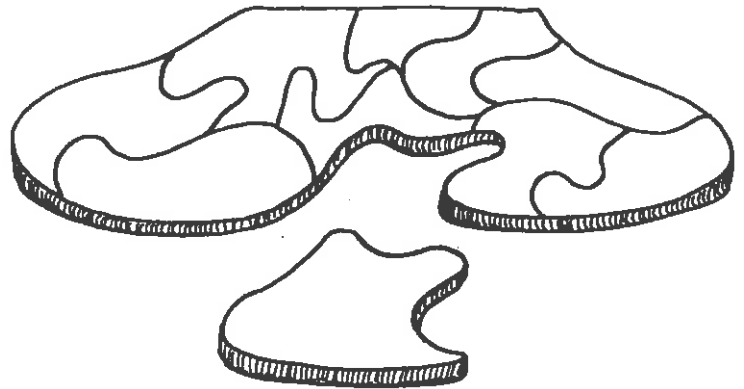
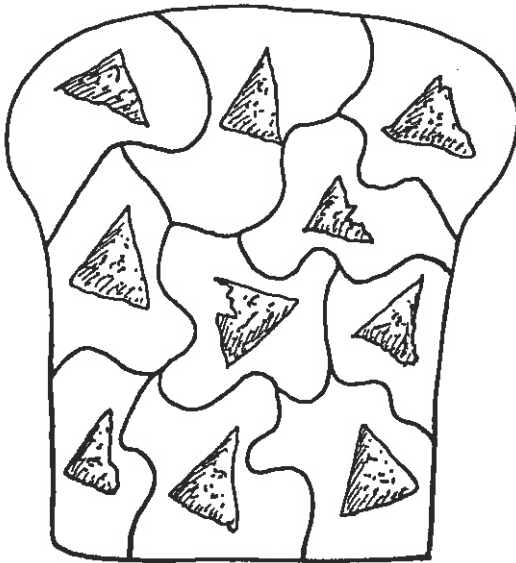


BEDIKAT HAMETZ SEARCH

The *Bedikat Hametz* search the night before Passover is one of the best family activities of the year. One variation we've tried is this:

1. Take a piece of construction paper and draw a picture of a bread slice.
2. Create ten segments on the paper.
3. Cut out the ten pieces. If you wish, you can glue real bread crumbs (or Fritos or Cheerios) to each piece.
4. Hide the ten pieces of the bread slice puzzle in different parts of the house.
5. Conduct the *Bedikat Hametz* search as described in the textbook.
6. At the conclusion of the search, piece together the bread slice puzzle.
7. Now, store the "*hametz*" for *Bi'ur Hametz* the next morning.

