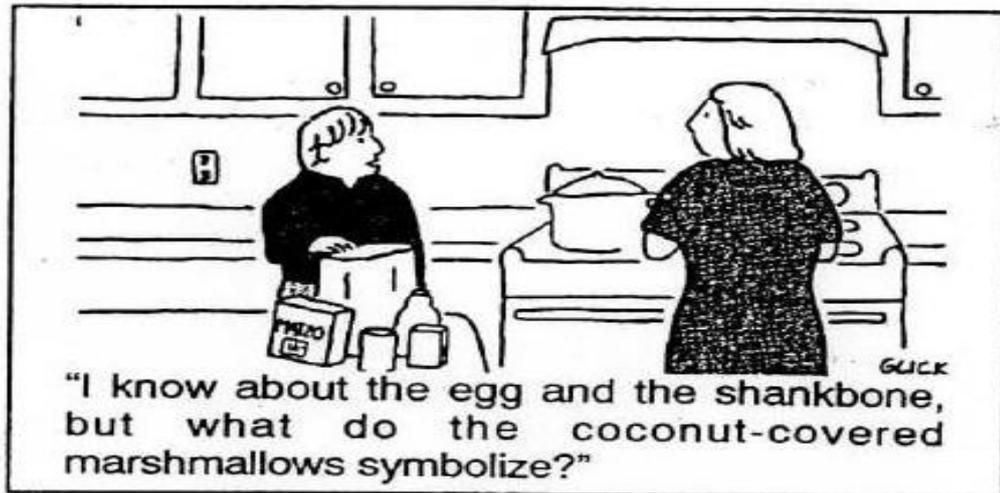


Turbo charge your Seder



<http://shellysretirementadventure.com/2014/04/11/passover-goodies-and-other-enjoyments-of-the-season/>

FOR KIDS: Make it the Best Night of the Year

Lots of ideas for kids here -

http://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/354750/jewish/Passover.htm

Seder Board Game – <http://media.aish.com/documents/seder-game-new.pdf>

Print ahead of time and then all you need is dice and some game pieces for each player

Other resources - <http://www.staje.org/?s=seder>

PROPS FOR THE SEDER

- For the 10 plagues: red food colouring and water (blood), plastic toy frogs, a bag of salt (lice), slime (boils), plastic toy animals (pestilence and wild beasts), a ping pong ball and softball (hail), plastic toy grasshoppers (locusts), sleep masks (darkness).
- For drinking the grape juice/wine: pillows to lean against
- Egyptian style wigs for all the guests
- Passover play – write out a short script following the basic exodus / ten plagues storyline with parts for Narrator, Moses, God, Egyptians, Israelites, print out the several copies of the script and let your guests improvise....
- Give each guest 3 slips of paper: Comment, Question, Story. Tell them that each person needs to offer one of each during the seder
- Have a "Job Jar" – pre- write all the "tasks" for the Seder to run smoothly (pour the wine for the guests, hand out the matza, pass round the herbs) each person pulls out some from the jar.
- (Pre) Allocate the paragraphs to read – everyone gets to do something, read it and then say something that they found interesting/relevant/curious about that paragraph

FOR ADULTS: The 15 Steps: Seder Night and Personal Transformation

The 15 tightly choreographed components of the traditional Seder Night service have an amazingly sophisticated structure and contain a variety of compelling practical and inspirational values.

HAGADA RECOMMENDATIONS - INVEST IN A NEW ONE THIS YEAR!

BEST PICTURES

The Katz Passover Haggadah: The Art of Faith and Redemption (Feldheim) by Baruch Chait (Author), Gadi Pollack (Artist)

THOUGHT PROVOKING ESSAYS

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks Hagadah (Continuum 2006)

USER FRIENDLY

The Passover Survival Kit/Hagaddah by Shimon Apisdorf (Leviathan Press:1997)

EASY TO READ

Transliterated Linear Haggadah (Artsroll)

JUST THE TEXT

The Family Hagada (Artsroll)

FOR KIDS

Haggadah: Illustrated Youth Edition (Artsroll)

SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

Consider a Passover themed tour of the British Museum – eg one run by LSJS or Rabbi Arye Forta or do one yourself using the British Museum website.

