



# A Compilation of Pesach Fables, Fairy Tales, and Folklore

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## Pesach Pinocchio

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Pinocchio was a young puppet still learning his place in the world. His father, Noah, was very busy because all the little children wanted new toys for Pesach. Pinocchio was created to help his father, to serve him. Right now Noah wanted him to make sure there was no chametz in the house. Pinocchio was not very good at this task, for he loved candy and treats of all kinds, especially wood candy. But Noah would no longer allow him to eat any until after Pesach. Pinocchio did not like this and decided he would go against the word of his father.

Suddenly the fairy appeared, this same fairy that had brought Pinocchio to life. When the fairy brought Pinocchio to life she said, "Try your hardest, little puppet, to keep your father's word because this is a VERY big mitzvah." So Pinocchio listened to the fairy and went to go do what his father told him to do. But Pinocchio forgot his promise to the fairy right then. The fairy was very disappointed to see Pinocchio eating the chametz. She announced, "For every bite you take, for every lie you say to your father, your nose shall start to grow." Pinocchio thought she was being silly and unwrapped the candy bar. As Pinocchio started to eat the candy bar, he found his wood nose began to grow with each bite.

Pinocchio knew what he had to do. He gathered up his courage and went straight to Noah. "Father, have been eating chametz."

"I Know Pinocchio. I've been following the trail of crumbs and it led to your room. I'm very disappointed."

"I know/ I'm very sorry. I promise I won't do it again."

"Ok, Pinocchio, I forgive you but remember Pesach is soon and we have to finish cleaning."

"Of course, Father."

So Pinocchio went on his way and continued to listen to his father. One day as he was cleaning a little boy showed up behind the toy counter. Pinocchio wanted to tell him to go back but a special gleam in the boy's eyes kept him quiet.

"I've been watching you puppet clean. I think you need a vacation."

"I don't know what vacation is."

"What! A vacation is when you take a break from all your work."

"Say that sounds nice."

"Yup my parents are busy cleaning for Passover and don't have time to pay attention to me so I'm running away to Chametz Land."

"Chametz Land!! Can I come with you?!"

"Um.... but you are cleaning for Pesach?"

"I guess, whatever, sure let's go."

So Pinocchio and the boy started out on their journey. It was a very short trip; it only took 3 hours to get there. Finally they reached their destination, Chametz Land. Pinocchio and the boy stood in awe as they looked at the delicious food.

One day had passed since Pinocchio and the other boy had been in Chametz Land, and Pinocchio started growing a tail and big ears made of wood. Then Pinocchio saw two donkeys riding along, fat, and tired. There was a tall man, chuckling harshly as he rode on top of them. Pinocchio realized this man ran Chametz Land. Suddenly Pinocchio put the two pieces together. You would turn into a donkey, if you were not allowed to be in Chametz Land, because that was being selfish. Pinocchio ran away, with all his might, without looking back.

As he got into town, it was already time to burn the chametz. Catching his breath Pinocchio heard some whispers. "Did you hear Noah ran away to find his puppet?"

"I knew he was attached but really, it's almost Pesach."

Pinocchio knew what he had to do. Quickly, he gathered all his belongings and ran home. Just as he suspected, there was a note saying where Noah was. He thought Pinocchio was at sea, so he went sailing. As soon as Pinocchio leaped in the water, his tail and ears disappeared, because he wasn't being selfish anymore.

Since Pinocchio was made of wood, he was able to float. Finally, he saw a man groaning in the distance. It was Noah! Quickly Pinocchio swam up and it was Noah floating on a piece of wood. Gathering the rest of his strength, Pinocchio brought Noah to the shore. The sun was starting to set as Pinocchio woke Noah up. Noah stood up, confused.

"Where am I, and why am I here. Oh did I find Pinocchio? Is it Pesach yet?" Noah asked. Looking down he saw Pinocchio smiling at him.

"You are at the shore. I saved you from drowning. I am here in two hours so we better hurry!" Pinocchio answered.



## Pesach Cinderella

Michal Benovitz

Once upon a time in a far away land lived a girl named Cinderella. Cinderella had two stepsisters, Anastasia and Drizella. They were both extremely nasty and rude, but worst of all was her evil stepmom, Lady Tremaine. Lady Tremaine was cold, cruel and loved to use Cinderella as her personal slave. Cinderella lived in the small little attic of her stepmom's huge mansion.

There was little content in Cinderella's room. There was a small uncomfortable bed, a change of clothes, a chest of her mother's belongings, and many rats and mice that lived there with her. The chest of her mom's belongings was Cinderella's most prized possessions. Cinderella rarely opened it, saving the glorious contents for special occasions only. **It would have been enough if** Cinderella's mom just left her a small bit of the inheritance, but no, her mom had left her everything. Of course, everything wasn't much. It only took up one chest, but it was the only thing Cinderella had left of her mom.

The rats and mice were Cinderella's best friends. Not only did Cinderella have a special way with people, she had it with animals, too. All the animals loved her, and she loved them all, too. Her favorites were Gus and Jaq, although she would never admit it to them. They were the first ones to meet Cinderella after her mother passed, and she had been forced to move in with Lady Tremaine and her daughters. They listened to everything she said and had no limits of how much they could help her.

One evening Lady Tremaine was being extra harsh with Cinderella. Cinderella knew something was happening. The next evening when Drizella ordered Cinderella to make her a dress, Cinderella, who would normally never open her mouth, asked what the dress was for. Drizella instantly began screaming at Cinderella. Cinderella thought to herself, "Maybe Anastasia will be more cooperative and let me ask a question."

Cinderella went over to Anastasia and asked if she would like a dress, too. Anastasia was always a little more refined than Drizella, but she obviously still wanted a dress. Cinderella began working on the design with Anastasia who wasn't much of a help. When they were done, it was time for Cinderella to ask what it was for. Cinderella knew that to a normal person asking a question was like hanging out with friends. To Cinderella hanging out with friends was impossible (for she doesn't have any), and so it seemed impossible to ask this question.

After a long moment, Cinderella built up her courage, took a deep breath and with trembling hands blurted out, "What is this dress for?" Anastasia was taken back and surprised. She chuckled and said, "All the girls of our community were invited to a ball with the prince so he can get married."

Cinderella was confused. She thought to herself, "Does everyone include me?" As if Anastasia was reading her mind, she said, "You can come if you want."

**It would have been enough if** Anastasia had told her about the ball, but Anastasia also invited her. Why wasn't she told about this event? she wondered. Then it all clicked. Cinderella wasn't told about this ball because Lady Tremaine didn't want her to go. Lady Tremaine thought that Cinderella had a chance to be picked as the prince's wife. She didn't want Cinderella to be chosen; she wanted her own daughters to be chosen.

As Cinderella realized this, she also realized how much she wanted to go to the ball. She wanted a chance to prove that she wasn't just a maid; she was a human who wanted her rights. She just wanted to feel like a normal person for one night. That's when Cinderella decided she was going to go to the ball. She didn't care if Lady Tremaine approved or disapproved; she was going to go and that was that.

The only issue was that she didn't have a dress to wear. She needed a gown if she wanted to go. Then she had an idea. She ran to her room excitedly. She knew just what to do. When she got there, she ran straight to the chest of her mom's belongings. She took a moment before opening it, wanting to soak in this glorious moment and keep it forever. Cinderella took a deep breath and opened the chest. She saw the lasting beam of light that came when she opened the chest. Cinderella felt loved even if the only person who loved her wasn't physically there. Cinderella felt a bond and connection between her and her mom every time she opened the chest.

Inside the chest, just where Cinderella left it, was a gorgeous hand-sewn dress that her mom had given to her right before she passed. It was gorgeous, one of the prettiest things Cinderella had ever seen. The only problem was that the dress was slightly damaged. The dress was also out of fashion and in desperate need for a repair.

Cinderella knew just what to do. She called Jaq and Gus. They came running immediately.

Cinderella gave her instructions in a hurry. "Please, can you help me?" she asked.

"Of course, we can. We'll do whatever you ask of us," they replied in unison.

"Well, then," Cinderella replied, "can you two and the rest of the mice repair my mother's beautiful gown? It will take a long time and a lot of hard work, but I believe that you can do it."

"We will do it!" Jaq and Gus screamed together.

As they were finishing their discussion, Lady Tremaine summoned Cinderella. "I'll be right there," Cinderella called while running down the stairs.

The ball was coming closer and closer. Cinderella was becoming more anxious by the minute. She wanted to know what her dress looked like, but the mice refused to show her. She continued working on Drizella's and Anastasia's dresses. They were

beautiful if she did say so herself. She just hoped her dress would be up to par with the rest of the girls' dresses.

The evening of the ball was an eventful one. It started when the mice finally presented Cinderella with her beautiful dress. **It would have been enough** if the mice just added a few touches to the dress that Cinderella gave them. The mice didn't do that: they returned a dress almost unrecognizable to Cinderella. Cinderella felt a twinge of guilt as she saw the dress, she had just destroyed her mother's most valuable possession. The guilt was soon taken over by the astonishment she felt. This dress was gorgeous.

The second part of her night was less pleasant. It was an hour before the ball. It was when Cinderella came down stairs with her gorgeous dress on that it all began. Drizella and Anastasia saw her dress and were in awe. Drizella was the one who broke the silence. "How dare you work harder on your own dress than our dresses?"

A simple rude remark (on Cinderella's standards) quickly became more than that. While Drizzela was screaming at Cinderella, Anastasia came jumping at Cinderella. Anastasia started tearing the mice's hard work to shreds. Drizella quickly joined her. By the time they were done, Cinderella's beautiful dress looked more like an ugly rag.

Just as Drizella and Anastasia finished ripping Cinderella's dress, they heard a knock on the door. "Oops, I guess our ride is here. Guess you can't come in the end."

