

Temple Beth Sholom

Passover Seder Playlist

This year's Passover Playlist is going to require a bit of "shuffling" for everyone. Here are some suggestions for creating a successful Passover Seder for your family.



Many people will be joining Seders virtually. Designate a **host** and a **camera person** so everyone feels like they are part of the action. The Seder is the ultimate in reality TV, so pass around a pretend mic, do interviews throughout the Seder and make sure everyone has a starring role.



For better or worse, many of us have more time on our hands. Spend some time **preparing** for the Seder. Assign simple **tasks** to your participants (create decorations, help lead parts of the Seder, act out skits, draw pictures, host games, and more.) Consider the unique (and simple!) ways participants can contribute to the Seder wherever they are located. For example, if there is a relative virtually participating from a hot climate, they could be chosen to share pictures of the desert or sunset when telling the Passover story. The more assignments that are given out, the more participants will be engaged throughout the Seder.



Drama! The Seder experience is about creating our own "green screen" for Leaving Egypt. Our goal is to try to help each other understand what it must have been like to be an Israelite slave that finally experiences freedom. Wherever participants are located, either virtually or at the Seder, there can't be enough drama when it comes to recreating this story! Dress up in ancient Israelite garb (robes and sandals), decorate a room with a tent or have a desert gathering picnic-style while sitting on the floor. No need for a Seder table for the entire meal—you can sit around a small table or on couches while you share most of the experience. Be sure to consider how you can include virtual guests in these different locations as well.



Use the same **Haggadah** text no matter where you are. You can download a digital version of **Haggadat Sholom**, the Temple Beth Sholom Haggadah [here](#). Having everyone on the same page in the Haggadah will help keep everyone "on the same page." *Haggadat Sholom* has a special track designed for families.



Make **signs** for different parts of the Seder. A challenge with video calling is that the audio between users does not completely match. Make or print signs that can be held up. Examples of signs can be: *Barukh Atah Adonai*, plagues, questions, Amen! Signs will help participants, no matter where they are, participate at the same time in the experience.



Passover is about being with loved ones, no matter where they are. Make **pre-recorded montages, videos, slide shows, print photos or collages** to share at the beginning of your Seder as a way of celebrating your family and loved ones.

For more easy to implement Seder ideas, go to
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Here is a step by step playlist for the different parts of the Seder.

There are many other pieces you can add as well.
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The page numbers in this list refer to *Haggadat Sholom*, the Temple Beth Sholom Haggadah.

1 קִדּוּשׁ *Kadesh* BLESSING OVER THE WINE PAGE 14

We begin our Seder by saying *Kiddush* over the wine to celebrate this moment.

Pour everyone a cup of wine or grape juice, and then take a moment to share what you are thankful for.

2 וְרַחֵץ *Urhatz* HAND WASHING WITHOUT A BLESSING PAGE 18

Did you know that pre-food hand washing has been a thing since the Israelites?

No soap (this time) needed. Just use a cup of water to wet and a towel to dry your hands.

3 כַּרְפַּס *Karpas* VEGETABLE DIPPED IN SALT WATER PAGE 19

Passover celebrates spring and new beginnings. One way we recognize this is by having spring vegetables. **Create a crudite platter with your favorite veggies.** Share things that are new that you can do this year.

4 יַחַץ *Yahatz* BREAKING THE MIDDLE MATZAH PAGE 20

Stack 3 pieces of *matzah* on your Seder table. **Have a child take the middle *matzah* and break it in two.** The bigger piece is for the *Afikomen*—hide that for later. The smaller piece goes back on the Seder table. Share how you are helping fix some of the brokenness in the world.

5 מַגִּיד *Maggid* TELL THE STORY OF LEAVING EGYPT PAGE 21

DRAMA! Our primary job at the Seder is to tell the story of the Israelites leaving Egypt.

Recreate the scenes from baby Moses in the basket to the burning bush, the 10 plagues to the sea splitting, and more... in your own way. Draw, dramatize, dress up or watch a scene or two from *Prince of Egypt*. **There is a family Passover story on page 52 to help!**

Key parts of *Maggid* include: The 4 Questions PAGE 24, *Avadim Hayinu* PAGE 26, 4 Children PAGE 31, 10 plagues PAGE 39, *Dayeinu* PAGE 45, Rabban Gamliel's 3 Symbols of Passover PAGE 48

6 רְחִיצָה *Rahitzah* HAND WASHING PAGE 62

We prepare to eat *matzah* by washing our hands—this time while saying a blessing.

