

Passover Challenge



Celebrating the exodus of the Israelites from slavery...

Passover (or Pesach) is the Jewish holiday centred around the Seder meal, one of the most widely observed rituals in Judaism. Let's find out more!

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Craft

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- ☆ Paint, decorate or make a Seder plate and find out what foods go on the plate and why.

What?

The Seder plate is a special plate which holds symbolic foods for the Passover Seder. Each of the 6 items on the plate has a part in retelling the story of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

- ☆ It is tradition that 2 candles are lit to start the Passover feast; make a pair of candles. In some Jewish homes the candles are believed to represent husband and wife and that lighting them brings peace to the home. In other homes additional candles are lit for each child at the table.
- ☆ Make a pair of candle sticks or a table centre piece to hold 2 candles.
- ☆ Decorate or make a matzah cover and afikomen bag.

What?

For the Seder, 3 matzah (unleavened flatbread) are used. Different homes have different traditions but often a cover is used to protect the breads. At the Seder, before the Exodus story is told, the middle matzah is broken and the larger piece wrapped in a cloth/bag to be saved and eaten for "dessert", this is the afikomen. In some homes the afikomen is hidden for children to find at the end of the Seder.

- ☆ Create your own puppets and use them to tell the story of the 10 plagues of Egypt and the exodus of the Israelites.
- ☆ Paint a set of story stones to represent the 10 plagues.
- ☆ Decorate a cup for Elijah. At the Seder a ceremonial cup of wine is poured and set aside for Elijah the Prophet. In many Jewish homes this cup is set aside all year and only used for this purpose.
- ☆ Jews in Hungary decorate their Seder table with gold and silver jewellery to symbolise gifts given by the Egyptians in an attempt to end the Ten Plagues. Make some gold and silver recycled jewellery or table decorations.
- ☆ Build a pyramid from materials of your choice. The charoset on the Seder plate represents the mortar used by Jewish slaves in the building of Egypt.
- ☆ Make a model Seder plate and ingredients. You could use modeling clay, building blocks or other materials of your choice.



Food

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- ☆ Make your own matzah and find out how to make them kosher for Passover.
- ☆ Host a chametz party to use up any foods/ingredients forbidden during Passover, you could make waffles, pancakes and puddings.

What?

Chametz are foods made from wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt that has come in to contact with water and been allowed to ferment and 'rise'. According to Jewish law, Jews may not own, eat or benefit from chametz during Passover.

- ☆ Use up cereal and make your own cereal bars before Passover.
- ☆ Make your own bread crumbs and use them in a recipe.
- ☆ Cut, chop and mix your own charoset. The recipes vary by region and ingredient availability; why not try and find a local/family recipe?
- ☆ Matzah ball soup is a favourite among many Jewish families during Passover, find a recipe and try it.
- ☆ Learn to boil an egg, one of the six items on the Seder plate.
- ☆ Host your own Seder meal.

Did You Know?

President Obama held the first Seder at the White House in 2009 and you can host a Seder in your own home or meeting place. The Haggadah is a Jewish text that sets out the order of the Seder and its rituals. There are many versions and you can find several online for free. The Maxwell House Haggadah is the most widely used in the world with an estimated 50 million copies in print.

- ☆ Make your own marzipan treats and celebrate Mimouna. Mimouna is a celebration dinner that marks the end of Passover. Traditional in Morocco but now in other countries including Israel and Canada.
- ☆ Find out why an orange is placed on the Seder plate in some Jewish homes.
- ☆ Design your own matzo pie, similar to lasagne but using matzah bread.
- ☆ In 2015 Ben & Jerry's released a special Charoset flavoured ice cream in Israel. Have a go at making your own flavoured ice cream.
- ☆ Deep clean your kitchen and find out how to make it kosher for Passover.



Games

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- ☆ Play a game of 'Hunt the Chametz'.

Why/How?

In many Jewish homes the tradition of bedikat chametz sees families searching their home for any leftover chametz whilst carrying a wooden spoon, candle, paper bag and a feather.

Hunt around your own home or meeting place for pieces of chametz (croutons/small pieces of bread or crackers would do). Compete to see who can find the most. Don't want to use food? Try hiding small objects such as marbles, buttons or paperclips instead.

- ☆ Have a game of fruit salad using some/all of the 10 plagues as your names. When 'Exodus' is called, everyone should swap places.
- ☆ Play Kim's Game by candle light using objects from the Seder plate or chametz search (paper bag, candle, wooden spoon and feather).
- ☆ Find the afikomen. A fun tradition in many Jewish homes, hiding the afikomen (the 'dessert' portion of the middle matzah) keeps the youngest members of the family entertained and awake!
- ☆ Race to fill a pillowcase with heavy/bulky objects and carry it around an obstacle course (or around your dinner table).

Why?

Many Jewish families add their own traditions to their Seder and that's no different around the world. In Romania, at the part of the Haggadah that says, "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt," Jews fill a pillowcase with heavy objects and carry it around the table, with each person at the Seder taking a turn.

- ☆ Create a board game based on the 10 plagues of Egypt and the Passover story. You can find different versions online, suitable for different ages.
- ☆ Play a game of Seder bingo using our free resource.
- ☆ Have a game or two of charades using the story of the Exodus and the 10 plagues of Egypt. Use our 'Passover Charades' resource if you like.
- ☆ Afghani Jews hit each other with spring onions (scallions) during their Seder, mimicking the whips of the slave drivers of Egypt. Play a game of tag using spring onions.
- ☆ Sell your chametz in a trading game. As the ownership of chametz is forbidden during Passover, many Jews choose to sell any food/items they don't want to dispose of in a legally binding sale.



Other

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- ☆ Complete a thorough spring clean; during Passover chametz (leavened bread/grains) is forbidden so deep cleaning is essential and a major ritual for many in the weeks before Passover.
- ☆ Hand washing (urchatz) is one of the rituals of Passover and the Seder meal. Find out about the ritual of hand washing and also hand washing for hygiene best practices.
- ☆ Discover the Haggadah; read different versions to find one that you like and have a go at following it for your own Seder meal.
- ☆ Find out why Passover is a day shorter in Israel and why in the Diaspora the Seder is held on both the first and second nights of Passover.
- ☆ Read a book about Passover such as, *The Passover Mouse* by Joy Nelkin Wieder and Shahar Kober or *The Story of Passover* by David A. Adler and Jill Weber.
- ☆ Act out the Passover story; some Polish Jews pour water on the floors of their dining rooms to make the story of the exodus more realistic.
- ☆ The last supper is believed to have been a Seder, have a go at recreating the famous mural by Leonardo da Vinci either as a photograph/freeze frame or as a model or painting.
- ☆ The youngest member of the family plays an important role in the Seder, let the youngest member of your group/family take control for a while.
- ☆ Watch *The Prince of Egypt* (1998) or *The Ten Commandments* (1956), both films tell the story of Moses and the exodus of the Jews from Egypt.
- ☆ There is a second Passover. Find out when and why it is held.
- ☆ Discover where the largest Seder meal happens and find its location on a map. How many people attend? Who is it organised by?
- ☆ Have a bonfire/light a fire. Any chametz remaining on the day Passover begins should be burned.
- ☆ Visit your local synagogue to find out more about Passover and other Jewish holidays and festivals.
- ☆ Speak to members of your local Jewish community and discover some of their own traditions for the Seder meal.

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