Now Cinderella was left with a ruined dress, no ride and a crushed heart. Cinderella ran to her room crying. When Cinderella got there, the mice asked what had happened. Cinderella told them the whole tale from start to end. When she was done she said, "I give up on going to the ball. It's impossible!"

Jaqueline said, "Don't say that! I have a way for you to go. On the condition that you agree to listen to everything you're told even if it sounds ridiculous."

"I promise, to listen to everything that's told to me. I'll do anything to be able to go to the ball."

Gus told Cinderella to follow him outside. When they got there, the mice snapped three times in unison. When they were done, there was suddenly a glitter tornado a short distance away. From the tornado a fairy godmother came flying out.

Cinderella screamed of fright. *What was this, a tornado appears out of nowhere, then a creature flies out of the tornado? What next?* Cinderella asked herself.

This mythical creature was actually a fairy godmother. Before Cinderella could ask any questions, the fairy godmother gently asked Cinderella to get her a pumpkin. Cinderella was confused and didn't know why she was getting a pumpkin. All she knew was that she had made a promise, and she was going to keep it. She ran to the kitchen and grabbed the biggest pumpkin she could find. Cinderella brought it back to the fairy godmother who then harshly told Cinderella that she was taking up too much time.

Cinderella was going to ask what was happening. She started to talk, but was suddenly cut off by a quick move of a wand. The fairy godmother moved the wand around and around in circles until it went over the pumpkin. When that happened, the pumpkin suddenly became a chariot that was fit for a queen. Cinderella was in awe. This was the most magnificent thing she had ever seen. Before Cinderella could question what just happened, the fairy godmother sent her to find two lizards.

Cinderella ran to the garden in search of two lizards. She spotted two lizards right away. She ran back to the fairy godmother, this time ambitious not to get rebuked for taking too long. As soon as Cinderella reached the chariot, the fairy godmother waved her wand and made the small little lizards become big strong horses. **It would have been enough if** the fairy godmother had granted Cinderella an average horse. Instead, she gave her the strongest horses.

Next the fairy godmother told Cinderella to get six different colored strings. She ran to her room to find six strings. When she came back, the fairy godmother waved her wand over the strings and created a stunning gown. "This gown is even better than the one the mice made," Cinderella declared.

Cinderella collected everything else the fairy godmother told her to find. When Cinderella and the fairy godmother were done, Cinderella looked like a queen. The last time Cinderella remembered looking this good was the week before her mom fell ill.

At last Cinderella was ready to go to the ball. As Cinderella was getting on the chariot, the fairy godmother told Cinderella one last thing, "Make sure to be home before midnight or else the magic will be taken away." That was it, the last Cinderella would ever hear from the fairy godmother.

As soon as Cinderella entered the ballroom, everyone stopped and stared. The prince couldn't take his eyes off Cinderella for even one minute. The prince and Cinderella danced together the whole night. When they were done dancing, they went to get something to eat. Cinderella was used to simple meals, so she just took a simple piece of matzah.

As Cinderella took her matzah, she checked her watch. Oh no, it was almost midnight. Just three minutes and she would look like plain old Cinderella. Cinderella dashed out of the ballroom. On the way out, she dropped half of her piece of matzah. The prince chased after her but couldn't catch her. All he had left of Cinderella was the half piece of matzah that she had dropped.

The prince realized he didn't even know Cinderella's name. He had been having too much fun to even ask her name. He knew that Cinderella was the girl he wanted to marry. He would do whatever he could to find the girl he danced with at the ball. Then he had an idea. He would go from house to house asking if anyone had the other half of the matzah. If they said yes, he would measure it alongside his matzah to see if they fit together.

The prince started his search for Cinderella. He spent hours going to every house in the city. Before long the prince was feeling discouraged. *Was Cinderella really worth this much effort?* The prince asked himself over and over again. Every time he would have a little argument with himself, but the answer would always end up being “yes.” She was worth it.

After three days of endless searching, the prince was just about ready to give up. He kept pushing himself to look for Cinderella for longer and longer. Eventually, the prince decided that he was going to try one more house and that was it.

He knocked on the door of this huge house (the one he promised himself would be last). Cinderella came running to answer the door. When she saw the prince there, she screamed, “I am the girl you're looking for! I have the other half of the matzah.” The prince and Cinderella put their pieces of matzah together, and they fit perfectly.

“You are the glorious girl I danced with, you really are!” The prince screamed.

The prince and Cinderella soon got married and had many kids. They lived a happy life far away from Lady Tramaine, Drizella and Anastasia. Their life was mostly peaceful and happy with occasional uproars. Cinderella couldn't have dreamt for a better family. Cinderella and her family lived happily ever after.

This is the story Cinderella told her grandchildren at the seder table as they were looking for the Afikomen.



## Rapunzel

Tali Morrison

Once upon time there lived a girl named Rapunzel who was raised by an evil witch. The witch never cut her hair, so it was very long, and she locked her up in a tower with no stairs or ladder to climb up. The way that the witch brought her food was that she would say, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair," and the witch would climb up Rapunzel's hair. One day Rapunzel realized it was almost Pesach and there was so much chamaitz in her tower. She didn't have food for Pesach, so the next day she told the witch that she needed to burn all her chamaitz and get food for Pesach. The witch didn't do anything about it, so Rapunzel had to think of something herself. She couldn't think of a way to solve the problem. One day a prince was walking by the palace and heard Rapunzel asking the witch to burn her chamaitz. The prince decided to get her food for Pesach. The next few days he watched what the witch did to get up the tower and he did the same thing. Rapunzel let him up thinking it was the witch, but when she saw it wasn't, she got a little scared. The prince explained himself and gave her food for Pesach and took away all her chamaitz.

## The Three Matzahs

Yona Morell

Once upon a time, there lived three matzahs. There was Mama Matzah, Papa Matzah, and Baby Matzah. They lived in a town called Matzahland. One day, they all went for a walk. While they were on the walk, Papa Matzah told a joke and they all “cracked” up! They went to the park to relax.

A young girl named Tzipora was taking a walk. Since it was in the middle of the coronavirus, she had to social distance herself from others. She wanted to drop off some kneidel at her grandparents house. Since she couldn’t go inside, she left the kneidel at the front door, so they could get them without seeing her.

When she was on her way home, she got very tired. She noticed a house made out of matzah. She was very curious to see what a matzah house looked like, so she went inside. She saw chairs made out of matzah and beds made out of matzah. On the counter, there were matzah rolls just like her Bubby makes. She ate too many matzah rolls. She went into the living room and sat on Papa Matzah’s chair and it was very hard. She sat on Mama Matzah’s chair and it was too soft, so she sat on Baby Matzah’s chair and it was just right, not too hard not too soft.

Tzipora then went up to the bedrooms, also made out of matzah. She went to Papa Matzah’s bed and it looked too hard, Mama Matzah’s bed looked too soft and the Baby Matzah’s bed looked just right and she fell asleep. The Matzot came back from their walk and saw all of the matzah rolls eaten. They went into the living room and saw the broken chair and were so upset. They decided to go upstairs for a nap, since they were tired from their walk. They saw Tzipora in Baby Matzah’s bed and they said, oh no. Tzipora woke up and ran home as fast as her legs could take her.

## Goldilocks and the Four Sons

Blimi Farkas and Esther Weinstein

Once upon a time, there were four sons who lived in a small house in a small town near the city. One of them was wise, one was wicked, one was simple, and one of them was small and clueless.

One day after they made matzah for the seder, they walked out into the town while the matzah was baking. And while they were in the town, a little girl came into their house. Her name was Goldilocks. She was very hungry so she decided she's going to eat some matzah.

First she tasted the matzah of the wise son, but it was far too soft for her. Then she tasted the matzah of the wicked son, but it was far too hot. Then she tasted the matzah of the simple son, but it was far too salty for her. And then she tasted the matzah of the small and clueless son, and it was just right. It was so good she gobbled up the whole thing.

Then Goldilocks went upstairs to the bedrooms and first she lay down on the wise son's bed, but it was too big for her. Then she lay down on the wicked son's bed, but it was far too rough for her. Next she lay down on the simple son's bed, but it was far too high for her. And then she lay down on the smallest and clueless son's bed, and it was just right. So she covered herself up comfortably, and lay there until she fell asleep.

By this time, the four sons thought their matzah would be ready and baked for their seder, so they returned to their house.

"SOMEBODY HAS EATEN MY MATZAH! IF I GET MY HANDS ON THAT LITTLE RASCAL, I'LL KNOCK THEIR TEETH OUT!" the wicked son yelled angrily.

"Someone has eaten my matzah, but it is all for the good," the wise son said calmly.

"Someone has been lying in my bed," the simple son said.

Then the small son went to go check his bed and there he saw Goldilocks fast asleep. "Someone has been lying in my bed, and here she is!"

Goldilocks heard his voice, jumped out the bed, and ran downstairs and out the door. She ran and ran until she reached her house, and she never saw the four sons again.

## THE LITTLE MERMAID: A PESACH TAKE

Raizy Friedman

Once upon a time far far away there lived a princess named Ariel. She wasn't just any princess; she was a mermaid. She was the only child of the royal family in Youngsville located next to Egypt. Her dad, the king of Youngsville, was a rich and powerful man known as King Triton. No one dared mess with him. He didn't let his daughter go outside of the palace; on the other hand, her mom would help her sneak out. Her mom Queen Athena was a very kind lady always trying to help other people. She was the total opposite of her husband. Here is Ariel's story.

One day the King went over to the neighboring country for a business trip. Before he left he told his daughter Ariel, "Remember no, parties, leaving the house and absolutely no one can enter this palace besides you, your mom and the royal guards."

"Yes, Father, I will be in the study reading during your journey," I replied. As I watched my father go, I overheard my father saying to a guard, "No one in and no one out, I have put a section of your army over the princess. She should be in her room studying if anything goes wrong, you know where to find me." The guard replied, "-Yes sir!" I was in my room when it opened a little, and I heard someone say, "Ariel, can I come in?"