No soap again—Just use a cup of water to wet and a towel to dry your hands while you say the blessing.

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7 & 8 מצה מוציא **Motzi Matzah EATING MATZAH** PAGE 63

Eating **matzah** at the Seder is a very special *mitzvah*. Hold a piece of **matzah** in your hand, say the two blessings and then CRUNCH.

9 מרור **Maror EATING BITTER HERBS** PAGE 64

We remember how bitter our lives were in Egypt. Traditionally we eat **horseradish** or **romaine lettuce**, but be creative: **hot peppers, lemons or bitter greens** are great to use as well. Say the blessing and eat a small amount. Dip the bitter food into the sweet *haroset* apple mixture. What are some things you are doing to help sweeten some of the bitterness in the world?

10 כורֵךְ **Korekh HILLEL'S SANDWICH** of Matzah & Maror PAGE 65

Rabbi Hillel was a prominent educator in his generation. Take a moment to remember a **special teacher**, or to tell everyone something special a teacher has done for you. Share also how a parent or special loved one has been a teacher this year too!

11 עֹרֵךְ **Shulhan Orekh DINNER!**

Enjoy delicious Passover **treats!**

12 צִפּוּן **Tzafun FINDING THE AFIKOMEN**

Create a scavenger hunt to find the **Afikomen**. The Seder doesn't continue until everyone enjoys a delicious piece of this *matzah*.

13 בִּרְכָה **Barekh BLESSINGS AFTER THE MEAL** PAGE 74

Birkat Hamazon, the Grace After Meals, thanks God for **blessings** and food that we have in our lives. This is a good time to talk about where our food comes from and the blessing of being able to share a meal together, whether in person or virtually.

14 הַלֵּל **Hallel PSALMS OF PRAISE** PAGE 82

As we prepare to finish the Seder we **sing Hallel**, songs of praise. On page 85 we can sing *Ozi V'zimrat Yah* together.

15 נִרְצָה **Nirtzah THE END** PAGE 95

The end-dance party! **Sing L'shanah Haba'ah** together and other songs (Who knows One is on page 104) to celebrate the **conclusion** of the Seder.



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Seder Plate Items

For more information about the Seder Table ritual foods, go to page 8 of *Haggadat Sholom*.

Passover 2020 will be different for many reasons. If you aren't able to get the traditional foods for the Seder table, you can be creative! Here are some suggestions:

Karpas-Green Vegetable

Can be any vegetable dipped in salty water.

Zeroah-Shank-bone
Roasted beet

Beitzah-Egg
Rice can be used.



Haroset
Apple mixture
Consider creating an image of bricks.

Hazeret-Bitter Herb
Can be any bitter vegetable

Marror-Bitter herb
Can be any bitter vegetable:
hot peppers, fresh ginger,
lemon, romaine lettuce

Matzah

Everyone is required to eat *matzah* on Passover. However, we only need to eat a little bit on the first two nights of the Seder. If *matzah* is not easy to find, try to get enough just so people can have a taste.



Grape Juice
100% pure grape juice can be used on Passover without a special Kosher certification.

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Seder Table Check List

Here is a basic list of Seder Table items

If any of these items aren't available in all of the locations of your Seder, be creative in coming up with alternative ideas!

- Seder plate**
Any special glass plate can work to hold the six special Seder plate foods
- Haggadot**
Download *Haggadat Sholom*, the Temple Beth Sholom *Haggadah*, from TBSONLINE.ORG/PASSOVER
- Special plate or holder for Matzah**
Any special glass plate can be used.
- Pillows**
We recline at the Seder as a sign of our freedom. Put pillows out for guests to relax while eating.
- Bowl and cup for ritual handwashing**
- Kiddush Cup**
Shabbat kiddush cups, special projects from school and other glass cups will work great!
- Elijah's Cup**
Any special glass cup can be designated as the special cup for Elijah.
- Afikomen bag**
Create a special bag (or wrap the matzah in a cloth) before hiding the Afikomen.
- Candles**
We start the holiday by lighting candles. Use *Shabbat* candle sticks or other candles.

If you have guests in different locations participating in your Seder, each can be asked to contribute some of these items to your table either virtually or in person.

Add pictures, drawings and other personal items to make your Seder table unique.