

Passover Resources 5782/2022

For the past two years as we moved through this global pandemic, Passover seders looked markedly different. Screens and zoom links became key components of people's table settings, and most families gathered with only those who live under the same roof – which also meant that many celebrated Passover without any other people physically present. This year, we are in transition. Some of us will gather in person, and others will continue to distance. Regardless, we hope everyone finds ways to celebrate this holiday of storytelling, freedom, and renewal.

To help, we have updated our list of resources for your use. Below, you'll find three lists: first, a few **online and/or easily downloadable haggadot** for you and/or your family. Second, a collection of **creative seder supplements**. And finally, a compilation of **Passover activities**, drawn from a number of sources, that offer you the opportunity to create a Pesach experience in addition to, or instead of, the traditional seder setting. In all cases, we have added brief commentary to the resources offered, in an attempt to describe or lift up the aspects of the resource that we find particularly useful or meaningful.

Online Haggadot

1. [Haggadot.com: Make Your Own Passover Haggadah](#) - this site continues to serve as the veritable Mecca (or should we say Jerusalem?) of online haggadot - you can create your own or peruse their Haggadah Library. Here are some favorites:
 - a. [OneTable's Abridged Seder Guide](#) – this year, we bring in both Passover and Shabbat – here's OneTable's shortened version to get your seder in quickly!
 - b. The [HIAS Haggaddah 2021](#) is likely even more relevant this year, as we watch the present-day refugee crises that have unfolded since we last sat at the seder table, in Afghanistan and Ukraine. On this holiday in which we so clearly walk the path of the refugee, this haggadah reminds us of their plight and our responsibilities to them as once-enslaved people. Check out this [Haggadah](#) from American Jewish World Service (AJWS) for another global justice-focused option.
 - c. [Passover Meditation Guide](#) – this guide, created by Alison Laitcher with beautiful art by Jewish artist Jessica Tamar Deustch, offers four meditations via video, along with art pieces to move you through the essence of the Passover seder.
 - d. The [Coloring Book Haggadah | Passover Haggadah by Haggadot](#) - simple, clear, straightforward, and keeps your hands moving.
 - e. This [Schitt's Creek Haggadah](#) is really more of a way to “meme” your way through the seder. Worth a click for all Creek fans!
 - f. This [Women's Seder](#) contains all sorts of quotes, stories, and supplements to ensure women are fully included in the haggadah. See, in particular, the segment dispelling the urban myth of the orange on the seder plate!
2. [The Kveller Haggadah “A Seder for Curious Kids \(And their Grownups\)”](#) - fully downloadable!

3. [JewBarrassment-Free Passover Seder](#) - From JewBelong. A little sassy and irreverent, and full of opportunities for seriousness and silliness. Plenty of resources in addition to the haggadah, all free fully downloadable.
4. [The Velveteen Rabbi Haggadah](#) – Rabbi Klass’s all-time favorite haggadah, created by Rabbi Rachel Barenblatt, aka the “Velveteen Rabbi.” Her haggadah was the first Rabbi Klass ever used to lead a seder, back in 2006 around a communal dorm room table in Dublin, Ireland when it was one of the only haggadot she could find online! It is comprehensive and fully editable; Rabbi Barenblatt fully invites you to take what you like and ignore the rest.
5. [This Haggadah](#) includes great commentary and builds on the inherent Passover themes of oppression and liberation. It was created by Rabbi Emily Aviva Kapor-Mater, a self-described radical trans feminist rabbi and activist. The Haggadah is technically free to download. Rabbi Kapor-Mater requests that those who choose to download it consider donating what they are able.