"Why, of course," I replied happily. It was my favorite guard, Gus. Gus came and sat next to me on my royal bed. He gently said, "-I am just checking in on you, boss's orders." He continued saying that if he were in charge of me he would let me leave anytime as long as he had a royal guard by my side, but he isn't in charge so I was still stuck inside.

"If only my dad was more like Gus, if only he wasn't as overprotective. Then, I would be happy. Even if he let me out with a group of guards but no, he wouldn't even consider it. Of course I would never share these feelings out loud with anyone one even Gus," thought Ariel.

"I am meant to do this twice an hour. Are you ok with that?" Gus asked. So I responded, "Yes, Gus," with a heavy sigh, keeping in mind that Father would be mad if I had said anything else. Either way, the guards would have found another way to check on me twice an hour. "Boss's orders," Gus said hastily. Knowing that I would never tell on him for being rude.

One day, then two days, three days went by and my father had not returned. I was very sad and worried. Early one morning, there was a knock on her door. "May I come in please," asked the person. I got excited. I thought it would be Gus, so I said, "Why, of course," Then mother walked into the room,

"Hi sweetie, how did you sleep?" she asked.

"Just fine mother, but where is father?" said Ariel

"Oh, I am sure he is on his way back," she said with a worried face. "Plus why don't we take advantage of this, and you can go out and explore a little if you'd like." I know Mom only said that to cheer me up (and it worked), but I was confused: What could he be doing?

I was swimming in the ocean. It felt so weird I hadn't been out of the palace in so many years. I thought to myself, "This is amazing! What is father so worried about?" I was collecting seashells and thingamabobs (stuff humans use) when I saw feet, and I stared in amazement. I had never seen real feet before.

"Ariel, come back, to close!!!" called Mom. As I was turning around to go back, I saw bodies and then I could see up to the chin of a human body! And then, BOOM!!! CRASH!!! FWOOSH!!!

The next thing I knew I was so far out, I didn't recognize where I was. I decided my mother or father would come to my rescue, I hoped. One, then two, then three days passed. I started wondering...

"Who were the people I saw?"

"Where was my mother?"

"Where is father?"

"Has father even returned yet?"

"Are mother and father still alive?"

"Should I have stayed home?"

"Will I ever see my family again?" I only knew one answer, I should have stayed home. This is what dad always worried about. I started wandering through the deep ocean.

Thirteen years later. One day I found the deep ocean to be getting shallower and shallower. Then I was on land and, like magic, my tail became legs!!! I tried walking, but it's really hard. Finally I got the hang of it. I saw a huge house (at least it looked like a house) with a lot of people going in and out. Some went in with animals. Everyone looked so happy!

One of them saw me and called out, "Hay wo-" I didn't give him time to finish. Mother and Father always told me not to be seen by humans, and that if I ever was seen by humans, I should swim away really fast.

So, I ran and ran and all of a sudden, the humans stopped and took out these book type things and started mumbling. The few words I understood made no sense. I heard..."*SHEMA YISROEL, HASHEM ELOKEINU, HASHEM ECHAD.*" I wondered what that meant.

Afterwards I met a woman my age and we started having a conversation, so I asked what those words had meant and she replied,

"Follow me and I will explain everything." We walked for hours and hours until we finally stopped by a tent. She finally said this is where he lived with her husband and her two kids. She explained...

"Over thirteen years ago we were in Egypt working for an evil king by the name of Pharaoh... Oh before I finish I would like to invite you to stay for dinner. We are having a special dinner. We only have it twice a year."

"Oh, I would be delighted to stay."

"Before we start the meal let me introduce myself: my name is Suri, now let me introduce you to my kids... The younger one is Avrum and the older one is Rivka."

Later that night...

"Bravo, woohoo, that was amazing!!" We all cheered because Avrum had just performed the manish-tana (which I had learned is the four questions.)

"My turn, my turn!!!" called Rivka.

*"Manishtan halayla hazeh...halayla haze halayla haze coolanu misubin"*

"Yay! Rivka you did amazing!" Once again we cheered.

Then Suri said, "Ok, Rivka please go put Avrum to bed."

"All right, *Eama*." She replied

*"Eama,"* I thought. What does that mean?

"All right, " Suri started, "now, I can tell you why I had really wanted to invite you for dinner, like I was saying before... We were slaves in Egypt for a really long time and our G-d *Hashem* had done many miracles for us, so every year we have a *seder*, a feast to remember all the miracles He did for us and at this time. During the seder we read the whole story so I decided it would be better if you heard the whole story now rather than before." Rivka came back. They went through the whole story until they got up to the point of *Kriat yam suf* the splitting of the ocean. They spoke about the people who jumped in until their chins!

"Of course, it had to have been a miracle," I thought out loud.

"What!?!?!?" They all replied. So I told them my part of the story.

Boy, was it long but I didn't even notice until about 3:00 in the morning when Suri started to teach me how to bentch. This has been the greatest night ever! I thanked them for a great meal and then I started walking towards the door when...

"Wait, where are you going? It's four o'clock in the morning?"

"I didn't think you would have enough room plus you probably didn't want me to stay here I will just go." I replied

"No! We want you to stay," they said.

I ended up staying with them and getting married and became Jewish! Then one day, when we were walking, my husband (Yaakov), Suri, her husband and her two kids when I saw something in the water.

"Mother! Father! Gus!" I screamed. They all jumped out and hugged me!



“We thought we lost you.”

“Oh, Mother, Father, Gus, meet Yaakov-my husband, Suri-my B.F.F., Suri’s husband and two kids! Yaakov, Suri meet my Mother, Father and my favorite guard, Gus!”

We spoke for an hour and all got along. We had a great time. Ariel said at the seder with her husband, five kids, best friend Suri and her husband and kids.

“And that's my story! “

The Chametz Fairy: A Diamante Poem  
Bracha Pomeranz and Tamar Morell

The Chametz Fairy  
Unknown, mysterious  
Lurking, looking, finding  
Replacing chametz with Matzah  
Checking, perfecting, watching  
Beautiful, meaningful  
Pesach Seder  
And when night  
falls every thing is  
Silent to come upon the  
Chametz Fairy

## MATZAH MAN

Shira Schwartz

The first night of Pesach there was an old cottage in the woods. Inside there were two people, a grandpa and a grandma. Pesach was coming closer and Grandma was cooking for Pesach. Grandma made a Pesach matzah man that was pesachdik. There was a flower near the matzah man, so the matzah man started running through the crack of the door, and the grandma was trying to chase him. Then as the grandpa was picking strawberries for Pesach in his garden, he saw his wife chasing after the matzah man she had made. Grandpa started chasing the matzah man also.

Then the grandpa and grandma started chasing the matzah man. When they were running, they passed the barn and there was a cow. The cow saw everybody chasing the matzah man, and the cow started running with Grandma and Grandpa. As they were running they passed three pigs. The pigs saw everybody chasing the matzah man, and the pigs started running with Grandma, Grandpa, and the cow. As Grandpa, Grandma, the cow, and pigs were running after the matzah man, the sheep saw them running after the matzah man.

The sheep joined the group. The sheep convinced the matzah man that he wouldn't eat him. But..... He ate him oooops.

## Sleeping Beauty

Eliyanah Gruenebaum

Once upon a time there was a kingdom far away, and in that kingdom was a great nation. And on that day a princess was born named Aurora. The kingdom had a huge celebration. There was food, dancing, and three fairies to give three blessings to the princess. But before they could, the room became dark and lightning flashed and in came the evil fairy. She was very upset that there were so many people at the party except for her. So she put a curse on the kingdom that everyone must become her slaves forever! And the evil fairy left with a lightning strike.

Everyone at the party cried, "Oh, no, we're going to be slaves tomorrow!"

The good fairies then gave the kingdom a blessing and said, "We shall give this kingdom a gift. If the whole kingdom davens with your hearts to Hashem, then He will send a hero to save you all." With that the fairies left.

A hundred years passed, and the entire kingdom worked as the evil fairy slaves. The whole kingdom was miserable and one night they davened to Hashem with heart and soul. So the fairy's blessing came true, and Hashem sent a prince to save them, a prince named Moshe. Prince Moshe made a deal with the three fairies long ago and said that if he rescued the royal kingdom, he could marry Princess Aurora. To rescue the kingdom they gave him the power to summon ten deadly plagues. For ten days the plagues went on. Each one was worse than the last. Blood, frogs, lice, wild animals, dead animals, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and death.

As soon as the evil fairy learned that the kingdom was closing the places, she said that everyone must leave and never can come back. The kingdom was overjoyed to learn that they could leave, but a very big ocean was in the way. What made it worse is that the evil fairy realized what she had done and commended her guards to take the kingdom back to her castle to work! But luckily with the powers the three fairies gave him, the prince wished that there was a way to cross over the ocean, and the water spilt open so they could move forward. After everyone got out, the guards were coming and went in the ocean but the water closed on them and they all drowned. Everyone was feeling fantastic! Afterwards, they had a celebration. There was music and singing as they moved to a new kingdom. When they made it, Aurora had a big nap to rest. That's why the whole kingdom nicknamed her Sleeping Beauty. Aurora and the prince got married, and they all lived happily ever after.

## Rapunzel's First Shabbat

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Once upon a time on a Friday afternoon on a very hot summer day a princess named Rapunzel was getting ready for Shabbat. Rapunzel loves Shabbat but she hates dressing up because she'd much rather be in her pajamas, all comfortable, but this Shabbat was different.

Rapunzel's whole family and cousins were coming so she decided to dress up and set the table extra nice with flowers and golden silverware. Rapunzel was so excited when her family and cousins came back from shul because her whole family and cousins usually never see each other. But this Shabbat was going to be very different.

