

PASSOVER RESOURCES FOR 2020

Shalom. In this guide you will find information to help you prepare for Passover especially in this unusual year in which we are experiencing a pandemic. In it you will find:

- *Urgent Warnings About Being Safe This Passover
- *Special Leniencies in Preparation and in Permitted Foods for This Passover Only
- *A Link to Use to Sell Your Chametz
- *Information on our Congregational Online Zoom Second Seder
- *How to sign up to Host or Be Hosted Virtually (by video call) for First Seder
- *Links to other online Seders
- *Guides to How to Run an Online Seder
- *Creative readings, Topics for Discussion, Customs, Activities for Adults and Children
- *Links to several PDF Versions of Haggadahs that each participant can print

We hope that you find this guide helpful as you prepare. Despite the need for us to connect with loved ones and friends online and not in person, it is still possible to make this Passover one that is filled with connection to those we love, meaningful learning, inspiring prayer, joy, celebration and fun. Chag Sameach to you and your family!

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URGENT PASSOVER WARNINGS FOR 2020

DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE OR ENDANGER THE LIVES

OF OTHERS. Judaism teaches that preservation of life takes precedence over every other commandment in the Torah. Following recommendations of the CDC, Rabbi Weiss and the other clergy strongly urge you to take these precautions during this holiday season:

LIMIT THE SEDER TO YOUR IMMEDIATE NUCLEAR FAMILY. DO NOT INVITE OTHER FAMILY OR FRIENDS OR ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN YOUR HOME. DO NOT INVITE PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS.

This sounds antithetical to Jewish values, but today it is a holy obligation. We must assume every person could be carrying the virus and just not have symptoms. They could give you the virus, or you could give it to them. It feels like the right thing to do is to have parents and grandparents over, but you will be putting them at risk for serious illness or, God forbid, death. Instead, set a laptop on your table and connect to them via video call. If you do not know how, contact the clergy and we will guide you.

DO NOT GO INTO SMALL, CROWDED STORES TO OBTAIN YOUR PASSOVER FOODS. Such settings pose a very high risk of contracting the virus. We urge you to only buy foods in large stores where it is possible to maintain distance and there is good air circulation. Door Dash will deliver orders from Tibor's.

USE SUBSTITUTES WHEREVER NECESSARY RATHER THAN TAKING RISKS.

It is permissible to use a roasted beet as a symbol of the Passover sacrifice on the seder plate in place of the shank bone. If you cannot find horseradish, romaine lettuce, endive, dandelion greens, chicory and scallions also qualify. If you cannot get kosher meat without going into a small crowded store, make your seder dairy or serve fish.

URGENT PASSOVER WARNINGS FOR 2020

Many rabbinic authorities, including the Rabbinical Assembly, are permitting a more lenient approach to what foods are permissible without being marked kosher for Passover. Rabbi Weiss concurs with these leniencies which apply only to this year because of the extreme circumstance.

Lists of Leniencies (foods requiring less certification this year only)

Rabbinical Assembly:

<https://cutt.ly/RabbinicalAssemblyLeniencies2020>

Kosher Division of The London Bet Din: <https://www.kosher.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020%20In%20Extremis%20List%20V2.pdf>

All Rabbinic authorities have ruled that Hand Sanitizer is Kosher For Passover This Year.

Kitniyot Permitted: The Conservative Movement Permits Ashkenazim to adopt the Sephardic custom and eat all kitniyot on Passover. (beans, quinoa and any grain that is not a form of the five forbidden grains which are wheat, spelt, oats, rye and barley). This applies to ones you buy raw and prepare. If cooked or processed, it still needs to be marked Kosher for Passover. Some packaged items from Israel are marked "Kosher for Passover for Sephardim," or ... "for those that eat Kitniyot." Those are permissible. This ruling regarding kitniyot applies every year.

General Guides to Kosher for Passover Foods. When necessary this year the above lists override these:

Rabbinical Assembly Passover Guide

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/Pesah%20Guide%205780.pdf>

The O-U (Orthodox Union) Passover Guide

<https://oukosher.org/passover/passover-guide/>

PLACES TO BUY SEDER ESSENTIALS ONLINE

YOU CAN BUY A KOSHER FOR PASSOVER SHANKBONE, PARSLEY AND MORE ONLINE!

Kol Foods is selling Kosher Shankbones for \$5.49

<https://www.kolfoods.com/seder-bones.asp>

KOSHERWINE.COM GUARANTEES DELIVERY BEFORE PASSOVER!

<https://www.kosherwine.com/>

YOU CAN BUY STREITZ MATZA & THEIR OTHER PASSOVER PRODUCTS DIRECTLY FROM THEIR WEBSITE!

<https://streitsmatzos.com/passover-products/>

BUY A WHOLE PARSLEY PLANT ONLINE!

