



Haggadah

Chag Sameach to all our wonderful
Members, parents, staff and community.

From all of us at Langdon, we wish you an
extra special and happy Pesach.

What is Pesach?

Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the most important Jewish festivals.

We remember the story of the Jewish people's escape from slavery in Egypt.

We celebrate our freedom and remember the challenges/hardships we have had/been through. The main event of the Passover holiday is the seder which means "order". Seder is a festive meal where the Haggadah is read in a set order.

This booklet will help you through every stage in the seder, explaining what we are saying and why we are saying it, before we can enjoy our Pesach meal.

The steps of the Seder

1. Light two candles
2. Say a blessing
3. First glass of wine or grape juice
4. Wash hands
5. Dip parsley in salt water
6. Break the matzah and hide it!
7. Say the Ma Nishtana – The Four Questions
8. Talk about the Four Children
9. The storytelling of Passover
10. Talk about the ten plagues

11. The Seder Plate (part one)
12. Second glass of wine or grape juice
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14. Dinner
15. Third glass of wine or grape juice
16. Find the hidden matzah!
17. Is that Elijah at the door?
18. Thank you for our dinner!
19. Last glass of wine or grape juice
20. We're finished! Thank you

Let's begin!

The following are the steps of Seder explained

1. Light two candles

We light two candles and say the festival blessings over the candles.

This is the blessing:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, uh-sher kid -ishunoo be-mitz-vo-tav vet-zee-van-oo le-had-lik ner shel yom tov. Amen

2. Say a blessing

We say a blessing for Passover and the beginning of our Seder.

This is the blessing:

We hope that everyone in the world who isn't free can soon be free. We hope that everyone who is free is grateful that they are free. We are grateful to G-d for all the good things we have as we start to celebrate the festival of Passover.

3. First glass of wine or grape juice

We fill our glass with wine or grape juice and say a blessing over the wine.

This is the blessing:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray per-ee hagaf-en. Amen.

Now you can drink the first glass – there are four! L’Chaim!

4. Wash hands

The person who is helping to lead the Seder will now wash their hands.

5. Dip parsley in salt water

Take the parsley on the Seder plate and dip it in the salt water. We say the blessing over the parsley and then eat it – enjoy!

This is the blessing:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray per-ee ha-ud-umah. Amen

6. Break the matzah and hide it!

There are three matzahs on the table under a cloth. Take the middle one and break it in half. It doesn't need to be neatly broken. Hold the broken matzah for everyone to see.

We then say this blessing:

“This matzah is a sign of hard times. The story of Passover is all about how hard things were for the Jewish people in Egypt. It reminds us that we should always help people who are hungry or in need.”

Put the small half of the matzah back under the cover. Someone hides the bigger half and everyone should have their eyes closed. We all look for the hidden piece of matzah later on!

7. Say the Ma Nishtanah – The Four Questions

We now sing the Ma Nishtanah. The song asks the four questions about why this night is different from all other nights?

On all other nights we eat bread and anything we want – why do we only eat matzah tonight?

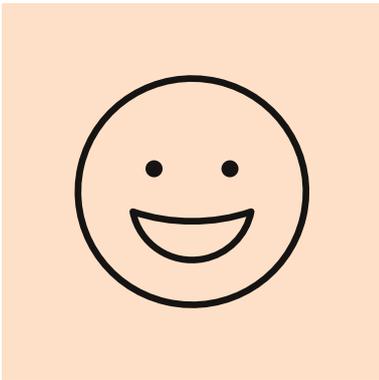
On all other nights we eat lots of vegetables and herbs – why do we eat bitter vegetables or herbs tonight?

On all other nights we don't dip our foods even once in salt water – why do we dip our foods (from the Seder plate) twice?

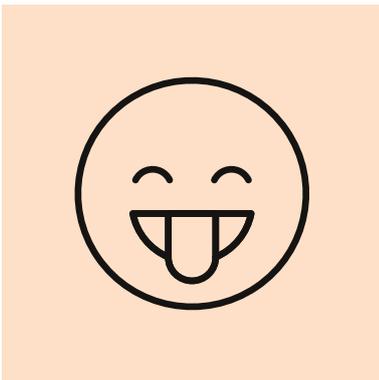
On all other nights we eat sitting up straight or leaning – however we want – why do we lean comfortably in our chairs tonight?

8. Talk about the Four Children

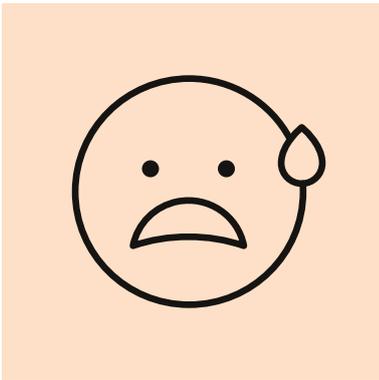
We tell the story of the Four Children. Each one represents a different part of us.