Everyone gathered at the table and started talking and talking and talking like it never stopped. All Rapunzel wanted to do was to wash hands for bread and eat. Finally, once everyone stopped talking they all decided to get up and wash their hands for bread. They all sat down and ate and sang. It was wonderful.

It was 8:45 and the meal was over and they all left to sleep. Mom and Dad said "good night" to Rapunzel, gave her a kiss and left to bed. Rapunzel went upstairs to bed but all the sudden she heard a noise down the stairs. Rapunzel thought it was just her cousins, but then she heard glass break. Mom and Dad and all of her cousins woke up and all went downstairs to see what was going on.

Glass cups, glass plates and her mom's favorite glass vase was broken. No one knew who did it, no one was there. Rapunzel's parents called security and the security called in inspectors to figure out who did it. But all they found was a strand of grey curly hair. It was 11:00 in the night and the security and inspector called it a night and left.

Rapunzel and her parents and cousins left to bed all curious on who did it. Rapunzel went on her bed and fell in a deep sleep. Rapunzel drifted off into a dream. Rapunzel was in the streets of her town. It was a rainy day and no one was outside. All of a sudden she saw a shadowy figure and yelled out, "Who's there?"

Rapunzel was trembling in fear and all of a sudden, she heard a whisper, "Rapunzel, don't be afraid of me. We are close friends." But she said it in a very raspy voice. Rapunzel with no hesitation started running (in her dream), and all the sudden she heard someone calling her name, and she fell on the ground and woke up to find her mom trying to wake her up.

Rapunzel's mom said, "Good morning. How was your sleep?"

Rapunzel answered with her dream. Her mother was thinking to herself that she might know who the person was breaking the glass stuff. All the sudden Rapunzel screamed. She saw that mean lady that trapped her in a tower since she was a baby. Her mother looked behind her and saw that she was in rusty ripped clothing.

Rapunzel's mother screamed for security. Security took the lady to the dungeon. Rapunzel and her family sat and thought about what to do with this evil lady. Then, Rapunzel had a thought. Maybe she should ask the lady what she was doing there. She hesitated and then went all the way down to the dungeon.

Rapunzel came up to the old lady and said, "Why are you here, what are you looking for?" The old lady replied with a rusty voice and said, "I've been living in the woods and need a place to stay. I didn't mean to break any of the glass I broke. I fell out of the window and tripped and fell on the vase and glass. I want to ask for forgiveness this morning, but I was swept away by the security before I could say a word."

Rapunzel couldn't believe what she had just heard. Without hesitation, she ran back upstairs to tell her parents. She told her parents the whole story. They took the lady out of the dungeon and apologized and asked her to live with them and to stay for Pesach, which was just a week away. The lady replied, "Thank you so much. I am so glad you understood."

Lesson of the story: People can change and you can't take people for granted.



## The Prince and The Jewish Boy

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Once upon a time there was a village filled of Jewish families. But the king was not a Jew nor was his wife.

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Finally the day came. The prince was born, everyone in the village was at the prince ceremony to hear the name. On that very same day another boy was born. He was the son of the baker. The boys grew up, the prince not knowing of the baker boy and the baker boy admiring the prince and envying him. One day the prince snuck out of the castle because he did not enjoy being the prince; and he had everything but friends. The baker boy was collecting his wheat for the dough to make challah for Shabbat. This would be his last batch of challah for the next few weeks because Passover was coming up. The baker boy and the prince bumped into each other and thought they were looking at a mirror: both the baker boy and the prince had brown hair brown eyes and the same face the same size in clothing. They were identical strangers.

The prince asked the baker boy, "What is your name?"

The baker boy said, "My name is Moshe."

The prince said, "My name is Moses."

Moshe said, "My name is Moses in English but I'm a Jew and my name is pronounced Moshe because that's how it is spelled in the Jewish way."

The prince then had an idea. "Let us switch places," he said. The baker boy was hesitant but all his life he wished he could be the prince, so he told him where he lived. Moshe told Moses to go to 1105 Hoo Lane. "My parents will be waiting for you because you are taking my place so that you guys can eat as a family."

Moses told Moshe, "The servants will serve you any meal of your desire, and my father the king will not eat with you because he never eats with me; he is always so busy. So you have nothing to worry about."

Then it was final. The boys switched places. But before they left for their new families, they made a day to meet up a week from today. So, Moshe gave Moses the wheat and they parted from each other. When the day came and the boys met up, Moses did not come; he liked being a regular boy so he didn't come. Moshe was worried, but it was almost Passover so Moshe did the best he could. He told his servants to clean his room and only serve him what the Jews eat. The king also known as Pharaoh was confused because of his son's actions.

## Pesach Fairy Tales

### Shira Raff

Once there was a girl named Shira. She was walking outside and she saw these really tough boys bouncing balls everywhere, and all of the sudden one hit her so hard so she fell down. When she woke up, these strange people were surrounding her. She didn't know who they were, and they looked younger than her, so she stood up and she saw all of those tough boys were gone. Shira said, "What happened?"

All of the people surrounding her said, "We were in the middle of conquering an evil Pharaoh when out of nowhere you fell out of the sky and landed right on top of him. You ended up conquering him. Thank you."

Shira was just staring at the people, and she asked who / what are you. All the boys at once said, "We are the Munchkins of Egypt. How do you do?" She stared at them and saw that they had a huge marshmallow as a yamaka and licorice as tzitzit and looked like candy boys. Shira said, "How do I get home?" There seemed to be no end to outside ; it didn't look the same at all. Then this weird angel appeared and all the munchkins said, "This is your fairy godmother." Shira got really confused and said that is not possible. So the Munchkins said, "What do you mean? This is Fairytale Land and you have just entered the 10 makkot."

Shira's fairy godmother said go down the street and go to your left and you will find Someone Named of The Wizard of Oz. Then she realized, "Oh my gosh, I'm in a story book of fairy tales but this is The Wizard of Oz. This is so cool! How did this happen?" Shira's fairy godmother said, "The wizard will tell you your way home."

Shira started to walk when she passed a few trees. She wasn't outside anymore. She just appeared inside this cute little cottage. Shira walked around and she saw in the kitchen there were three bowls of porridge, but the last bowl was eaten. All of the bowls had frogs inside of them, and all over the house there were frogs. She went into the living room and saw three chairs, but the smallest chair was broken. There were also frogs all over that room. Then, she went upstairs and she saw in the smallest bed there was still a girl with blond hair sleeping in that bed with frogs all over her.

The girl sleeping in the bed woke up and said, "Oh, hi. What are you doing here?"

Shira said, "I don't know. I think I just appeared here somehow."

The girl said, "Oh, cool. I just came into this house because I was hungry. I didn't mean to do anything. I'll go now."

Shira said, "I think we're in a fairy tale. You know Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Then the girl said, "How do you know my name? I'm Goldilocks."

Shira freaked out and said, "Really? Oh, okay. Then did you know that this house has three bears living here I think? Well, I mean according to the fairy tale that I've heard."

Then Goldilocks got all scared and said, "No, I didn't know that!"

They both looked out the window and they saw that three bears were walking their way, so they quickly ran out of the house. When Shira got out of the house she appeared in a new place, without Goldilocks. She found another girl so she thought maybe this girl could help her. She went over to that girl, and the girl was carrying a basket. She wore a red hood that went very long on her. She said hi to the girl, and the girl said, "Hi, my name is Little Red Riding Hood."

Shira thought, "Wow! That's so cool." She asked, "How come your cape has blood all over it, and in your basket there is also blood. And how come I have blood all over my hands?"

Little Red Riding Hood said, "I don't know what you're talkin about. I was just bringing this basket to my grandmother. If you want, you can come with me." Shira agreed to go with her. When they entered the cottage, they saw Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother, but her grandmother looked just like a wolf! That's when Shira realized that she was in another fairytale. She didn't know what was happening and why this was happening to her. She decided to just go along with it and have fun even though it seemed kind of scary.

She saw that the wolf had blood coming down his teeth and blood on its fur. She didn't know why, but she just decided to tell Little Red Riding Hood that something was wrong. She told her and Little Red Riding Hood said, "You're right my grandmother does look a lot different. I think you're right, let's go! Run!" They ran outside and again Shira appeared in a new place.

Shira appeared inside this huge house wearing an apron and ugly looking shoes. She really didn't know where she was, and why she was dressed so bad. Then her fairy godmother appeared. Shira got so excited and said, "Oh my gosh you're here. Now you could help me get home!" Her fairy godmother said, "I'm sorry. I can't do that but there is a big ball tonight and you have to go."

Shira got excited and nervous at the same time. She said, but I can't go like this. I look horrible." Her fairy godmother made her dress up in a really pretty ball gown, and turned a pumpkin into a carriage. Her fairy godmother said, "There, now you look stunning. You have to come back by midnight. After midnight the spell will wear off and you will turn back to your old self."

Shira agreed and went into her carriage to the ball. When she got to the ball, she saw all these handsome princes, but they all were itching themselves like crazy, she didn't know why. Shira started to get really itchy also, and she realized that she had lice all over her. Then, one of the princes went over to her and asked her to dance. She got

so happy, and she danced with him all night. They were trying to have fun together by dancing but they couldn't. They were way too itchy with all the lice on them. When they were finally having fun, she heard the clock ticking 12 a clock midnight. Shira got really freaked out, and she quickly ran out of the ball and basically ditched that person she was dancing with. She felt so horrible, but she didn't have a choice. When she left, she lost her glass slipper. Then, she realized that she was in the Cinderella story. As she ran out of the ball, she appeared in a new place again!

