)

*Rabban Gamliel used to say: Whoever does not discuss the following three things on Passover has not fulfilled his duty, namely:*

**Passover** *(the Passover-sacrifice),*

**Matzah** *(the unleavened bread)*

*and*

**Maror** *(the bitter herbs).*

Rabban Gamliel answers the question, "What is required to feel the intensity and the urgency of the seder enough to get you up out of your seat such that you must respond to injustice in the world?"

His answer: Passover, Matzah and Maror. These are the symbols we investigate to identify the wrongs which must be set right.

Especially when considering issues around justice in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, what do these symbols suggest?

**Passover:** Where are people or their rights being sacrificed for someone else to have power?

**Matzah:** Also known as the bread of affliction: Where is someone being afflicted or suffering under hardship imposed upon them so that someone else gains power?

**Maror:** Where have people's lives been embittered for the sake of someone else to take away the power of others for their own gain?