Seder Supplements

1. Resources from Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability
 - a. [Pre-seder preparation - “Setting a Conscious Table”](#) - Four questions to ponder as you prepare for Pesach
 - a. [An Egg-cellent dive](#) into the connection between Passover and the choices you make around your egg purchases
2. 18 Doors (formerly InterfaithFamily) has a plethora of resources to help you celebrate Passover, especially if you’re new to the experience or part of a family that includes both Jewish and non-Jewish folks. Among our favorites:
 - a. [This Passover cheat sheet](#) (send to everyone you’re inviting to join your seder for whom this may be a new experience!)
 - b. [A how-to on table-setting for your seder](#)
3. Poems to enhance your seder
 - a. [Again, on This Night](#) – a good introduction or opening poem
 - b. [A Poem to Include in your Miriam’s Cup Ritual](#) - imagining Miriam at the edge of the sea, gathering the courage to rejoice.
 - c. [To Pharaoh](#) – a letter written by Alicia Jo Rabins, in the depths of the pandemic.
4. [This reading](#) offers everyone at your table a chance to think about what it means to respect the dignity of every human being.
5. [Ruth's Cup: A Passover Ritual Celebrating Jewish Diversity | Passover Haggadah by Be'chol Lashon](#) - a beautiful ritual celebrating those who have chosen Judaism - here’s a reading from the ritual:
 - a. “We declare that we do not have to wait for the Messianic age to make sure that every Jew feels fully comfortable and integrated into our people, no matter what their skin, hair or eye color is; no matter what their name sounds like; no matter how they became Jewish—through birth or through conversion, as a child or as an adult.”
6. Hebrew College’s [PASSOVER COMPANION](#) from 2020 - There is a particularly beautiful poem at the end of the karpas section - it begins with “The entire seder is an invitation” on page 12 of the seder (page 17 of the document).

- a. Here's the beginning: "The entire seder is an invitation to taste the tears and hopes of our ancestors. To hold them close. TO know that we have been here before."
 - b. And here's the end: "Winter ends. Blossoms reappear. Birds return. Love rises again. So will you."
7. Four Children additions/alternatives
 - a. [This reading](#), by Rabbi Jill Hausman, suggests that the four children are at four different stages of spiritual development.
 - b. [The Four Children of Star Wars](#) - Written by TBE alum Rabbi Micah Streiffer!
 - c. These great Four Children images, drawn by Milken School Global Beit Midrash students all over the world
 - i. [Four Daughters](#)
 - ii. [Four Types of People](#)
 - iii. [Four Faces](#)
8. [FOUR QUESTIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE](#) - An alternative to the 4 questions.
9. [10 Great Discussion Topics for Your Passover Seder](#) - includes questions like: "Do you think your great-grandchildren will be sitting at a Passover seder someday? Why or why not?" and "What if the other proverbial bitter herb at the table is your brother-in-law or a family friend? How should such an individual be treated at the seder?"
10. Videos:
 - a. [Ha Lachma Anya – This is the Bread of Affliction](#) – a beautiful rendition in song, and doodles!
 - b. [Shalom Sesame: Les Matzarables](#) - A muppet video to play while you search for the afikomen - can you find it before the song ends?
 - c. [Moses and the Passover Story - The Kids Version](#) - The Passover Story from the perspective of a bunch of kids. Well-done and a pretty quick and engaging way to move through the telling of the story!
 - d. [The Maccabeats - Dayenu - Passover](#) - a lovely and very complete Dayenu to sing along to if you need some accompaniment.
 - e. [Middle Matzah Haggadah: A Digital Telling for a Time of Brokenness](#) – a 23-minute full seder run-through created by Rabbi David Spinrad and friends (including Sherry the Puppet) in the first months of the pandemic
11. [Skit - Pharaoh and Moses Go To A Conflict Counselor | Passover Haggadah by Dave Cowen](#) - because who doesn't like a good skit in their seder?
12. [20 Table Topics for Your Passover Seder | Passover Haggadah by JewishBoston](#) - in case you need more to talk about during seder. Includes such topics as: "What's the longest journey you have ever taken?" And "What do you consider your "promised land," or heaven on earth?"
13. Great memes:
 - a. [Beyonceter - Let's Get in Formation | Passover Haggadah by Haggadot](#) - A new take on Miriam and the women with her timbrel in her hand
 - b. [Afikomen poem](#) by Jewpikaur – this is just the tip of the iceberg; this account has some great short pithy Jewish poetry
14. [Reimagining the Seder Plate](#) – download and print this double-sided opportunity from HIAS to think about what items you would choose to put on your seder plate.