This time Shira appeared back outside where she was at the beginning. She was so glad to be back! She started noticing lots of wild animals and quickly ran to her house! When she got home she screamed, "MOM, DAD!" No one answered. Shira was happy to be home, but still didn't know what was happening and why all that stuff happened before. Suddenly Shira heard a loud roar. She freaked out! She ran upstairs to her room and shut the door. Then she started to cry. After she stopped crying she noticed that those wild animals were gone! So Shira went back outside but then she saw way more bugs than usual, and she didn't know why. There were so many bugs she couldn't count them. She was freaking out. Shira started stamping and trying to get all the bugs off her. After an hour of hard work, they were all gone, but she didn't realize that now there was a new makka.

Shira went back to her room. All of the sudden, she started getting blisters all over her! She thought that it must have been from all the bugs. The blisters hurt Shira so much that she couldn't help but scream OUCH every second. After putting a lot of creams on the blisters, they started going away. Then it started hailing like crazy! This was a different kind of hail that Shira has never seen before. The hail looked like it had fire on top of ice! It was so strange, she started screaming and running around like crazy. She saw her whole neighborhood running around because their houses got destroyed because of the hail. She was running with all of her neighbors, and she was freaking out. No one knew what was happening. They were all so upset. After hours the hail stopped.

Shira was so exhausted from running so much. She sat on the grass and lay down for a little bit. Then grasshoppers started Jumping all over her, out of nowhere! She noticed that there were grasshoppers everywhere; there was not any spot that was empty of grasshoppers. After a while, all the grasshoppers started clearing up. Then everything went pitch black! It was so dark that she couldn't even move! After a long time of darkness and no movement, she started seeing things again. She was glad that it was all over. Then, all of her oldest neighbors started dying! That was the worst thing that happened to her yet!

She cried so hard that she had no tears left in her. After hours of mourning she saw that her fairy godmother appeared! Shira's fairy godmother said, "I am so proud of you! You have survived all the makkot and all the fairy tales! Now I will take you out of Egypt, and out of Fairytale Land and I will bring you back home!" When Shira got back

home, all her neighbors were alive, she saw her family and nothing bad was happening. She told her family the strange story that happened to her, and she lived happily ever after!

The End

## Humpty Dumpty

Elle Shucht

There once was an egg named Humpty Dumpty. He was in his bed in a carton full of eggs. When a lady walked by, she grabbed the carton with delight, and a little girl walked beside her with her head held up high. The little girl said we need the most perfect eggs for the seder that is for later.

They bought the eggs and went in the car as the mother told the story of Passover. Humpty Dumpty overheard the story and he said, "I wish I could celebrate it too, with all of you," he said to the other eggs. The little girl thought she heard someone say something, so when they got home the little girl carefully carried the egg carton to the kitchen table and opened it a little. She took a little peek inside a few times, until she heard a voice. She opened the carton all the way and it was Humpty Dumpty saying, "Good Day."

The little girl could not believe that there was an egg talking to her. She carefully picked the egg up and put it in her hands. Then, Humpty Dumpty said, "Please don't eat me. I wish we could be friends, if you agree with me."

Then she said, "Do not worry. I will make sure no one will eat you. Just stay with me and I will protect you." Later that day when they were having the seder, the father said, "Why is there no egg on the seder plate?" Everyone was upset because there was just no egg. Then Humpty Dumpty said, "Use me instead."

"What if they eat you?" the little girl asked. "I know that could happen, but it is okay." The little girl took Humpty Dumpty and lifted him in the air and said, "I have an egg to put on the plate, but please do not eat him. He is more than just an egg. He is also my friend." Then, Humpty Dumpty said hello to everyone, and from that day on, every passover seder, Humpty Dumpty would sit on the seder plate with joy and happiness every time.



## Cinderella in Mitzrayim

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Characters:

Step Sisters: the מצרים

Cinderella: Jews

Step mother: פרעה

Father: יוסף

Prince Charming : משה ואהרן

Magical Carriage: ים סוף

Once upon a time there was a happy Jewish girl who lived in Mitzrayim. Her name was Cinderella. Cinderella's mother died when she was just a young girl. She had long shiny blonde hair like gold, and beautiful blue eyes that reminded her father of the ocean. Her smile looked just like her mother's. Her father was second to the king so she was very rich. Her father was the one who kept her evil step-mother, who was the daughter of the king, and her two step-sisters from making her life miserable. After the king died, the step-mother became Queen. One day Cinderella's father went out to the forest to chop some wood for his wife the Queen; however, he never returned.

Cinderella was in her room reading a book when her step-mother barged into her room. She said, "I need to tell you something about your father; HE DIED MWA hahaha." Cinderella cried for days, and did not leave her room. Cinderella lay down in her bed and her step mother came into her room. She told her, "I will pay you a lot of money to build me a new palace." Cinderella thought that this was a great way for her to make some money. She said to her step-mother, "Sure, what a lovely idea to get my mind off of my father's death."

Cinderella started to build her step-mother a brand-new palace. Her step mother paid her the money she promised. Cinderella decided to continue working and building more for her step-mother. She built her an entire town, but when she went to collect the money from her step-mother, she didn't give her any. Instead, her step mother threatened to kill Cinderella if she stopped working. For the next 210 years Cinderella's life was miserable. Whenever she stopped working for even one second, her step-mother sent her step-sisters to give her lashes.

One day, two handsome men appeared, Prince Charming and his brother! They approached Cinderella's step-mother and asked her to let Cinderella go free. Her step-mother refused. They warned her and said, "If you don't let her go free, we will turn all of your nation's water into blood." She still refused. All of Cinderella's sisters tried to get his attention. But, he didn't pay much attention to them.

All of the sudden, Cinderella saw Prince Charming's brother hit the river with his stick. She thought, "What a strange man he is." Then the river turned to blood and all the fish in it died. It was a very hot day outside, so Cinderella took a drink of refreshing, ice-cold water. All of the sudden her step-sisters burst out of the house and yelled, "Cinderella, give us that water of yours or we will spank you to death!" Cinderella gave them her water because what other choice did she have. When her sisters' lips touched the water, it too turned to blood. The sisters said, "This is gross."

That night Cinderella couldn't fall asleep, so she went downstairs to her garden. Out of the corner of her eye, she spotted a sparkle that looked like a fairy. And behold, she was right; it was a fairy. She approached the fairy and Cinderella said, "Who are you?"

"I'm a fairy who was sent by your holy G-d Hashem.

"Oh, my," Cinderella said.

"I'm here to let you and your people free. Tomorrow night you will go to the main desert, and I will send Prince Charming and his brother to lead you to freedom." Early that morning Cinderella started baking some bread to take with her when she left. She left with all her riches from her step-mother. She assumed the dough would bake on the way.

Cinderella went in her magical carriage that her fairy godmother granted her. As she stepped into her magical carriage, it collapsed into a huge river. She didn't know how to get across it. She trusted in Hashem that He would save her, and bring her to freedom, so she was already chin-deep into the river. All of the sudden, the river just split in half. She continued walking through the magnificent, beautiful, split river. Then big, delicious, juicy fruit started growing all over the walls. Her stepmother and sisters were chasing her. The river closed behind her and her stepmother and sisters all drowned. After crossing the river, she got back onto dry land and saw Prince Charming and his brother. Then she looked onto her shoulder and saw that her bread had not risen, but it formed into a round flat piece of bread that she called Matzah. Cinderella was now a free Jew who was able to serve Hashem.

## Peter Rabbit's Pesach Adventure

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One morning when Peter woke up, he realized he was the last one to wake up. Peter Rabbit had three brothers; their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton-Tail. Peter was a mischievous bunny and was always in some kind of trouble. Each day Peter would go out from his home trying to find an adventure, but somehow trouble always seemed to find him.

On that particular day as Peter was leaving the house, he heard his mom whispering on the phone. He assumed it was just her usual conversation with her best friend about what recipes they were gonna make for Pesach or about their book club meeting until he heard his name. Peter was so curious that he just had to listen and hear what his mother was saying about him. It was hard to hear, and he could only make out a few words. She was talking about the forest that his mother forbade any of the bunnies to go to, while she also mentioned his father's name and how he was the most like his father which worried her tremendously. A few years ago the rabbits' father had gone to work the day before Pesach, but he had never returned. However, anytime the rabbits would ask what had happened to their father, Mrs. Rabbit would always change the subject as if she was trying to hide something from them.

That day Peter decided he was going to go check out the forbidden forest because he knew it had something to do with his father's disappearance. When he arrived, it looked just like an ordinary forest, but with each cautious step he took, it became clearer that this was definitely not an ordinary forest. Peter was the most determined bunny in the world that even if a leopard shot out of the trees he would have stayed to find what he was looking for.

Peter was not entirely sure what he was looking for, but he figured he would know when he saw it. He spent his entire day there and just as he was going to go home for dinner, he spotted a glowing cave. Peter charged straight to the cave. He had a gut feeling that this was how his father had disappeared, and he was determined to bring his father back no matter what. He kept walking deeper and deeper into the cave, until he finally made it to the back of the cave where he found a very strange looking elevator. He stepped into the elevator and pressed the only button there was. Immediately, he regretted his decision.

The doors closed, and the elevator took off at breakneck speed downwards. It felt like he was in the mysterious elevator for years when it finally came to a halt. The doors opened, and all he could see was sand. and a disheveled rabbit that could not be his father.

The strange rabbit said, "Peter?" And instantly he knew it was his father, but he looked so much older and tired. How could this be his father? He ran to his father and gave him a huge hug. After that, his father asked Peter how he had gotten here, and Peter told him his whole journey. Peter asked his father what had happened to him, and why he came to this sandy place. His father sat Peter down and explained the whole story.