<https://cutt.ly/parsley>

CONGREGATIONAL ONLINE ZOOM SEDER

Rabbi Weiss will host a Zoom Seder on Thursday, April 9th, the Second Night of Passover. You provide your own food, Rabbi Weiss will lead you through a fun, celebratory interactive seder from his family's table. To join the seder you must click this link and register before Pesach begins on the evening of Wednesday, April 8th.

<https://cutt.ly/BJC-Second-Seder-Registration>

BE A VIRTUAL HOST OR GUEST FOR SEDER

If you would like to be connected to a family to share in their seder, or to be host to those who need a place by connecting them to your seder over Zoom, Facetime, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts or Skype, please contact Rabbi Rudin Luria at rabbirudinluria@bnaijeshurun.org. Please indicate on your emails which video call platforms you are comfortable with, in order to assist us in making the right match.

LOOKING FOR AN ONLINE SEDER FOR 1st NIGHT?

B'nai Moshe Congregation in West Bloomfield, MI (Greater Detroit) is hosting an online seder for first night. For information, the zoom link and to register, please go to:

<https://cutt.ly/BnaiMoshe-OnlineSeder>

Tifereth Israel Congregation in Bexley, OH (Columbus) is also hosting a Zoom seder for the first night. You can register for their seder at <https://cutt.ly/Tifereth-Israel-Seder-Registration>

The Meeting ID for the seder is 458662031 (Launch Zoom application, Click on Join Meeting and enter Meeting ID)

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

The Torah forbids us from owning chametz, seeing chametz and benefitting from chametz. In an ideal world we would get rid of every type of chametz in our home, as well as our chametz dishes etc. But that would entail a huge financial loss. For this reason, the sages instituted the practice of selling our chametz. We put all of our chametz food and kitchen utensils etc away where they are out of sight (also part of the prohibition). That can be done by closing cabinets and taping them shut, or by sealing them in a bag in the back of the freezer. Mark the cabinet door or bag with a note saying in some way Chametz or Forbidden etc so you will remember not to touch it. Since the prohibition also includes seeing chametz, if your liquor is stored in a cabinet with glass, cover the glass so the liquor cannot be seen.

Rather than selling the chametz yourself, you can authorize Rabbi Weiss to sell it for you. Rabbi Weiss sells the collective chametz of all those who authorize him to Austin, our head of maintenance. The sale requires additional payments over the holiday. If those payments are not made, the sale is invalidated *after* the holiday. Immediately after sundown on the last night, it belongs to you again and you can eat it.

To authorize Rabbi Weiss to sell your chametz, click here:

https://bnaijeshurun.formstack.com/forms/hametz_transfer_of_ownership_form

PLANNING & RUNNING AN ONLINE SEDER

Here are some links to helpful guides you can use to plan the perfect online seder! Resources that are for kids at seder are in blue.

Music

Seder Melodies in a YouTube Playlist

<https://cutt.ly/Seder-Melodies>

Siddur Audio has recording of all the Passover Melodies for your seder

<https://sidduraudio.com/passover-seder/>

Guides to Running an Online Seder

Alma - How to Host a Virtual Seder

<https://www.heyalma.com/how-to-host-a-virtual-passover-seder/>

Seder Academy -- Tablet Magazine (tabletmag.com) is hosting a daily seminar online using zoom.

You can join daily at 4:00 pm. You need to have Zoom.

bit.ly/sederacademy2020

Family and Youth Resources

BJC Youth and Learning Center List of Passover Resources for Families and Children

<https://cutt.ly/BJC-YLC-Family-and-Children-Passover-Resources>

Worksheets for Passover developed by Barbara Rosenfeld

<https://cutt.ly/PassoverWorksheets>

PJ Library's Guide, Resources, Supplements, Activities for Kids at the Seder

<https://pjlibrary.org/passover>

Jewish Boston's Guide to Engaging Kids and Adults at Your Seder

<https://cutt.ly/Engage-Kids-And-Adults-At-Seder>

Ten Untraditional Ways to Make Passover Fun for Kids

<https://cutt.ly/TenUntraditionalWays>

Five Ways To Keep Kids Engaged at Seder

<https://cutt.ly/FiveWaysToKeepKidsEngaged>

Jewish Interactive - Insights for All and Resources for Parents

<https://cutt.ly/JewishinteractivePassoverResources>

Study Material and Commentaries

Passover Resources from the Jewish Theological Seminary

<http://www.jtsa.edu/passover-resources>

Passover Learning and Resources from Hadar

<https://www.hadar.org/torah-collection/pesach>

Al Hatorah's extensive interactive Commentary on the Haggadah

<https://cutt.ly/AlHatorahCommentaryOnHaggadah>

Essays on Passover from the Shalom Hartman institute

https://hartman.org.il/Search_Advanced.asp?Str=pesach

Passover Webinars from the Rabbinical Assembly - Scroll to bottom

<https://cutt.ly/RabbinicalAssemblyPassoverWebinars>

Supplemental Readings

A wide array of Seder supplements - scroll to bottom.

