

PASSOVER SEDER EXPERIENCE

Host Guide

Thank you for choosing the Passover Seder Experience! This guide will help you establish how you want your Passover Seder Experience to flow and it will give you an overview into each section. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE

Know how you'll proceed on these topics:

- 1. During the second hand washing, you're given three options (See pg. 5, #15 - *Rachtzah*.)**
 - a. You can skip it.
 - b. You can allow people to wash hands again.
 - c. You can offer a foot washing. If you offer a foot washing, *please notify your guests ahead of time so they aren't caught off-guard*. You'll also need to provide an extra basin(s) and towel(s).
- 2. If you would like to offer an actual meal to your guests, you have three choices. Regardless of your decision, please let your guests know if you will or will not be providing that meal.**
 - a. You can skip it altogether.
 - b. Eat it during the Passover Seder (see pg. 6, #20 - *Shulchan Orech*)
 - c. You can have the dinner before or after the Seder.
- 3. You may want to have gluten-free matzah available.**
- 4. The charoseth contains nuts.** If you want to switch out the nuts or want to keep it simple, I've provided an alternative option for you on the Links and Recipes Page.
- 5. The Afikoman.** This is a large piece of matzah that's broken, placed in a napkin, and hidden away. Later in the service, any children you have can find it and ransom it for a price. Make sure to have a prize or a price ahead of time that you will give to them. You'll also want to have a napkin prepared to wrap the Afikoman matzah in.
- 6. The Hard Boiled Egg.** We don't actually use the egg during the service but I do explain its importance at the beginning of the Seder. It's up to you if you would like to have it or not. If someone wants to eat it, the tradition is to dip it into the salt water and eat it when we announce the dinner.
- 7. The Shankbone.** This is another element on our plates we do not touch. Once again, I explain its importance but it's up to you if you want to have it on your plates or not.
- 8. Urchatz.** During the first ritual hand washing (see pg. 3, #8 - *Urchatz*), I offer a time for people to dip their hands in a basin and allow someone else to dry their hands. Depending on your safety restrictions, you may want to provide an alternative. Some have suggested disinfectant wipes but it's up to you.
- 9. Children and Readers.** In my video I provide children who ask 4 questions and 2 readers for the story. However, you can absolutely provide your own people to ask the questions and read the story. See page 4, #11 - *Maggid*, on where to pause and fast-forward to if you choose.

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1 Countdown & Important Details

- **Seder Trivia**
- **Justin's Introduction**
 - Group Activities
 - Horseradish & Nuts
 - Establish Table Leaders
 - Establish Candle Lighters
- **Understanding the *Beitzah*** (hard boiled egg)
- **Countdown plays until 4:40**

2 Opening Statements

People: Leader

Purpose: Introduces the Leader and gives context to the Seder and its importance.

Group Reading: Leviticus 23:5-6; Exodus 12:14.

Scriptures: Leviticus 23:5-6; Exodus 12:14.

Key Takeaway: The Seder is a tangible opportunity to experience the Exodus story and God's miraculous acts on behalf of His people.

3 *Yeshua* (The Name of Jesus)

People: Leader

Purpose: Shows Jesus in the Exodus story and the reason we need a Messiah.

Group Reading: Exodus 14:13-14.

Scriptures: Exodus 14:11, 13-14.

Key Takeaway: Yeshua is the name of Jesus which also means only God can save and rescue us.

Action: None

4 *Bedikat Chametz* (Searching For Leaven)

People: Leader

Purpose: Gives context to how Jews prepare for the Passover and how followers of Jesus can check for leaven in their own lives.

Group Reading: None.

Key Takeaway: We need to rid ourselves of leaven (sin).

Scriptures: Exodus 12:15;
1 Corinthians 5:6-8, 6:19; 1 John 1:9.

Action: Time for personal prayer.

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5 *Hadlakah HaNerot* (Lighting The Candle)

People: Leader, Women of the House.

Purpose: To light the festival lights just as Jews do before every Shabbat and holy day.

Group Reading: (1) Women of the house blessing by the candle lighter;
(2) Messianic blessing of the candle.

Key Takeaway: We need to use our light for the good of the world.

Action: Women of the house will light the candle.

6 The Four Promises

People: Leader

Purpose: To set up the purpose of the four cups of wine we drink.

Group Reading: Exodus 6:1, 5-7.

Scriptures: Exodus 6:1, 5-7.