His father quickly explained that the elevator brings people back in time. His father explained that he had come here to learn about the Pesach story in order to

teach his sons. This would also make a great story for his paper since he was a journalist. He had seen an odd ad on his desk that promised him a great story to see what really happened in Mitzrayim. He assumed it was a once in a lifetime opportunity, so being the risk-taker that he was, he followed the map to the exact spot Peter had been. But as soon as he arrived, Pharaoh had put him to work right away, and he then realized it was a trap. Mr. Rabbit was not aware that it was possible to live in the past and be a part of it. He simply thought he would watch and see what happened. He had been through a lot of trauma since he came just like the Jews in Mitzrayim, and he was trapped with no escape.

Peter was very good at figuring things out and realized that the elevator must only open around Pesach time, so now was their only time to escape. He saw Pharaoh approaching, holding up something that looked like it would shut the elevator door. Therefore, he grabbed his father and ran into the elevator as quickly as they could, shut the door, and pushed the button. This time it took them at breakneck speed upwards and opened in the mysterious forest. As soon as they got out, they hopped as fast as they could back home, and Peter was so excited to show his mom that he had not gotten trapped like his dad. Peter had saved the day and brought his father home just in time for Bedikat Chametz and Mrs. Rabbit worried no more.

# Beauty and the Beast

Tali Huffman

In a land far away called France, there was a girl named Belle. She was the most beautiful girl in all the land. Her father was called to the king, who lived in a big palace. When he was on the way to the palace, he saw very nice roses; and he picked one for his daughter Belle.

The king was furious that he stole from his garden. He trapped him in his palace and made him work for his freedom. At first the king went easy on him, then as time went on, he made it harder.

Through Belle's magic mirror, she saw her father's distress and hard work at the palace. Belle came to the palace and begged the king, who was a beast, to let her father go! The beast replied with a loud roar of "NO!" And instead of making her father continue his work like so, he made it harder to make his own bricks in the snow! Whenever Belle would come to try to get the beast to let her father go, he would make it even harder than before.

Belle started to bring a consequence whenever she would come. The beast fell in love with Belle and decided to let her father go; he couldn't bear to see her upset any more. They ran as fast as their legs would carry them. The beast realized that the new palace wasn't ready and ran after them. They were about to cross the bridge, when the beast sent a roar and a slam, and made the bridge collapse. They were trapped, and they didn't know how to swim. But, they decided to try because either way there was no hope. So they took the risk. When the water was chin high, it miraculously split. They ran past fast, with the beast confused about what just happened, and they gained a few minutes. The beast then chased after them, but the river closed behind them leaving the beast to drown.

## Sleeping Beauty

Toby Kahn

There once was a little girl named Aurora. She was a bright-minded, curious girl who loved Pesach. Every year she waited and waited for Pesach to come, and when it did, she was ecstatic. She loved cooking and cleaning all the rooms, but the thing she loved the most was the seder. When Pesach arrived, Aurora was really happy. She cooked and cleaned with her two sisters and her mother and had a really great time.

That night was the night of the seder. Aurora got dressed up in her white flowy dress with the flowers on the bottom and went on. As she went through the seder, things started to change. The dining room was replaced with pyramids, and Aurora was really confused. Then she realized she was in Mitzrayim. As she walked around she could see Jews being tortured by Mitzrim; she couldn't bear the sight. Aurora's mind was racing with thoughts; she didn't know what to do.

All of the sudden she heard a loud thunder, and all the Mitzrim were screaming, "My water has turned to blood!" Aurora immediately realized that she was witnessing makkat dam. She went around and her thoughts were correct. Makkat dam was happening right in front of her. Then the next day makkat tzfardeiah happened. As she witnessed all these makkot, she thought to herself, "Hashem is a miracle worker and He loves His people, including me." After all the makkot, Mitzrayim started to disappear. Then she started hearing a loud voice that was calling her name, "Aurora." It called, "Aurora... "

She suddenly woke up in panic, and realized she was back home. She got out of her bed and walked around the room, mumbling, "It was only a dream." Her mother told her that she had fallen asleep during the seder, and it was now time for bed. She went to bed that night thinking about Hashem and all the miracles that He does for her constantly during the day.



## The Three Little Pigs Clean for Pesach

Shalva Laster

"We have got to start cleaning our house," said the oldest piggy. Every day the three little pigs scrubbed and washed their houses for any chametz. Pesach was approaching and the piggies were trembling with fear. They knew the old mean wolf would be inspecting their homes for any tiny crumb of chametz. Searching and searching, the pigs knew they would be expecting a visitor that night for bedikat chametz. The big wolf knocked on the door. "Yes," cried one of the pigs.

"Let me in, let me in," said the big bad wolf in a deep harsh voice.

The piggies slowly opened the door with trembling hands, and the wolf rushed inside and slammed the door. The wolf slowly and very carefully searched the whole house, one corner to the next, making sure not to skip a single crumb. The wolf stopped in his tracks like a frozen ice cube right in front of a window sill. "What can it be?" whispered the little piggies.

"Tomorrow morning at beur chametz, this house will be burned with all of its chametz inside!" yelled the nasty wolf.

"How can this be?" cried the pigs. "We've searched and cleaned this whole house perfectly."

"I don't want to hear any excuses," said the wolf.

The next day came like a flash of lightning. The wolf came back to their house to burn it and evacuate the three little piggies. The wolf was in a big rush; he had many other animal families to burn their houses down and teach a lesson to everyone to never leave a single crumb behind. The sad little piggies took all of their belongings with them and left the house.

From a block away they could still see their old house in flames and smell the smoke in the air. The terrified pigs had to now find a new home to live in before Pesach came. They asked everyone they met if they knew where a house was for sale. Unfortunately they found nothing, so they searched themselves in every community up and down the blocks.

Finally, after hours of searching, the pigs found a nice house in the middle of the forest with enough room and plenty of extra space. The three pigs were exhausted from walking and decided to take a small nap before the seder. When the pigs woke up, they had to cook for Pesach and get the house ready, but to their surprise the refrigerator was already filled with delicious food and everything was ready for pesach.

"This is a Pesach miracle," said the little pigs. "Hashem has saved us from the evil wolf and brought us to a new house just like the Jews in mitzrayim," said the little piggy. Finally, when the seder began, the three pigs really felt like they had left Mitzrayim and Hashem had saved them. The piggies sang and praised Hashem the rest of the night.

## Humpty Dumpty Falls in the Salt Water

Rivky Perl

Humpty Dumpty sat near a river,  
he thought of Mitzrayim and started to quiver.

When all of a sudden he lost control,  
down to the river he started to roll.

Matza and Marror started to shout,  
“It looks like your yolk is coming right out!”  
“Oh no!” he cried,  
I’m scared I will lose, everything inside.

But it was already too late,  
Into the water, would be his fate.

Salty and cold was all he could feel,  
but suddenly his cracks began to heal.

Though we all know it was a nais,  
It’s all up to Hashem whatever we face.

## Hansel and Gretel

Shoshana Bennett, Racheli Hala

Hansel- B'nei Yisrael  
Gretel-Moshe and Aharon  
Witch-Pharaoh  
Singing kids-Hashem  
Treasures- freedom  
Woods-dessert or galoot.  
Swan- Hashem's clouds  
Witch's house-Mitzrayim  
Home-Har Sinai

Once upon a time, in a place halfway across the earth, there were two kids named Hansel and Gretel. Hansel and Gretel were wandering through a desert looking for someplace to have seder for an extremely long time. One day they came across an extremely beautiful gingerbread house decorated with candy. As soon as they saw this beautiful place, they started eating and were later greeted by a kind witch who offered to let them live there for free and to eat as much as they wanted.

The witch had acted as kind as can be and offered to take them in and care for them, but in the witch's heart she had only evil and was planning to make them do backbreaking labor to help her clean for pesach. As Hansel and Gretel had no other choice, they had agreed to it. Within the first week, it was all great. They were getting food, were given homes, and were taken care of. Although, the longer they stayed, the harder the work became. Everything became worse until they were working like dogs with no food, and they were trapped in the witch's house.

One day the witch decided she was done waiting and revealed her true intentions, which were to feed Hansel and Gretel until they were both as fat as a cow so that she could eat them by shulchan aruch. The witch grabbed Hansel and trapped him in a cage. Everyday she forced Gretel to make tons of food using chametz for Hansel to eat, because she wanted to use up as much of the chametz as possible. Everyday Gretel would plead and beg the witch to let her and Hansel go. She also warned the witch that if she didn't let them go, then something bad would happen, but each time it would make the witch harden her heart even more.

Every morning Gretel would beg for her and Hansel's lives. Each day Hansel had grown bigger, but he used a thin stick to give to the witch to trick her that he was still as skinny as could be. This trick of Hansel's worked for weeks, but only because the witch was half blind and could only hardly see. Until one day she grew sick of waiting and told Gretel to fetch her a pair of water so she wouldn't dehydrate while eating Hansel. Gretel

reluctantly agreed and went out to fetch some water, but while she was walking out she was greeted by a kid next to a burning bush who had told her not to give up and to save her brother.

The kid also said that Gretel should smash the witch's gingerbread house, and lock the witch in the oven. After consideration she came to a conclusion that she wouldn't give up and had come up with a plan to trick the witch. Gretel instantly started rushing to the house to save her brother. As Gretel was getting the water, the witch had decided she was so hungry that she would also eat Gretel.

When Gretel got back to the house, the witch was busy making matzah, and asked Gretel to climb in the oven to check if it was hot enough. Gretel understood the witch's true intentions and had decided that now was the perfect time to trick the witch. Gretel felt the heat, but decided to act like she hadn't, and claimed that she didn't understand. So the witch stuck her head in the oven to demonstrate how to do it. Gretel took the opportunity and shoved the witch in the oven and locked the door as payback for always making Gretel cook. Gretel quickly let her brother out of the cage that he was locked in. As the siblings were leaving, they decided to check out parts of the witch's house they hadn't seen. As they were walking around, they noticed a room filled with gold coins, pearls, and many other riches. The two kids carried as much as they could out of the house. They also smashed the gingerbread house to make sure the witch couldn't catch them, and a big tidal wave came out of nowhere and swept the remains away.