<https://www.jewishboston.com/the-wandering-is-over-haggadah/>

Jewish Interactive - Insights for All and Resources for Parents

<https://cutt.ly/JewishinteractivePassoverResources>

Five Seder Supplements from JTA (Jewish Telegraphic Agency jta.org)

Readings on refugees, LGBTQ, human trafficking, sexual assault on campus and racism

<https://cutt.ly/JewishinteractivePassoverResources>

Passover Haiku Collection

<https://cutt.ly/PassoverHaiku>

ONLINE HAGGADOT TO EMAIL AND PRINT SOME CAN BE CUSTOMIZED

Feast of Freedom Haggadah - Published by the Rabbinical Assembly, this well known and popular Haggadah created for Conservative Judaism is available this year only as a PDF.

<https://cutt.ly/Feast-Of-Freedom-Haggadah>

A Different Night Haggadah - This extremely popular Haggadah was produced by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. They have offered this special condensed version as a PDF for this year only.

<https://cutt.ly/A-Different-Night-Haggadah>

Valley Beth Shalom Haggadah - A beautifully illustrated Haggadah with great discussion questions and study created by a Conservative synagogue in Los Angeles

<https://cutt.ly/VBS-Haggadah>

Sephardic Haggadah - Traditional Sephardic Haggadah text in Hebrew and English.

<https://cutt.ly/Sephardic-Haggadah>

The Wandering is Over Haggadah for Everyone - This Haggadah is completely customizable. You must enter you email address and zip code to download. The site is jewishboston.com which is the Combined Jewish Philanthropies (i.e. Jewish Federation) of Greater Boston.

<https://cutt.ly/The-Wandering-Is-Over-Haggadah>

The Jewbelong Haggadah - Published by Jewbelong.com, whose tagline is Jewbelong: for when you feel you don't. A very hip, funky, fun, modern take on the Haggadah that makes it very relevant for our times.

<https://cutt.ly/TheJewBelong-Haggadah>

VELVETEEN RABBI'S HAGGADAH - This Haggadah was created by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat who is the author of the popular Torah and spirituality blog, The Velveteen Rabbi (velveteenrabbi.blogs.com). A modern, reflective, spiritual seder text.

<https://cutt.ly/VelveteenRabbisHaggadah>

AJWS SOCIAL JUSTICE HAGGADAH AND SEPARATE SEDER READINGS - This Haggadah was produced by the American Jewish World Service (ajws.org), a major Jewish organization that fights poverty and pursues justice around the world. In addition to the Haggadah, this site also has independent PDFs of readings to add to any seder, regardless of what Haggadah you use.

<https://cutt.ly/AJWS-SOCIAL-JUSTICE-HAGGADAH-AND-READINGS>

Jewish Federations of North America Haggadah - Beautifully laid out, English and Hebrew. No commentary.

<https://cutt.ly/JewishFederationsHaggadah>

Jewish Educational Haggadah - This Haggadah contains full transliteration (phonetic pronunciation in English letters) of the Hebrew as well as commentary and discussion

<https://cutt.ly/Jewish-Educational-Haggadah>

Haggadot.com - lots of very cool themes, including Children's, Family, Women's, GLBT, Minimalist, Illustrated, Famous Quotes and More. All beautifully illustrated and with Clips of readings and other additions you can use to customize.

<https://cutt.ly/HaggadotDotCom>

Chabad Haggadah - Traditional text, Hebrew and English with minimal commentary

<https://cutt.ly/Chabad-PDF-Haggadah>

Jewish labor Committee Haggadah - Provided by Avodah (avodah.net). This is the Haggadah of the JLC, which was founded by among others leaders of the Wprkmen's Circle.

<https://cutt.ly/JewishlaborCommitteeHaggadah>

PJ LIBRARY HAGGADAH FOR KIDS - Beautifully illustrated and worded, perfect for families. You must fill out a form on this page to download.

<https://pjlibrary.org/haggadah>

THE HAMILTON HAGGADAH - Does that title require explanation? 😊 Created by two Reconstructionist Rabbinical Students. Too abbreviated for most for a seder but you may want to rap some parts of it!

<https://cutt.ly/TheHamiltonHaggadah>

Haggadah for the Earth - This is not a Passover Haggadah, but if you are looking for readings on environmental themes, you will find some here.

<https://cutt.ly/Haggadah-For-The-Earth>

Punk Torah's Make Your Own Haggadah For Kids - This Haggadah was created by punktorah.org, which describes their site as to empower independent Jewish spirituality.

<https://cutt.ly/PunkTorahMakeYourOwnKidsHaggadah>