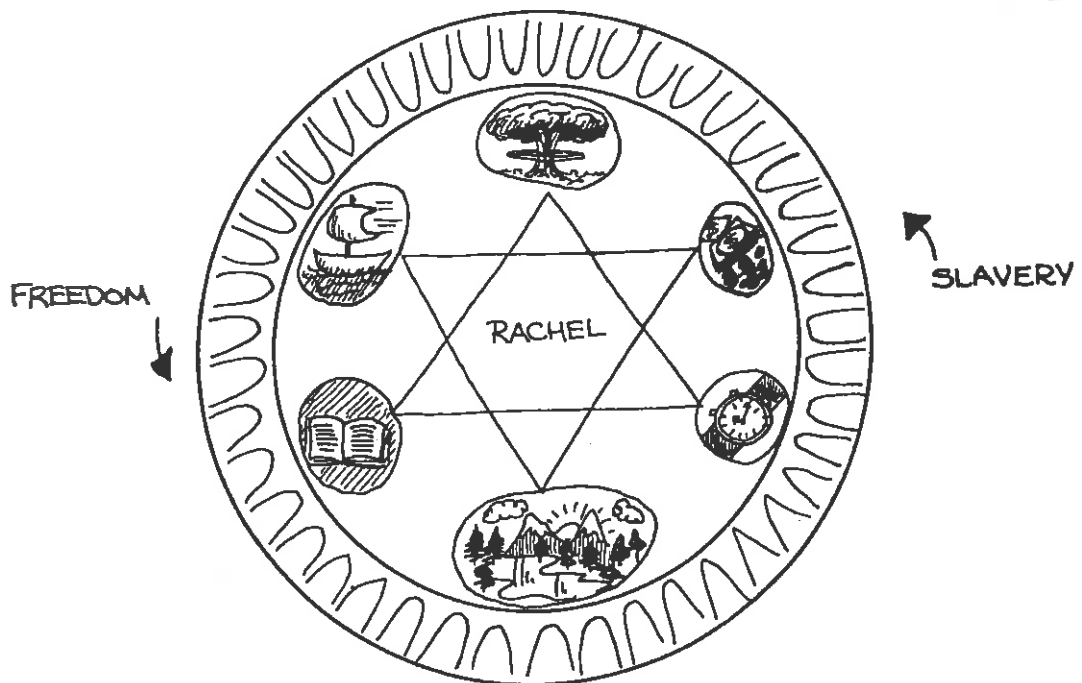


FREEDOM PLATES

Here's a wonderful idea to personalize one of the major Passover themes.

Before the first Seder, provide your family and/or guests with 9 inch paper plates that have a pre-drawn Star of David in the center. Write each person's name in the center of the star. Have old magazines, glue and scissors on hand. Ask each participant to find magazine pictures according to the following plan:

1. Find three pictures of things that make you feel free.
2. Find three pictures of things that make you feel like a slave. (Younger children can pick six "feeling free" pictures.)
3. Paste the cut-out pictures at the points of the star-freedom on the left side and slavery on the right.
4. Share the plates during the *Maggid* section of your Seder.



LABELS' KOSHER FOR *PESAH* TABLE MAT

This is an ecologically sound and clever keepsake for *Pesachdik* family meals. You'll need:

12x18 inch construction paper in your choice of color

scissors

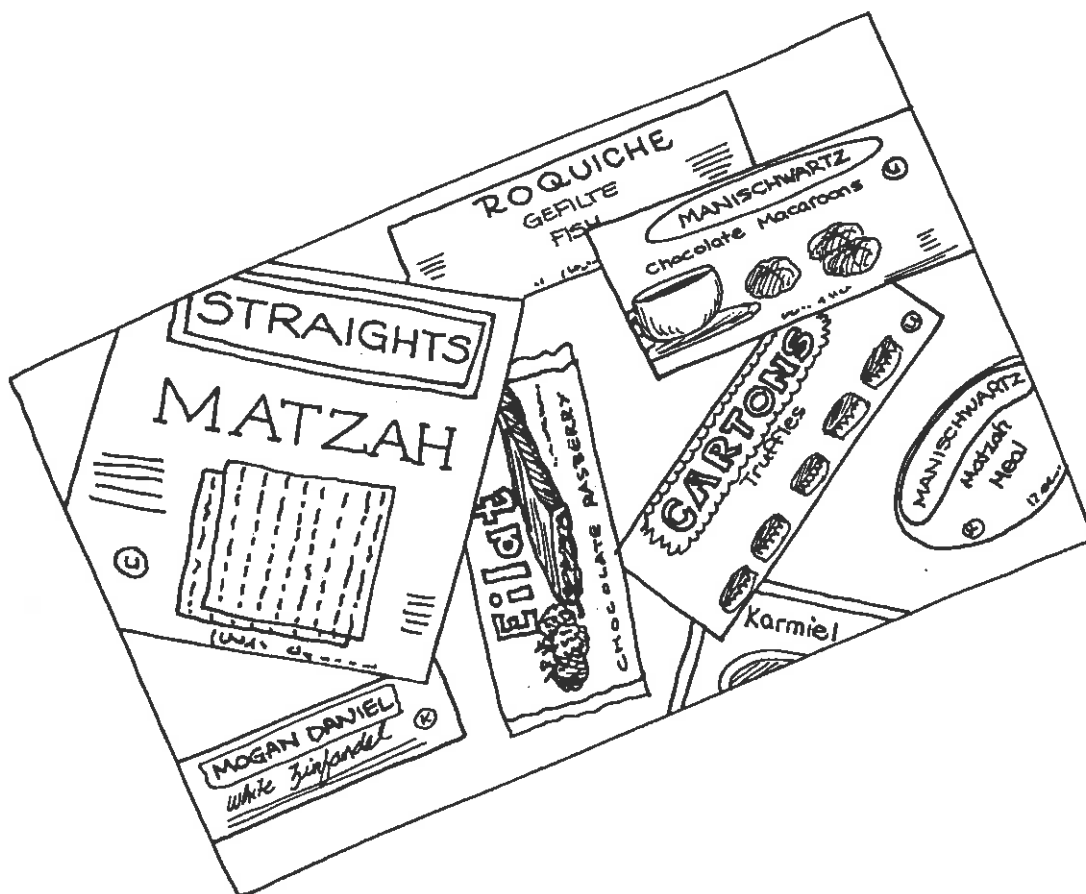
white glue

clear contact paper

a collection of *Pesach* food item labels, such as the logo from a box of *matzah*, jelly, macaroons, wine, etc.

Here's how:

1. Cut out the labels and arrange in a pleasing fashion on the construction paper mat. Be sure the entire surface is covered.
2. Glue the labels in place and allow to dry.
3. Cover the front and back of the mat with clear contact paper.
4. Use at *Pesach* meal times.



PESAH PILLOW PLACECARD

Create puffy placecards for those inclined to recline. This is a cooperative family craft and a special souvenir for your Seder guests.

You'll need (per guest):

- 2 9x12 sheets of felt

- Tacky (craft) glue

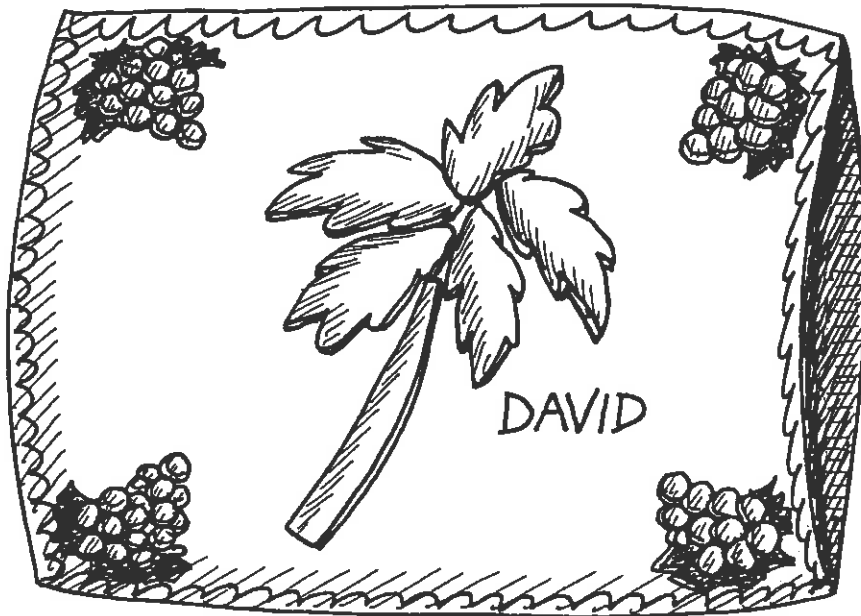
- Extra sheets of felt for decorative designing

- Sharpie thin point permanent markers in assorted colors

- Optional—rick-rack, seam binding, sequins and the like

- Batting to use for stuffing.

Here's the scoop to form one pillow placecard. Glue together 3 sides of the 2 felt sheets to form a pillow case. When completely dry, stuff case with batting and then close the remaining side with glue. You now have a mini-pillow ready for surface decoration. Be sure to write with permanent marker each guest and/or family member's name on their pillow. This is the placecard portion. Add Spring or *Pesah* theme felt cut-outs by gluing them directly onto the pillow. Felt cut-outs can include—Kiddush cup, *matzah*, an only kid, Pyramids & palm trees, baby in basket, bull rushes, frogs, parsley, flowers, shankbone, bricks & mortar, egg, Moses with staff, Red Sea and more—use your "*Pesah*imagination!!" Rick-rack, sequins and the like can be added visuals for zippy embellishment. Place each pillow, name side up, on your dining room chairs and you're ready to answer the Four Questions with style!



