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Passover: 14th day of Nisan

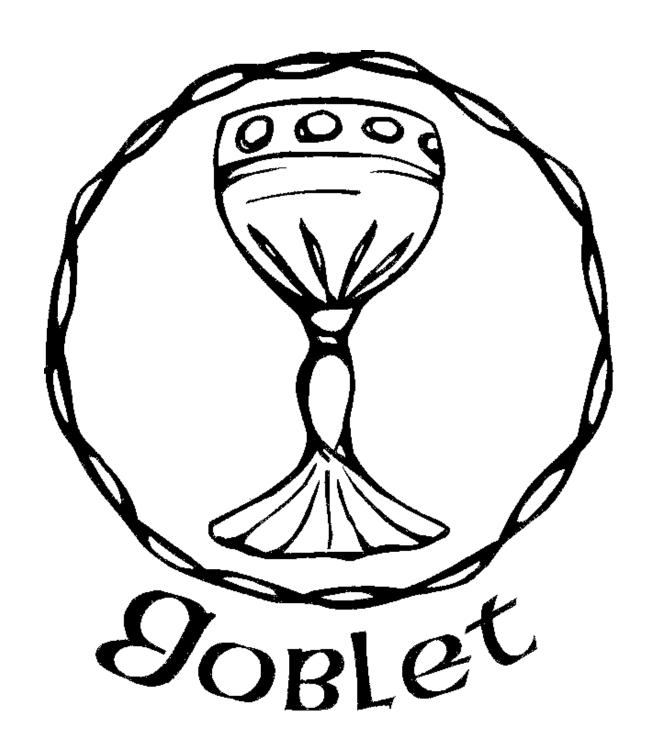
On *Pesach*, or Passover, Jewish people commemorate their flight from slavery in Egypt. Its name comes from the events chronicled in Exodus XII: God, angry with the pharaoh for not agreeing to let his people go, afflicted the Egyptians with 10 plagues. The Jews escaped his final plague -- death of the firstborn son -- by sacrificing a lamb and placing its blood on their doorposts. The angel of death "passed over" any dwelling with this mark.

In observance this holiday, Jewish people hold a Seder (the ceremonial evening meal), read from the Haggadah (Exodus), and eat dishes that symbolize their hardships in and deliverance from Egypt.

Passover is a significant holiday for Christians as well. It was just before the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem that Jesus, a Jew, was crucified. The root "pasch," from which so many other names for Easter are derived, is from the Hebrew *pesach*.











"Behold the matzah, bread of the poor, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry, let them come and eat. I will take you to be My people, and I will be your God."



