

THE SEDER CARD

THE MITZVOT



Eat



Drink



Experience



On Passover our Mitzvah is to tell the story of the Jewish people. How well do you know our story? When did the Jewish people become nation? What wars have we fought? Where have we lived? What have been our challenges? What has been our successes? How did we get our name? **Keep your Seder focused.** Jews believe that there are many ideas worth discussing. Tonight is different, because it is exclusively dedicated to telling OUR story.



STEP 1 Kiddush

Cup #1
The Kiddush Cup

We pour the first cup. The Matzah is uncovered and we say the following —
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, G-d, our G-d, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all people, and sanctified us through His commandments. You, G-d, have given us festivals for happiness, feasts and festive seasons for rejoicing this Feast of Matzot the Season of our Freedom commemorating the departure from Egypt. For You have chosen us and sanctified us from all the nations, and You have given us as a heritage Your holy Festivals in happiness and joy. Blessed are You, G-d, who sanctifies Israel and the festive seasons.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam She-Hecheyanu, V'key'manu v' higiyanu, lazeman hazeh.

Drink the first cup.



At the seder we tell the story of the Jewish people using props. Veggies in salt water is an example of a prop we use to tell the story. Go around the table and ask each person what one prop he or she would bring to the Seder.

STEP 2 Wash for Veggies!

Wash your hands, twice on the right hand and twice on the left.



STEP 3 Eat the Veggie in Salt Water

Take a veggie and dip it into the salt water. Say the following blessing, and then eat it.
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam Borei Pree Ha'adamah.



We split the middle matza and hide it away for after dinner, this is called the Afikoman. This reminds us that in life we don't always see the entire story, half is hidden away. Before you break the matza, ask everyone to meditate:

1. Get relaxed.
2. Recall a story that happened to you that you thought was really terrible.
3. Now think about what good came out of it, that may have been hidden.
4. Open your eyes and with this new clarity break the Matza and hide half away.

STEP 4 Split the Matza

Split the middle matza and hide the Afikoman.



On Pesach we are encouraged to ask questions, because if you are asking questions this means that you are thinking and engaged. Encourage everyone at the table to ask questions relevant to the story of the Jewish people. Give out prizes for great questions.



STEP 5 Tell the Story

Fill the second cup, and raise the matza.

Cup #2
The Freedom Cup

Invite Guests *This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in Egypt. Whoever is hungry come and eat; whoever is needy come and partake! This year we are here; next year in Jerusalem.*

Mah-Nishtana "Mah Nishtana Halaylah Hazeh," Why is this night different?

1. On all [other] nights we eat chametz and matza; this night, only matza.
2. On all [other] nights we eat other vegetables; tonight (only) maror.
3. On all [other] nights, we don't dip [our food], even one time; tonight [we dip it] twice.
4. On [all] other nights, we eat either sitting or reclining; tonight we all recline.

"Tonight is different because we were slaves in Egypt, and G-d freed us. We tell the story in a way that all of our children can understand it."

Four Sons Corresponding to four sons did the Torah speak: one [who is] wise, one [who is] evil, one who is innocent and one who doesn't know to ask.

This is how it happened –

Ten Plagues These are ten plagues that the Holy One, blessed be He, brought on the Egyptians in Egypt and they are: 1. Blood 2. Frogs 3. Lice 4. Wild Animals 5. Pestilence 6. Boils 7. Hail 8. Locusts 9. Darkness 10. Death of the first born

We are so thankful.

Dayeinu How much good did G-d bestow upon us! If He had taken us out of Egypt and not made judgements on them; [it would have been] enough for us. If He had made judgments on them and had not made [them] on their gods; [it would have been] enough for us.



Think of someone this past year that went above and beyond for you... Think of a time that you went above and beyond for someone else... At the seder we remind ourselves that God goes above and beyond for us! Share a time when God went above and beyond for you.

Tonight we recall the Exodus from Egypt with these three symbols –

Pascal Lamb. Matzah. Marror. Rabban Gamliel was accustomed to say, Anyone who has not said these three things on Pesach has not fulfilled his obligation, and these are them:

Point to each and ask your table why do we have these here tonight?

The Pesach sacrifice, Matza and Marror.

We conclude the story of exodus with a blessing of thanks

"Blessed are You, G-d, our G-d, King of the universe, who has redeemed us and redeemed our fathers from Egypt, and enabled us to attain this night to eat matzah and marror. So too, G-d, our G-d and G-d of our fathers, enable us to attain other holidays and festivals that will come to us in peace with happiness in the rebuilding of Your city, and with rejoicing in Your service. Blessed are You, G-d, who redeemed Israel."

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam borei p'ri hagafen.

We say the Hagafen blessing and drink the second cup.

 **STEP 6 Wash again!**

Wash your hands, twice on the right hand and twice on the left and recite —

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam Asher K'deshanu, B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu al Netilat Yodayim.

 **STEP 7 "Hamotzee Lechem Min Haaretz"**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam Hamotzee Lechem Min Haaretz.

 **STEP 8 Matza**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam Asher K'deshanu, B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu Al Acheelat Matza.

Eat a piece the size of a hand while reclining.

 **STEP 9 Marror**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam Asher K'deshanu, B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu al acheelat Marror.

Eat a piece of marror; do not recline.

 **STEP 10 Sandwich time; Matza, Marror & Charoset**

"This is how Hillel fulfilled the mitzva of eating matza and marror."

 **STEP 11 Dinner- what's on the menu?**

 **STEP 12 Eat the Afikoman**

 **STEP 13 Birkat HaMazon**

Pour the third cup and recite Birkat hamazon —

Baruch atah Ado-nai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Hazan et haolam kulo, b'tuvo, b'chein b'chesed uvracha-mim, hu notein lechem l'chawl basar, ki l'olam chasdo. Uvtuvo hagadol imanu, tamid lo chasar lanu, v'al yechar lanu, mazon l'olam vaed. Baavur sh'mo hagadol, ki hu Eil zan umfarneis lakol, umeitiv lakol, umeichin mazon l'chawl b'riyotav asher barah. Baruch atah Adonai, hazan et hakol.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam borei p'ri hagafen.

Drink the third cup.

 **STEP 14 Halleluyah**

Fill the cup of Elijah; refer to a Haggadah for the Hallel prayers. Fill the fourth cup and recite —

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam borei p'ri hagafen.

Drink the fourth cup.

 **STEP 15 Let's sing some songs!**

**Leshana Haba'ah B'yerushalayim!
Next year in Jerusalem!**