Key Takeaway: God made four promises and we drink four cups of wine because each cup is a symbol of joy.

7 *Kadesh* (First Cup Blessing)

People: Leader

Purpose: To remember God's first promise to Israel and to understand holiness/sanctification.

Group Reading: *Kadesh* Blessing.

Scriptures: Exodus 6:6; Genesis 2:3;
Luke 22:17.

Key Takeaway: We live holy for God because He rescues us and loves us.

Action: Drink the first cup together.

8 *Urchatz* (Ritual Hand Washing)

People: Leader, everyone washes hands.

Purpose: To ritually wash our hands before we begin using the elements.

Group Reading: None

Scriptures: Psalm 24:3-4a.

Key Takeaway: Washing hands is important physically and spiritually.

Action: Washing each other's hands.



Pause video here if you need extra time.

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9 *Karpas* (Parsley & Salt Water)

People: Leader

Purpose: Understanding the purpose of the parsley (hyssop) and salt water (tears) in the Exodus story.

Group Reading: Fruit of the Earth Blessing.

Scriptures: Exodus 2:23; Luke 22:44.

Key Takeaway: We put the blood of Passover Lamb (Jesus) on our doors as we remember the sin that once separated us from God.

Action: Eating the Parsley and Salt Water.

10 *Yachatz* (Breaking & Hiding The Middle Matzah)

People: Leader, Table Leaders.

Purpose: Understanding the matzah, the matzah cover, and how we identify Jesus in the middle loaf.

Group Reading: Isaiah 53:4-5.

Scriptures: Exodus 12:33-34; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Isaiah 53:4-5; Zechariah 12:10.

Key Takeaway: The matzah cover helps us understand the Trinity, Jesus, and the ultimate foreshadowing a Father and Son sacrifice.

Action: Host/Table Leader will grab their middle loaf, break it, then wrap the larger piece in a cloth or napkin and hide it if there are children.

 Pause here if you need extra time.

11 *Ma Nishtanah & Maggid* (Telling The Exodus Story)

People: Leader, 4 Children, Reader 1 & 2.


Purpose: To tell the Exodus story and ask questions about why this night is so important.

Group Reading: Exodus 12:26-27.

Scriptures: Exodus 12:26-27; Genesis 22:15-18.

Key Takeaway: God is intricately involved in the world and delivers on His promises.

Action: We pour our cups but do not drink them yet.

 If you have your own children and readers, pause at 25:15 and fast-forward to 27:55

12 *Cup of Plagues*

People: Leader

Purpose: To remember what it took for freedom to occur.

Group Reading: Exodus 3:19-20, 10 Plagues.

Scriptures: Exodus 6:6, 3:19-20.

Key Takeaway: God is a God of justice, holiness, and love, but human sin has consequences.

Action: We dip our fingers into our cups and let drops fall for each plague. This reduces the amount of joy with which we celebrate.

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13 *Dayenu* (It would have been enough)

People: Leader, Song Leader.

Purpose: To say that if God had only performed one act, it would have been enough.

Group Reading: People are welcome to sing if they want to.

Song: Dayenu

Key Takeaway: God will execute His plan perfectly, even offering His son to reconcile humanity back to Himself.

Action: Take time to be present with and worship Jesus our Messiah.

14 *The Second Cup* (Cup of Deliverance)

People: Leader

Purpose: To drink the second cup of joy and remember God's second promise while also understanding the gravity of how we received our freedom.

Group Reading: Fruit of the Vine Blessing.

Scriptures: None

Key Takeaway: God rescued Israel and humanity, but it came at a price.

Action: Drink the second cup together.

15 *Rachtzah* (Second Hand Washing)

People: Leader.

Purpose: To discuss the reason why Jesus washed the disciples' feet and to wash our hands before we eat the matzah.

Group Reading: (1) Exodus 30:17-19; (2) Galatians 5:13; (3) Hand Washing Blessing.

Scriptures: John 13:2, 14-15; Exodus 30:17,19; 1 Peter 5:3; Galatians 5:13. Kingdom of Priests references: Exodus 19:6; Isaiah 61:6; Romans 15:16; 1 Peter 2:5,9; Revelation 1:6, 5:10.

Key Takeaway: Jesus washes feet to bestow priestly duties to his disciples and so that they serve the Kingdom with humility.

Action: Second hand washing or foot washing is up to the host.



Option to pause if washing hands or feet.