Passover Activities

1. [A Different Pesach: Ideas for Solo and Small Sedarim](#) – Created in the first year of the pandemic, this collaboratively created, crowdsourced document offers creative suggestions and options for those who find themselves physically alone on this most communal of holidays. My favorite part is the “A Little More” section, which offers a number of questions to help you dive deeper into the various sections of the seder. Perhaps this year, your seder might simply look like reflecting on those questions, alone in your journal or aloud on the phone with friends.
 - a. Another solo seder option: [Solo Seder | A OneTable Guide by OneTable - issuu](#)
2. [Share Your Story](#) - This activity was created by Moving Traditions to help kids learn the stories of their parents and grandparents by suggesting some questions they might ask. No kids? Answer the questions for each other anyway! No parents/grandparents? Ask another adult at your table!
3. A few activities that might be especially fun for kids, though we are firmly of the belief that most things we deem as “fun for kids” are equally if not more fun for “grownups,” too. These are pulled from a [Passover Resources doc](#) created in 2020 by Nachama Skolnik Moskowitz, the Senior Director of the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland:
 - a. What’cha going to grab? Supplies: One paper or plastic bag per person, a way to keep time
 - i. Moses is getting ready to lead the Jews out of Egypt! What are you going to grab to take with you?
 - ii. Set the timer (5 minutes) and tell players they need to grab what they think is most important to take with them. No limit on the number of items, as long as they fit in the bag!
 - iii. After the timer “dings!” spend time sharing what everyone chose and why.
 - b. Overnight in the desert Supplies: Sheets, blankets, pillows, beads, cooking pots, etc.
 - i. Everyone has escaped with Moses but it’s now time to rest for the night.
 - ii. Using the supplies you’ve provided, as well as other items they find around the house, work together to create a sukkah – a temporary shelter.
 - iii. Optional: Dress up in Egyptian clothing (a towel around one’s waist) or desert garb (robe, along with a towel placed on one’s head). Offer a matzah snack.
 - iv. Leave up the desert home for a bit so your child can play!
 - c. Pesach Scavenger Hunt Offer a page of clues-of-items to find around the house such as:
 - i. At the seder, we are supposed to recline in the spirit of free people. What would make your reclining more comfortable?
 - ii. Karpas are green vegetables that remind us of springtime. Find one thing we could eat as karpas.

- iii. We eat unleavened bread on Pesah . Find a box of “unleavened bread” (do not open it!)
- iv. List five complaints you think the Jews would have moaned about in the desert.

Other Resources

1. Two Passover Spotify playlists:
 - a. [Passover Family Favorites](#)
 - b. [Passover Songs for Adults](#)
2. Mimouna - add this final-day-of-Passover festival to your holiday celebration this year:
 - a. What is Mimouna?
 - i. [+972: Ten things you didn't know about Mimouna](#)
 - ii. <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/maimouna-a-post-passover-celebration/>
 - b. [Recipes!](#) - including Stuffed Dates, Moroccan-style Baked White Fish, and of course, Mufleta (special bread to celebrating the return to leavening - not to be confused with muffuletta, a very not-Kosher for Passover New Orleans sandwich specialty!)
3. [A Passover Shabbat by OneTable](#) - A quick two-pager to help create intention around the Shabbat that occurs during Passover
4. [Four Questions for Your Shabbat Table by OneTable](#) - As the instructions say, “Make the millennial who doesn’t remember Rugrats ask them.”
5. [Vegan Passover Tips and Recipes](#) - for the meat-free dairy-free eaters among us.

Recipes

1. [Make your own matza!](#) – purposefully quick and easy!
2. [OneTable’s Passover Recipes](#) from around the world, including a Mexican-inspired matzah ball soup and a West African brisket.
3. [7 Charoset Recipes to Give Passover an International Flair](#) - These made my mouth water. If you have Jewish friends in your neighborhood, perhaps you can each take a recipe and do a “drop-off charoset share,” leaving small tupperwares for each other so you can each taste them all!
4. [Moishe House](#) has just put together a new cookbook and resource guide full of Moroccan, Syrian, Tunisian and Yemenite recipes.
5. [18 Doors](#) has a great collection of recipes. We’re particularly intrigued by the Matza Samosas
6. [My Jewish Learning’s](#) recipe list is also incredibly extensive and is organized by Seder Basics (think Haroset) Passover Classics (think Brisket), Mains (including Matza Mac & Cheese), Soups (Matza Ball and beyond!) Sides, and Desserts.

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3. A ridiculous but impressively done [Adele/Beiber Passover Mashup](#) using video from Charlton Heston's The Ten Commandments.
4. [A Lion King Passover](#) – by the iconic acapella group, Six13.