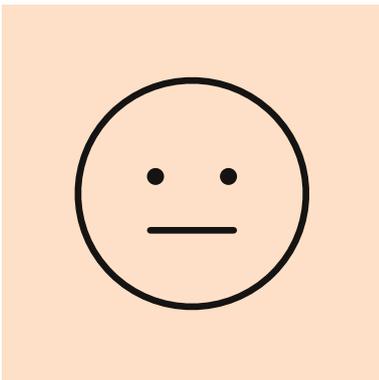
The Wise Child likes to think about things. We support this child to learn new things.



The Wicked Child is not really wicked but likes to do things differently from everyone else. We support this child to think about how other people might be feeling and that it is ok to feel different things.



The Young Child can find it hard to learn new things. We support this child by making sure we explain things in the way that supports them to understand.



The Child Who Doesn't Know What to Ask. This child doesn't always have the words for a question. We support this child by making sure we listen to what they are really trying to tell us.

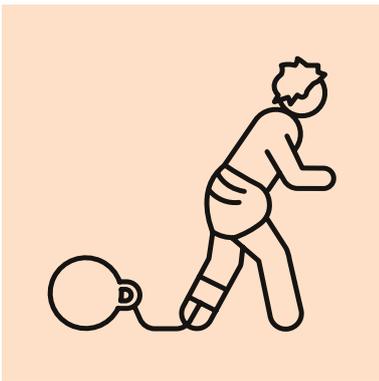
9. The storytelling of Passover

We tell the story of Passover.

Here is the short version.

This is a very old story from the Torah. The Torah is the Five Books of Moses – Genesis to Deuteronomy.

This is the story of the Exodus. An ‘exodus’ is when lots of people leave a place at the same time.



The Jewish people were slaves in a country called Egypt a long, long time ago.

Egypt is a country in the Middle East.

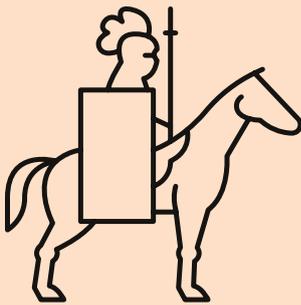


We tell the story of a man called Pharaoh who was very wicked and made the Jewish people slaves for 400 years. Moses was a very good man and he told Pharaoh “to let my people go” and stop having slaves.

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Pharaoh did not want to listen as he liked having slaves so Moses spoke to G-d and G-d sent ten plagues to Egypt.

After the tenth plague, Pharaoh let the Jewish people go free.



They all left in a very big hurry but Pharaoh changed his mind and chased them with his army to the Red Sea.



G-d helped Moses and the Jewish people by sending a big miracle and split the Red Sea in half so that they could escape to the other side. Then they were free and happy.

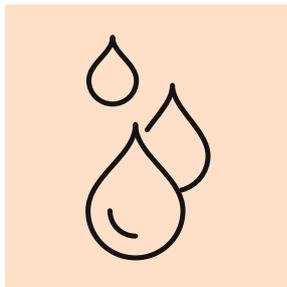
10. Talk about the ten plagues

We read out the ten plagues. We all pour a second glass of wine or grape juice.

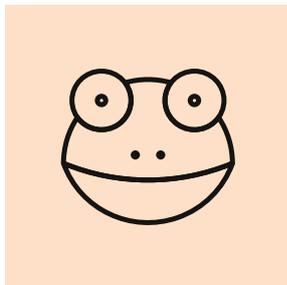
- but... don't drink it yet!

As we read each plague we put our finger in the grape juice and drop a bit of grape juice onto a napkin.

This is to remind us that even though the Egyptians were bad to us in Ancient Egypt we are still sad that the plagues happened to them. Each drop of grape juice is like a tear.



1. Blood
Drip some wine!



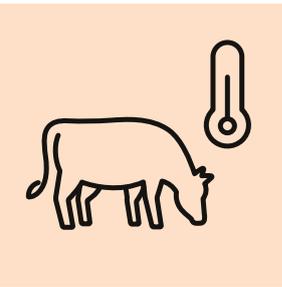
2. Frogs
Drip some wine!



3. Lice - itchy!
Drip some wine!



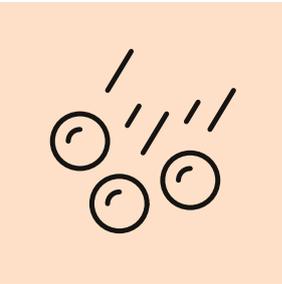
4. Wild animals - grr.
Drip some wine!



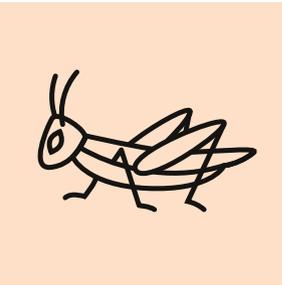
5. Cattle and sheep getting sick
Drip some wine!



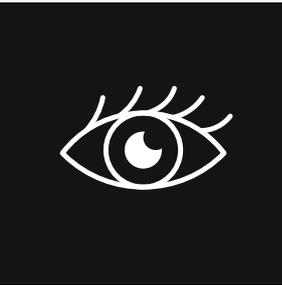
6. Boils – eww
Drip some wine!



