

Passover: A Time to Create New Memories

When you think about what you want your seder to express about your family, think about what memories you want to create for your children and grandchildren and for those who share your seder table. Perhaps the memory is of family and friends coming together, with all their variations and differences, which attest to how we are all always changing and how those changes can serve to strengthen us . . . Our challenge is to search the past for that which will add meaning to our celebrations and consequently to our lives in the present.

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SELECTED FAMILY RESOURCES ON PESAḤ

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WEBOGRAPHY

http://www.aish.com/passlaw/passlawdefault/When_Passover_Falls_Out_on_Saturday_Night.asp -

This site covers all the special customs when Passover falls on a Saturday night.

<http://www.babaganewz.com/holidays/index.cfm?cat=23&sub=pesachcentral>
– Babaganewz “web-zine” (web magazine) with holiday games, crafts, puzzles, music, and more!



<http://www.bus.ualberta.ca/yreshef/pesach/playroom.html> – Puzzles and games from Pesah to Shavuot.

<http://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach.asp?AID=1981> – Passover guide for kids, including stories and games. Includes two videos – “Let’s Bake Matzos” and “Let’s Make Wine.”

<http://www.chadiscrafts.com/fun/passover.html> - Pesah crafts, lessons, and links.

<http://www.holidays.net/passover/recipes.htm> - Traditional Passover recipes.

<http://www.jewfaq.org/holidays> - Basic and advanced levels of information about Pesah, including music, haggadot, key terms and more.

www.jewishfreeware.org - Selections for Passover Haggadot, for novice and almost-novice, in Hebrew, English, and transliteration. Also source of a songbook for "fun songs" for Pesah.

<http://www.jvibe.com/homer/Welcome.html> - A fun way to count the Omer - the days between Passover and Shavuot – with Homer Simpson.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

For Young Children

Holub, Joan. *Company’s Coming! (A Passover Lift-the-Flap Book)*. New York, NY: Puffin Books, 2002.

Brightly illustrated and written in rhyme about the Seder, this book is suitable for beginning readers or to read to preschoolers. Contains a limited glossary and a recipe for *haroset*.

Lister, Claire, Editor. *My First Passover Board Book*. New York, NY: DR Publishing, Inc., 2002. Colorful pictures and simple words sentences tell the story of Passover in this board book.



Livney, Varda. ***What I Like about Passover***. New York, NY: Simon and Shuster, 2002.

A charmingly illustrated board book showing all the important symbols of Pesah, for very young children.

Sper, Emily. ***The Passover Seder: Touch, Turn, Open and Learn***. New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc., 2003.

A simple but clear explanation of Passover and the Seder, with illustrations to be opened, turned, or simply touched to interest children and help them to understand the Passover symbols.

For Children - Ages 8 – 12

Goldin, Barbara Diamond. ***The Passover Journey: A Seder Companion***. New York, NY: Penguin Books, 1994.

Retells the story of the Israelites' fight for liberation from slavery in Egypt and explains the traditions of the Passover Seder.

Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane. ***Celebrating Passover***. New York, NY: Holiday House, 2000.

Uses one family's celebration of Passover to describe the religious significance, traditions, customs, and symbols of this Jewish holiday.

Pushker, Gloria Teles. ***Toby Belfer's Seder – A Passover Story Retold***. Gretna, Louisiana: Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., 1994.

Toby invites her best friend, Donna Barker, who is Christian, and her family to the Belfers' Passover Seder, and the Barkers learn about the origins and customs of this holiday.

Rush, Barbara and Cherie Karo Schwartz. ***The Kids' Catalog of Passover: A Worldwide Celebration of Stories, Songs, Customs, Crafts, Food and Fun***. Philadelphia, PA: The Jewish Publication Society, 2000.

Presents stories, songs, crafts, recipes, games and more, related to various aspects of the celebration of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

For Adults

Anisfeld, Sharon Cohen, Tara Mohr, and Catherine Spector, Editors. ***Women's Passover Companion***. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2003.

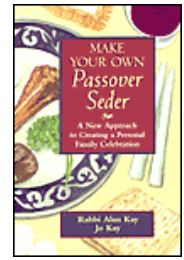
A collection of essays by women, reflecting on various aspects of Passover from a feminist perspective. Includes a glossary of Hebrew terms, a bibliography and an index.

Arnow, David. ***Creating Lively Passover Seders: A Sourcebook of Engaging Tales, Texts and Activities***. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2004.

This is a Haggadah companion for Seder leaders. It aims to create the feeling that one has personally gone out of Egypt. It is arranged in the order of the Haggadah and contains interactive stories, study ideas, and activities to do, both before and during the Seder. It includes suggestions for small group work prior to the Seder as well.

Kay, Alan and Jo Kay. ***Make Your Own Passover Seder: A New Approach to Creating a Personal Family Celebration.*** San Francisco, CA: An Arthur Kurzweil Book/Jossey Bass, 2004.

This is a guide to making the Seder a unique, meaningful family experience. It is a "how-to" book that will appeal to both those new and experienced in making the Seder relevant and spiritual, making it a treasure trove of ideas.



Kimmel, Eric A. ***Wonders and Miracles: A Passover Companion.*** New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2004.

Lavishly illustrated with art spanning 3,000 years, this book presents the steps of the traditional Seder as well as sources, songs, poetry, and archival pictures that celebrate the historical significance of this holiday to Jews all over the world. It includes biographies, references and an index.

Reiner, Yitshak Reiner and Shmuel Peerless, Editors. ***Studies on the Haggadah from the Teachings of Nechama Leibowitz.*** New York/Jerusalem: Urim Publications, 2002.

The purpose of this book is to enable families to engage in meaningful discussion of the story of Exodus during the Seder. It is a Haggadah that includes Seder-related quotations from Nechama Leibowitz's teachings. The questions related to the Haggadah and to the Biblical verses on which it is based.

Schwartz, Frances Weinman. ***Passage to Pesach: Preparing for Passover through Text and Tradition.*** New York, NY: UAH Press, 2003.

This book devotes a separate chapter to each of the five Sabbaths associated with Pesach, to the story of the Haggadah, and to each of the four cups of wine. Elijah's Cup is treated separately and a sixth cup is added in honor of Miriam. The objective is to prepare for Pesach on a spiritual and intellectual level.

Sender, Yitzchak. ***The Commentators' Pesach Seder Haggadah.*** Jerusalem, Israel: Feldheim Publishers, 2003.

This book is not a Haggadah, per se, but is a collection of ethical, moral, and halachic insights, plus stories and parables from Torah sages. It is meant to be shared with students in the classroom and with family and friends at the Seder. Presented from an Orthodox perspective.

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