Afterwards, they realized they had no clue how to get home. As they were thinking, Gretel noticed a swan who was walking through a path they hadn't seen before. Hansel and Gretel decided to follow the swan who led them home. When the kids reached home, they ran in to see their father alone in his rocking chair. Their father was overjoyed to see his children and their father. They were right on time to have a seder with their father. So that's what happened; they had seder with their father and when it came time to read maggid, they read about how they escaped from the witch and her gingerbread pyramid.

## Hansel and Gretel

Aviva Taibe

Once upon a time in a far, far, far away land, there were two children named Hansel and Gretel. Their father was a woodcutter. They lived with their parents in a small cottage in the middle of the forest. The kids were wise beyond their years.

Hansel and Gretel's mother told her husband, "We won't be able to survive this winter."

"What shall we do?" he replied to his wife.

She answered with a sigh, "Send them on the trail to Egypt. We will all starve otherwise."

The next day Hansel and Gretel were told to go to deliver some wood to a foreign town. Hansel and Gretel were smart enough to get what was going on. So they gathered skipping stones and put them along the path. They followed the path of stones after they delivered the wood.

Their annoyed mother told them to go even further the next day. This time Hansel stole a loaf of bread and used the crumbs to make a trail back to the house. And so Hansel and Gretel ventured even deeper into the woods. Deeper and Deeper. So deep that they didn't even realize that the sun was almost gone. The loaf of bread was practically finished, but then there was a scent. A scent that carried Hansel and Gretel further and further into the woods. They forgot to keep leaving a trail. And finally they found the location of this scent.

It was sunrise by now, and when they looked down, they realized that they were walking on sand. And they were able to see pyramids in the distance. There was a sign. It read "Welcome to Egypt, Jewish slaves for sale."

But in front of them was a large...gingerbread pyramid. And it smelled like gumdrops, and lollipops, and croissants, and macaroons, and every kind of sweet and savory thing that you could think of. Hansel and Gretel looked wide-eyed at each other. Then they ran inside faster than the speed of light.

Inside was even more magnificent than the exterior. The walls of the pyramid were made out of chocolate bricks. And the table in the middle looked like a graham cracker. There was a couch made out of ice cream. And EVERYTHING was made out of the most delicious foods.

"Hansel, maybe we shouldn't eat this; we don't know who it belongs to," Gretel said after they ate most of the couch and half of the marshmallow bed.

"Ya, we are in an abandoned pyramid made out of yummy stuff, and you're thinking about other things." Hansel started stuffing some more of the marshmallow bed into his face. "Ya, I'm just going to start asking people if they know who this belongs to," he said sarcastically.

Gretel started getting up when there was a hoarse voice behind her,

"Hello, Dearie," the voice said. "Who might you two awesome kids be?" Gretel started to get up again but then a hand jerked her down. "Oh, not so fast, dearie," the voice shrieked. "You will make a delicious meal!"

Hansel started to sob quietly into his knees. "I don't want to be eaten," he said in a hushed voice.

"Oh, well, sorry, Dearie," the voice started to laugh.

"You're mad," Gretel said as she observed whatever she could of this voice, while keeping her head down. "You're out of your right mind."

"Oh, well, Dearie, I did like you, but it's dinner time," the voice was laughing hysterically now.

And then suddenly frogs appeared everywhere. Hansel and Gretel took this as an advantage. They got up and ran to the other side of the room. Then they got their first look at the voice: it belonged to an old hag. She looked like she just came out of the sand. She had sand on her eyelids, hair, rags, and just everywhere. The voice belonged to a hag. A hag covered in sand.

Then the hag started itching like she had lice or something.

And then wild animals started running outside.

Then all the hag's cows and sheep started dying.

Hansel and Gretel just stood there in the corner, dumb struck. The poor old hag then just fell to the floor without another breath of air. Hansel and Gretel moved for the first time in hours and left the pyramid, leaving the old hag behind them.

Then they saw the most remarkable thing; the ocean was split in half and the Jews were walking across it. They looked at the sign that read "Welcome to Egypt, Jewish slaves for sale," and took it down. For the Jews were no longer slaves.

Hansel and Gretel ended up removing the old hag's body from the pyramid. They rebuilt the pyramid so that it was healthy instead of sweet and fattening. The two siblings ended up taking other deserted pyramids in the area, and making a real estate company.

They were never poor again!

## Cinderella

Serena Abboudi

Cinderella and the prince are cleaning the castle for pesach. They went to the ballroom and saw a huge mess from the royle ball.

"I'm going to get a broom," the prince said.

"Ok," Cinderella replied.

The minute the prince left the fairy godmother came. "Can I help?" asked the fairy godmother.

"Sure," Cinderella replied. The fairy godmother waved her wand around and said, "Bippity boppity boo." She made 3 forks into brooms, 2 spoons into mops, and a bowl into a bucket. Cinderella whistled and then mice came through a small holl in the wall, and birds came through an open window. They all started to clean up pick up spoons, forks, bowls. Some of the birds started to sweep and mop. The mice were surfing on sponges which made the floor all wet. Cinderella took a rag from her pocket and started to dry the floor.

The fairy godmother used her magic to make the cake crumbs fly to the garbage can. All of a sudden one of the birds warned that someone was coming. Everyone froze and listened when they heard someone walking down the hall. Everyone looked at each other, and it was silent until a fork fell. Everyone jumped. The sound came closer.

Cinderella said, "Go, no one should know you're all here." So all the birds flew out the open window, the mice ran and went back into the hole in the wall, and the fairy godmother turned the three brooms into forks, the two mops into spoons, and the bucket into a bowl. Then, the fairy godmother disappeared. Cinderella got down to the floor and continued drying it.

The door opened and it was the prince with a broom in one of his hands. "I found a broom," he said as he looked around the room. Then he said, "It looks like we don't need a broom!"

Cinderella got up and said, "True, we don't need a broom, but now we need a towel!" And Cinderella and the prince continued cleaning for pesach.

## Sleeping Beauty

Rachel Fine

Once upon a time there was a princess. She was pretty and her name was Sleeping Beauty. When she touched a needle and fell asleep, she woke up at a seder with the Fine family. The family told her everything she needed to know about Pesach. She loved the seder and stayed at the Fine family's house. After Pesach, she wanted to become Jewish, and the rest of her kingdom wanted to be Jewish too.



## The Fairytale of Snow White and the Poisonous Karpas

Bella Kluger

Once upon a time in a faraway land, there lived a king and queen with a daughter named Snow White. They were cleaning for Pesach as the queen said, "Please excuse me, I must take a break. Snow White, please continue cleaning the house."

The queen went up to her room where she had a special mirror that she would go to at exactly 3:00 pm every day and would say, "Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?" and she knew it would say, "You my queen," but today it was different.

Instead it said, "Snow White is a thousand times fairer than you." The queen stomped her foot down and started thinking of an evil plan to kill Snow White, and finally after thinking for a while she decided that since Pesach was coming up, she would just feed her chametz and she would die from karait.

But the queen was smart and knew that Snow White was very frum and would never eat chametz on purpose. So, she thought and thought and devised a pretty smart plan. She decided to poison the salt water so when Snow White would dip the potato, she would be poisoned and die.

The next day she told Snow White to nap before the seder, and Snow White listened. When Snow White fell asleep, the queen started setting the table and getting everything ready. She gave everyone their own bowl of salt water and Snow White, in the seat next to her, the poisoned one.

That night when the seder started, the queen was excited when suddenly there was a knock at the door. It was a guest who didn't have a place to eat the seder. The king invited the guest in and told everyone including the queen to move one seat over so the guest could sit next to the king. When it came to karpas, everyone dipped their potato, but the queen refused. Everyone including Snow White knew there was something wrong with the salt water at the queen's seat, and Snow White was saved. The queen was thrown into the dungeon, and they all lived happily ever after.

## Aladdin Vacuums the Magic Carpet for Pesach

Rebecca Gruenebaum

"Oh, no," Abu yelled. "It's almost pesach."

"You're right! We have to get cleaning," said Aladdin. Jasmine suggested they start with the castle!

"That shouldn't take too long," said Aladdin sarcastically.

"I guess you're too used to stealing things that you forgot how hard it is to clean," answered Jasmine scornfully.

"No, it won't. If we all work together, it will be really quick."

"I'll get the broom," yelled Abu.

"I'll get the mop," said Jasmine.

"And I'll get the—" started Aladdin. All of the sudden, the magic carpet came flying in, shaking dust and crumbs all over the castle, right before cleaning. "Oh, you silly carpet! Now, we have even more work to do," said Aladdin.

"Well, you better get started Aladdin."

"Aww, do I really have to?" he asked.

"Yes I don't want to do this all by myself. It's time for teamwork," says Jasmine, breaking out into a song about teamwork. "Ok, now I'll help and clean the carpet. Yes, we have to clean you, Mister Dirty Carpet," Jasmine laughed.

The carpet followed Aladdin to get the vacuum cleaner, leaving a trail of crumbs and dust behind him. Luckily, Abu was ready with his broom to sweep up the crumbs in time before they came back, and Jasmine and Abu cleaned the castle in time to surprise Aladdin with a castle and a carpet all clean right on time for Pesach.

## The Pharaoh and the Maror

Aliza Chaitovsky

One night the prince woke up in his bed  
Pulling the cover over his head  
He felt something wrong under his mattress  
It felt as prickly as a cactus  
“Royal advisers my mattress is dead!”

The royal advisers gasped with excitement  
“Your highness this is quite an enlightenment  
This means you are the next in line to be heir  
Only a Pharaoh would feel the maror there!”  
And so he sat there thinking of an argument

And he said “But royal adviser I may be the boldest  
But that has nothing to do with being the oldest  
The oldest gets the throne you see  
It's been like that for centuries”  
The icy look he got was the coldest

Ten days later...

