

## **1. PESACH MATERIAL FROM NEOT KEDUMIM-THE BIBLICAL LANDSCAPE RESERVE IN ISRAEL**

Dear Friends,

References are to the Neot Kedumim website [www.neot-kedumim.org.il](http://www.neot-kedumim.org.il) and to the book Nature in Our Biblical Heritage, by Neot Kedumim founder Nogah Hareuveni.

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In addition, there is a lot more material on the Song of Songs, on the calendar and aviv, and on the "Mosaic of Time" at Neot Kedumim, a huge interactive calendar that illustrates this.

As for descriptive material on the history, grounds, and programs of Neot Kedumim—the best source is the website, [www.neot-kedumim.org.il](http://www.neot-kedumim.org.il).

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**MAROR** (bitter herbs):

[http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/newsletter/pesach\\_06/herbs.htm](http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/newsletter/pesach_06/herbs.htm)

See also Nature in Our Biblical Heritage, pp. 46-47

**HYSSOP** (ezov), which was used to paint the doorposts with blood (Exodus 12:22):

[http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/newsletter/pesach\\_07/hyssop.htm](http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/newsletter/pesach_07/hyssop.htm)

**AVIV, GRAIN** at its first edible stage, and the **DATE OF PESACH**:

<http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/holidays/passover.htm>

See Nature in Our Biblical Heritage, pp.48-52, for a discussion and illustrations of aviv and the lunar-solar calendar.

**SONG OF SONGS** photo images, which is read on the Shabbat of Pesach:

<http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/holidays/photoalbum.htm>

**How to order a copy of Nature in Our Biblical Heritage and other Neot Kedumim publications:**

<http://www.n-k.org.il/public/english/what/publications/publications.htm>

## **2. American Jewish World Service**

Dear Educator:

The liberation of the Israelites from Egypt stands at the core of the Biblical conception of justice. It is the basis of millions of efforts towards justice both large and small, and it stands at the center of our work at American Jewish World Service and AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps.

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**[http://action.ajws.org/site/PageNavigator/exodus\\_revolution](http://action.ajws.org/site/PageNavigator/exodus_revolution)**

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