ARTICLES TO DOWNLOAD:

Jacobson, S. The Passover Seder: A Blueprint for Freedom

https://www.meaningfullife.com/torah/holidays/7a/The_Original_Fifteen_Step_Program.php

Heller, T. The Seder, a Spiritual Journey

<http://www.aish.com/h/pes/t/si/48943706.html>

Mandel, M. & Katz, E. Seder for the Soul

<http://www.aish.com/h/pes/t/si/48941956.html>

Passover recipes, FAQs, Selling your Chametz Forms and everything else you might need

<http://www.theus.org.uk/category/pesach-2016>

Celebrating Passover in the Holocaust

There are remarkable accounts of the lengths that Jews went to during the Holocaust to observe Passover. Follow the link below for a prayer said by Jews in Bergen Belsen who could not observe Passover. What thoughts and feelings does this raise for you in 2016, celebrating Seder in a liberal democracy in the West?

<http://www.nj.gov/education/holocaust/pres/Pesach.pdf>

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MAKE THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT.....

Use paper ware if it will make the evening more enjoyable for you!

INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION AROUND THE DINNER TABLE.....

Why do you think Jews have been keeping Seder night for over 3,300 years?

What do you think the purpose of the Seder service is?

What messages of Jewish history does the Seder contain?

Do you think the Seder is more about the past or the future?

What part of the Seder do you find the most inspiring? The most relevant? The most bemusing?

What do you think the main reasons for continuing to have an annual Seder are?

Why do you think the Seder is held at night time and (typically) at home? (Can you find some answers in the Hagada?)

What object or food would you add to the Seder table to symbolise freedom?

Seder night is the birthday party for the Jewish people – what do you think the most valuable gifts are that Judaism has given the world?

Do you find the themes of freedom / immigration especially pertinent this year?

Do we take our freedom for granted? Why or why not?

If leavened bread represents ego and the negative parts of our character which we are freed from on Pesach, what part of your character would you most like to break free from and why?

“Dayeinu” is a song about gratitude – what are you most grateful for in your life and why? How much time do you spend appreciating it?

Why are there so many questions as part of the actual Seder service and what does this say about Jewish education?

Children are clearly a focus of the Seder narrative and the evening – Why?

Why is this night different for you– from say last year?

Next year in Jerusalem – what are your spiritual goals for the year ahead?

If this is night of celebrating freedom - why do we include bitter herbs?

How might you say western society is virtually enslaved?

Why do you think the Jewish people, a small, persecuted, dispersed nation has survived and consistently managed to outlive great world civilizations? (all whilst making a disproportionate contribution to world civilization)

Answer the following questions in CHARACTER of an Israelite in Egypt:

Do you believe that you will ever leave Egypt?

How did you feel when the plagues were afflicting the Egyptians?

How did you feel when standing at the Red Sea?

THE SEDER: Technical Requirements

<http://www.theus.org.uk/category/pesach-2016>

Seder plate with:

- Sliced Cucumber / celery / potato (*Karpas*)
- Lettuce (*Chazeret*)
- Horseradish (*Marror*)
- *Charoset*
- Roasted chicken wing (*Zero'ah*)
- Hard boiled egg (*Beitzah*)



On the table:

- Matzah cover with 3 matzas and extra matza to ensure there is sufficient for each person
- Bottles of grape juice / Wine sufficient for four cups for each person
- Cup for Elijah
- Small bowl of saltwater
- Hagadas for everyone so that each person can read a bit / follow

Seder Section Name	Four Cups	Key activity
1. Kadesh	FIRST CUP	Make Kiddush
2. Urchatz		Wash hands before vegetable
3. Karpas		Dip vegetable in salt water and eat it
4. Yachatz		Break middle matza
5. Maggid	SECOND CUP	Tell the story of the exodus
6. Rachtza		Wash hands
7. Motzi		Make hamotzie
8. Matza		Eat matza
9. Marror		Eat bitter herbs
10. Korech		Eat matza and bitter herbs sandwich
11. Shulchan Orech		Festive Meal
12. Tzafun		Eat the afikoman
13. Barech	THIRD CUP	Bentch
14. Hallel	FOURTH CUP	Songs of praise
15. Nirtza		Conclusion

Dry Bones



http://www.drybonesblog.blogspot.co.uk/2014_04_01_archive.html

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