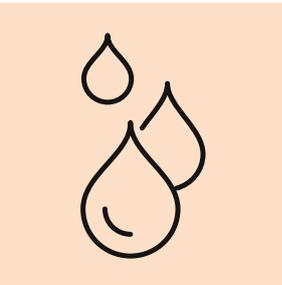
7. Hail
Drip some wine!



8. Locusts
Drip some wine!



9. Darkness – close your eyes!
Drip some wine!



10. Plague of the oldest Egyptian sons
Drip some wine!

11. The Seder Plate (part one)

Everyone looks at the shank bone on the Seder plate.

We have the shank bone because it reminds us of how we said thank you to G-d for saving us a long time ago in Egypt.

Everyone looks at the matzah.

We have the matzah to remind us that we left Egypt in such a hurry that the bread didn't have time to rise. It stayed flat and crispy.

Everyone looks at the bitter herbs on the Seder plate.

We have the bitter herbs to remind us how bitter and sad it is to be a slave.

We will look at the rest of the things on the Seder plate very soon.



12. Second glass of wine or grape juice

We take our glass with wine or grape juice and say the blessing over the wine.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elohey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray per-ee ha-gaf-en. Amen

Now you can drink the second glass – there are four! L’Chaim!

Don’t forget to lean to the left when you drink your wine or grapejuice!

13. The Seder Plate (part two)

Some people like to wash their hands and say this blessing about washing hands.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, uh -sher kid-ish-unoo be-mitz-vo-tav vet-zee-van-oo ul ne-teel-yat yad-eye-im. Amen

Now someone holds up the two whole matzahs on the table. Remember we broke another one in half? We say the blessing over the matzah – this is the same blessing we say over challah!

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mot-zee lech-em min ha-aretz. Amen

Wait! Before you eat the matzah we say another blessing which is about thanking G-d for giving us matzah to eat!

This is the blessing.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, uh - sher kid-ish-unoo be-mitz-vo-tav vet-zee-van-oo ul uch-eel-ot matzah. Amen

Now everyone eats some matzah!

Now who wants to try some of the bitter herbs? If you do, then take a small amount – its tastes very strong! The blessing for eating the bitter herbs is this.

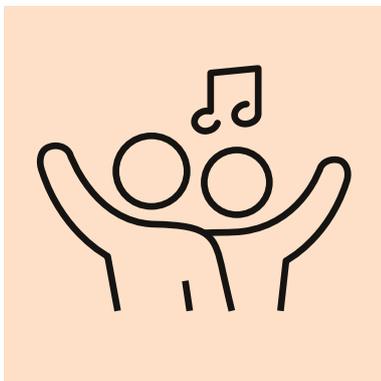
Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, uh -sher kid-ish-unoo be-mitz-vo-tav vet-zee-van-oo ul uch-eel-ot mar-or. Amen

Do you now want to have some bitter herbs with some matzah and some delicious charoset? There is no blessing to say for this! Charoset reminds us of the sticky cement used to build the pyramids.

14. Dinner

Now for some hard-boiled eggs and salt water to start our dinner – can you see one like it on the Seder plate? We don't eat the egg on the Seder plate. Eggs are round and remind us of new beginnings.

Dinner!



Who wants to sing Dayenu?

Lots of people love singing this song throughout the Seder!

15. Third glass of wine or grape juice

While we are having dessert let's fill our glass with wine or grape juice and say the blessing over the wine.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray per-ee ha-gaf-en. Amen

Now you can drink the third glass – there are four! L'Chaim!

16. Find the hidden matzah!

Time to find the matzah we hid at the beginning of the Seder! This piece of matzah is called the Afikomen.

17. Is that Elijah at the door?

Let's fill Elijah's cup on the table – it's time for him to visit in secret!



There is a story that the prophet Elijah comes to visit every house on Passover and drink some grape juice.

Does someone want to let him in?

18. Thank you for our dinner!

Let's say thank you to G-d for all the food we have eaten and all the things we are lucky to have!

Thank you!

19. Last glass of wine or grape juice

Time for our fourth and last glass of grape juice!

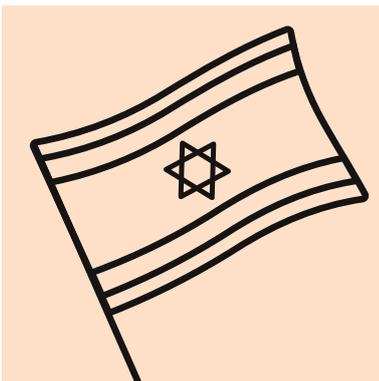
Let's fill our glass with wine or grape juice and say this blessing over the wine:

Ba-ruch a-ta Adon-oi Elo-hey-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, b o-ray per-ee ha-gaf-en. Amen

Now you can drink the fourth glass – this was the last one!
L'Chaim!

20. We're finished! Thank you

We finish our Seder by singing more songs and saying thank you to everyone who helped make it so special.



The last traditional thing we say is that we hope that next year we might have our Seder in Jerusalem – which would be exciting!