A Hamsa (or Hand) Seder Plate

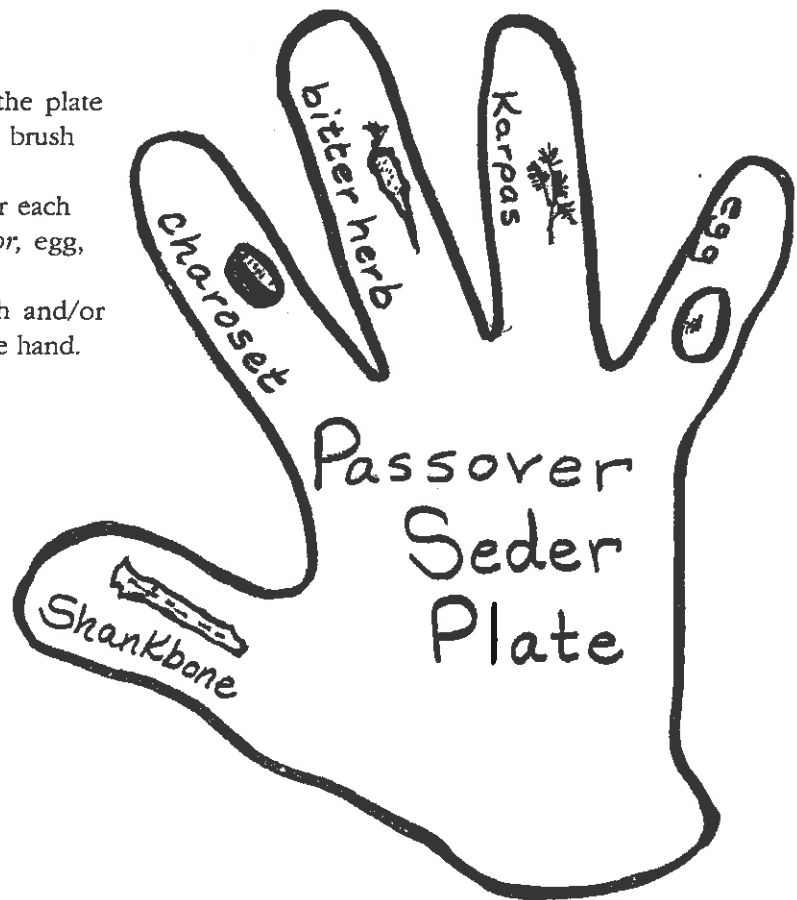
Some people in your community may not have enough money for their own seder plate. You can make a special seder plate and really "lend a hand!" (The hand, a symbol of protection and good luck for Jews and Arabs in the Middle East, is called a *hamsa*, the Arabic word for five.)

WHAT YOU NEED:

a light-colored plate (it can be paper, foam, or even ceramic)
non-toxic magic markers or paints and a paint brush

WHAT YOU DO:

1. Place the plate on a table.
2. Place your hand in the middle of the plate and trace with the marker or paint brush around the outline of your hand.
3. Draw a picture of one seder item for each finger of the hand (*charoset*, *maror*, egg, shankbone, parsley).
4. Write the word *Passover* in English and/or *Pesach* in Hebrew in the center of the hand.



Afikomen Bag Label

Collect the following materials:

- 1 6" x 9" manila envelop without a clasp
- 1 set of self-adhesive velcro dots for "coins" this label

To assemble your *afikomen* bag

1. Put the velcro "coins" where a clasp should go on your envelope.
This will enable you to use your *afikomen* bag for many years to come.
2. Color and cut out the label below.
3. Mount the label on the front of the *afikomen* bag.
4. Use this *afikomen* bag at your *Seder* this year and in the future.

