**Passover 2020**

1. The truth of every Seder: know your audience and choose the right Haggadah
2. Re-framing from what we *cannot* do to what we *can*
3. Theme this year? With or without Haggadah?
4. Set up your table: using what’s around your house
5. The Seder plate: modern plus traditional? (See substitutions below)
6. Understanding virtual *limits* (timing/shortening/adapting; technology; attention span, singing, muting; hosting, using breakout rooms)
7. Preparation is essential along with setting up expectations
8. Keeping the familiar vs. innovation (creating a new “Corona-minhag?“)
9. Corona-specific readings? <https://www.jewishboston.com/love-in-the-time-of-coronavirus-excerpts-from-a-new-passover-haggadah/>

COVID supplementary readings for each section created by Maja Buium (with donation to UJA): maja.buium@gmail.com

Top Hits suggested for an adapted virtual Seder (i.e. how to do “the minumum”):

* **Kaddesh:** Kiddush
* **Urchatz:** Wash your hands symbolically without blessing: show the 20-second version, sing a 20-second song (the order of the Seder sung works perfectly, as does the first verse plus chorus of Dayenu!)
* **Karpas:** Eat something green
* **Yachatz:** Break the middle Matzah and hide it. How? See below
* **Maggid:** The most important part. Tell the story! How? See below **Rachatzah:** wash hands with the blessing
* **Motzi:** say the blessing
* **Matza:** eat a piece of matzah!
* **Maror:** eat anything bitter, talk here about the virus
* **Korech:** Matza plus charoset
* **Shulchan Orech:** the meal, (get off technology?)
* **Tzafun:** The afikomen (or symbolic one) is eaten
* **Barech:** Say a blessing of gratefulness, say Birkat Hamazon or sing our Modim (you can find then all here:)
* Hallel: sing freedom songs!
* **Nirtzah:** say “goodnight, we did it!”

**More Ideas from Rabbi G:**

1. Share recipes/charoset and ask each virtual participant/family to prepare one and “share” it and its history on the screen
2. Assign parts to different participants and mute everyone else during that part
3. Stage a “progressive Seder” going from zoom to zoom (timing each one) for new participants to join
4. “Finding: the afikomen: Online donation as “prize”, amazon or other gift card. Make a game, a puzzle to solve to find it. Do a “Where’s Waldo” onscreen or create our own and find something: <https://art-sci.blogspot.com/2011/07/10-wheres-waldo-puzzles.html>. How about: Hide it now and find it when we get together in person again?!!

5. For Maggid (“the telling”): Do a play (give each zoom participant a part in advance!)/discuss the theme of slavery/redempton/ tell personal stories/ read a shortened version: <https://medium.com/@joshuatauberer/a-minimalist-haggadah-b560b8ba59be>. Who to say the 4 questions? The oldest, the youngest, the newest, the tallest (you get the idea!)

**Substitutions:**

For the egg: avocado pit, anything renewable and round that reminds you of spring (a tulip bulb, an olive pit etc)

For the bone: a plastic animal, a roasted beet,

For matzah: seed crackers or flourless crackers: <https://www.lowcarbspark.com/keto-seed-crackers/>

Bitter herbs: potato (potato chip? Nope!) romaine lettuce, wasabi

Haroset: any “spread”, applesauce with or without nuts mixed in

Karpas: anything green/ spring-like

**Online haggadot:**

**Reform “visual tefilah”**: <https://www.ccarnet.org/publications/sharing-the-journey-vt-haggadah/>

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**Family-friendly:**

1.<https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover/8-great-haggadot-if-you-have-young-children-your-seder>

2. <http://punktorah.org/make-your-own-haggadah-for-kids/>

**Build Your Own:** <https://www.haggadot.com>

**A Different Night:** <http://haggadahsrus.com/?fbclid=IwAR2iK84ebfqC-OaIIjqBcoLhjePr19hJMiI8oYuZ-0Lt5-c1vGolx5aOyg0>

**Minimalist:** <https://medium.com/@joshuatauberer/a-minimalist-haggadah-b560b8ba59be>

**Online resources:**

**Virtual Seder Tips**:

1. <https://reformjudaism.org/how-make-your-virtual-seder-lively-engaging-and-meaningful>

2. <https://www.heyalma.com/how-to-host-a-virtual-passover-seder/?fbclid=IwAR2Bq9g_MU5WYmxS44dleDUYzxYcvuJBiYWa2sC4N7hHtt4pmNTgKstDlzo>

3. <https://urj.org/blog/2020/03/26/digital-content-enliven-years-virtual-seder>

**If you end up alone:** <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/six-tips-for-hosting-a-solo-seder/>

**All the basics:** <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover-pesach>

**Make your own matzah at home:** <https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/passover/video-how-make-18-minute-matzah>

Watch making matzah at home:

**Everything Jewish from the “big shuls” that’s now online:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jewishlivegroup/>

**Where to find songs**: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/where-to-find-songs-for-your-passover-seder/>

**Online Sederim 2020:**

1. **Holy Blossom** April 8, 6:45PM: <https://holyblossom.org/event/virtual-seder/>

2. **Anshe Shalom** (Hamilton) April 8, 6 PM, to register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpAucu-qrz8rOOQ6brDSlWrTPskE-ZZATA>  
(Or just join that night MEETING ID: 343-562-141)

3. **Shaare Beth El** (Oakville), April 9, 6 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/2934993535>

4. **Temple Sinai**, April 9, 6.30PM: <https://templesinai.net/covid-19/>

5. **Find your own** or host your own: <https://seder2020.org>

6. **Jewbelong** (beginners, hipsters, marginal folks, lots of people you might never meet: April 9, 7PM: https://www.jewbelong.com