Makos Bechoros finally came  
The eldest brother died; the Jews are to blame  
The youngest brother became the new Pharaoh  
And he was not so filled with sorrow  
Because he learned a very valuable lesson that day  
Always listen to what the royal advisers say!

Ariella

Batsheva Ratner and Shira Schuh

One day in Ocean Square there lived a young tzinius tzadekes named Ariella. Boruch Hashem, Ariella had a very big family. However, all 16 of Ariella's sisters married very religious Sephardim, and they were all able to eat kitniyot on Pesach. That made Ariella very jealous. Ariella went to the most known shadchan in all of Ocean Square, Rebbetzin Ursula. She was so good at finding, mamish, a boy that people thought she had magic. Every person who came to find a choson found their true love. When Ariella went to Rebbetzin Ursula, the Rebbetzin said she had the perfect Sephardi guy for her. However, in return, the Rebatzin wanted Ariella's voice. Because Ariella was the youngest, she had the most experience singing the "Ma Nishtana." Rebbetzin Ursula was so bad at singing that every time she tried to sing, all 4 cups of wine would shatter. The Rebbetzin asked for Ariella's voice so she could impress everyone at the seder by singing the "Ma Nishtana." After Ariella and her amazing Sephardi choson Cheric got married, Ariella finally got to eat rice on Pesach, just like her sisters. Rebbetzin Ursula sang for her family, and they were very impressed; however, after Ariella got married, she wanted her voice back. Ariella threatened to sue the Rebbetzin and her shidduch business would be shut down. Rebbetzin Ursula decided to give back Ariella's voice, and they all lived happily ever after.

## The Pesach Pinocchio

Maayan Shucht

One night on erev Pesach, a little boy was put in charge of hiding ten pieces of bread for bedikat chametz. He has this job every year and every year he accidentally lost one piece of chametz. This year his father wished his son could be more responsible and be able to hide all ten pieces and remember where they all were hidden.

The little boy exclaimed to his father, "I am done. I hid all of them, and I remember where they are!"

As the father found nine pieces of bread, it was time for the last piece to be found. The father looked and looked, yet he could not find the tenth piece. The father noticed the son turning bright red, which he tended to do when he was lying. The father proceeded to ask his son, "Sweetie, can you show me where the last piece of bread is? I can't seem to find it."

The boy looked down, all red and sweaty, and said, "Father, I'm so sorry! I can't remember where I put the tenth piece." Little did the father know that his son walked into the room holding a big bag behind his back and inside the bag were the ten pieces of bread from the past five Pesachs wrapped in tin foil!

The father was shocked, and his jaw dropped as he continued, "Son, what is all of this?" The little boy burst out in tears and said, "I'm sorry, Father, I just wanted some of your attention because you're so busy during the chag. So, I've been taking the last piece each year and keeping it just so you would have to spend more time with me looking for the last piece."

Suddenly the boy's face went back to normal and was no longer red. All the father did was hug his son and from then on agreed to take extra time to spend with his son, especially during the chagim.

## A Pesach Story

### Tzilah Genut

There was once an evil king named Pharaoh. Pharaoh had many slaves, but it seemed as if they weren't doing any work at all! Everyday, the pyramids were as short as they were the day before. Pharaoh wanted to get rid of them, and fast, before they took over his kingdom! As Pharaoh was thinking about this, there was a knock at his door. "Come in," he called.

A servant poked his head into the room. "Your majesty, sir, a Jew is here to speak with you." Moshe walked in.

"What do you want?" snarled Pharaoh. Pharaoh had been arguing with Moshe for *months* about letting the Jews go. It was getting quite tiring.

"I want you to let the Jews go," said Moshe.

"Absolutely not!" replied Pharaoh. Suddenly, he had an idea. An idea that would not only grant him satisfaction, but would also help him get rid of the Jews without helping them. This plan was the plan of the century. He came up with it himself, not his good for nothing advisors who got him into this mess with the Jews in the first place! "You know what, Moshe? I'll let you take the Jews away. But on one condition only: you have to leave *now*! And by now, I mean now! No delays! Chop-chop!" Moshe was shocked. All these months he was haggling with Pharaoh to get him to let the Jews go and suddenly he wanted them to leave immediately!? Moshe was suspicious, but he couldn't let an opportunity like this get away.

"Yes, of course. We will be out lickety-split!"

Pharaoh was ecstatic. But on the inside, of course. He rushed to his royal kitchen to prepare the secret surprise for the Jews. "Let's see... I need some flour, water, poison.... All the good stuff!" he said to himself. Pharaoh began mixing and rolling and baking. His ministers were puzzled to see him baking away in the kitchen like a maidservant. They offered to do it for him, but Pharaoh refused. He said it needed to be done with the utmost quality which only he, Pharaoh, could deliver.

When King Pharaoh was done baking, he wrapped up his creations in a paper box and ran outside. He saddled his royal chariot, and took off. He chased after the Jews fervently, for they had a good head start. He finally caught up with them, and panting, he said, "Wait, I have a goodbye present for you!" *Literally, goodbye* thought Pharaoh with a snicker. "I brought you some bread to eat. You can't expect to go hungry, you see!" Moshe stepped up and said, "I'm sorry, but we can only eat unleavened foods today, for it is our Passover! We cannot eat your bread that you have delivered."

So the Jews were saved that day again, and Pharaoh's men ate the bread. "No! It's poisoned you fools! You'll all die! And who will do my work for me!? Moshe, bring the Jews back!"

## Princess and the Pea

Leora Lapp

It was around Pesach time in the royal family, and the prince was destined to get married before Sukkot; however, he was having trouble finding the one for him. Everytime he finally found someone who he connected with, the girl ended up being an impersonator of the royal family. One stormy night a young, sweet Jewish girl dressed like a tzadakis knocked on the royal prince's door and said, "Will you be kind enough to do a mitzvah and let me stay the night? I'm freezing and I have nowhere else to go." The way she spoke showed the mom what kind of girl she was, which led the queen to say kindly, "Of course you can."

The mother was very stressed out at the time because of the cleaning she had to do for Pesach so she thought, why don't I Just ask this nice girl to help me. The girl said yes and so they cleaned for hours and soon enough they both became very tired and decided to go to sleep. As the girl was trying to sleep she felt something under the mattress and so she picked the mattress up and there it was a pea, the last piece of chamaz in the whole house. Just like that the house was clean for Pesach. Even though this nice girl wasn't a princess, the mom of the prince still decided to set her up on a shidduch date with her son, the prince. After four dates, they were engaged!... And so they lived happily ever after for many more Pesachs to come.

## A Pesach Fairy Tale: Based on the story *The Elves and the Shoemaker* Shoshana Neuwirth

Once upon a time, there was a family that was very poor. The mother had to do so much to get ready for Pesach! She had to buy food, cook, clean the house, and buy clothing. She really did not now know what to do, but the one thing that helped her cope was believing in Hashem. She knew Hashem always had a plan. The mother went shopping one whole day, From early in the morning till late at night. It was a little harder than usual since her children were home from school because of the CoronaVirus. She didn't know if she could trust her husband with them. Finally, she got home with all the bags of food. Thank g-d the kids were all asleep! She decided she would cook a little bit since Pesach was pretty close. She cooked the tongue and baked a few things. At about 2 A.M.

Her husband came and said, "Sweetie it is so late. you better get some sleep so you can do more tomorrow." She decided to listen to him. She got ready to go to sleep. Right before she closed her eyes, she said a small prayer.

She said, "Please, Hashem, help me make Pesach, so we can enjoy this beautiful holiday." And then she closed her eyes. She woke up early, so that she could start cooking more before the kids woke up. When she walked into the kitchen, to her surprise the food was all cooked! She looked around in shock, and then she realized the house was clean! Not only was the house clean, but she saw a lot of money on the counter, and there was a little sticky note that said: "This is money to buy your family new clothing."

Then she realized Hashem is really there for you. You try your best, and Hashem does the rest!



## Egyptians in the 10 Deadly Plagues

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“Hurry! Hurry! We must escape before we are to be captured!!” Hey! Are you one of those people who skip to the middle of the story, too? Well, not this time. Let's start from the beginning:

It all began when the almighty Hashem invited the Egyptians to teach the Jews how to behave. Of course He knew how out of hand things would get. While the Jews were being whipped into shape, literally, ten of the wisest Jews were connecting the hidden message inside the designs in the tiled floor.

Each of the tiles represented one of the ten makot. Each time one of the Egyptians would step on a tile in a peculiar order, it would make an alluring sound. It took several minutes before one of the elders could fathom what was happening. A tale he was told as an infant flashed through his mind. Each elder was given a totem for their tenth birthday, which symbolized a tiled picture on the floor. They then tried stepping on their tiles at the same time, but the only sound they heard was the leftovers of a burrito. The oldest stepped on his stone and the alluring sound appeared once more. They soon figured out that each of the stones represented a plague, but they didn't understand what it meant.

The next day something strange happened. All the water in all the land turned to blood. EVEN THE SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE TURNED TO BLOOD!!! Nine plagues followed after the first plague, for each stone that was stepped on. Once all ten stones were stepped on, a gateway to a foreign land popped up out of nowhere! All ten elders entered this gateway, the sign they passed said:

“Welcome to Pesach

Korban Pesach that way →”

The land was filled with floating shmurah matzahs that talked. Wine rained down each night to fill the four traditional cups of wine. Houses were made of kreplach. White kittels grew on trees. And clouds were made of latkes. Oh, wait. Wrong holiday. Oops, dealing with technical difficulties.

All Jews went to Pesach as a celebration of the escape from Egypt, but after eight days they returned. Every year since, they've celebrated in Pesach for eight days.

(Based on the real life experience of Barbie in the *12 Dancing Princesses*)