16 *Motzi Matzah* (Blessings over the matzah)

People: Leader

Purpose: To bless the matzah with the normal blessing and the festival blessing.

Group Reading: Two blessings over the matzah.

Scriptures: Exodus 12:14-15, 13:7.

Key Takeaway: It's important to remember that the Lord is our provider when we eat.

Action: We'll eat a piece of the matzah bread together.

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17 *Maror* (Bitter Herbs)

People: Leader

Purpose: To eat the bitter herbs and remember the bitterness of Egypt and our lives before we knew Jesus.

Group Reading: *Maror* Blessing.

Scriptures: Exodus 12:8.

Key Takeaway: The bitter herbs remind us of our lives before our redemption.

Action: We'll eat the matzah with the bitter herbs (horseradish). People can substitute with romaine lettuce if they wish or eat the matzah plain.

18 *Korech* (Bittersweet Sandwich)

People: Leader

Purpose: To dip our vegetables a second time and remember the bricks and mortar used in Egypt.

Group Reading: *Pesach* Blessing.

Scriptures: Genesis 37:31; Exodus 12:22; Exodus 12:8.

Key Takeaway: No matter how bad our circumstances get, we can have a sweet hope knowing the LORD will come through.

Action: We'll eat the matzah with bitter herbs and charoseth (sweet brown mixture).

19 Tonight We Recline

People: Leader

Purpose: To discuss the importance of our freedom now that we are no longer slaves in Egypt or to our sin.

Group Reading: None

Scriptures: Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:18; Luke 22:14; Romans 12:15.

Key Takeaway: Freedom is a privilege to be thankful for.

Action: Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

20 *Shulchan Orech* (The Passover Meal)

People: Leader

Purpose: To eat the actual meal if the host has opted to do so.

Group Reading: None

Action: Option to eat the main dinner here.



Pause here if needed.

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21 *Korban Pesach* (Passover Sacrifice)

People: Leader

Purpose: To explain what Korban Pesach was and how Jesus fulfills it.

Group Reading: None

Scriptures: Exodus 12:21-22, 12:13; Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29.

Key Takeaway: Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb and His work on the cross provides us with protection and redemption.

22 *Afikoman* ("The Dessert")

People: Leader, Children, Host.

Purpose: Bringing the Afikoman back to the Seder and showing how it represents the Passover Lamb. We also see how Jesus used this as the foundation for communion.

Group Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:20; John 6:35; Matzah Blessing.

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:20; Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 6:35, 53-54; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Luke 22:19.

Key Takeaway: This is the bread of communion.

Action: Eat the Afikoman.

II Pause at 50:05 to let the kids find the Afikoman. Offer a ransom to the finder.

23 *Cup of Redemption* (Third Cup)

People: Leader

Purpose: Remembering God's third promise to redeem the Israelites and explain how this is the cup Jesus would have used for the new covenant.

Group Reading: Luke 22:20; Fruit of the Vine Blessing.

Scriptures: Exodus 6:6; Luke 22:20; Isaiah 42:6; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Zechariah 9; Exodus 24:8.

Key Takeaway: This is the cup of the new covenant which Jesus used for communion.

Action: Drink the third cup.

24 *Elijah*

People: Leader

Purpose: Identifying the Elijah who was prophesied to be the forerunner to the Messiah.

Group Reading: Malachi 3:1.

Scriptures: Malachi 4:5-6; Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3; Luke 1:17; Matthew 11:14; John 3:30.

Key Takeaway: John the Baptist was the prophesied Elijah and his ministry was to prepare people for Jesus the Messiah.

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25 Cup of Restoration (The Fourth Cup)

People: Leader

Purpose: Remembering God's fourth promise to take us as His people.

Group Reading: (1) Galatians 4:7;
(2) "His Love Endures Forever";
(3) Fruit of the Vine Blessing.

Scriptures: Exodus 6:7; Galatians 4:7-9;
1 John 3:1.

Key Takeaway: God has called us as His children and His love endures forever!

Action: Drink the fourth cup together.

26 Conclusion

People: Leader

Purpose: Remembering that we can worship God anywhere and to conclude with a blessing of encouragement and empowerment.

Group Reading: "Next Year In Jerusalem!"

Scriptures: John 4:23-24; Priestly Blessing in Numbers 23:24-26.

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SEDER PLATE AND TABLE ELEMENTS

Per table of 6-8 people.

1x Hardboiled Egg

A Piece of Romaine Lettuce

1-2 Scoops of Horseradish

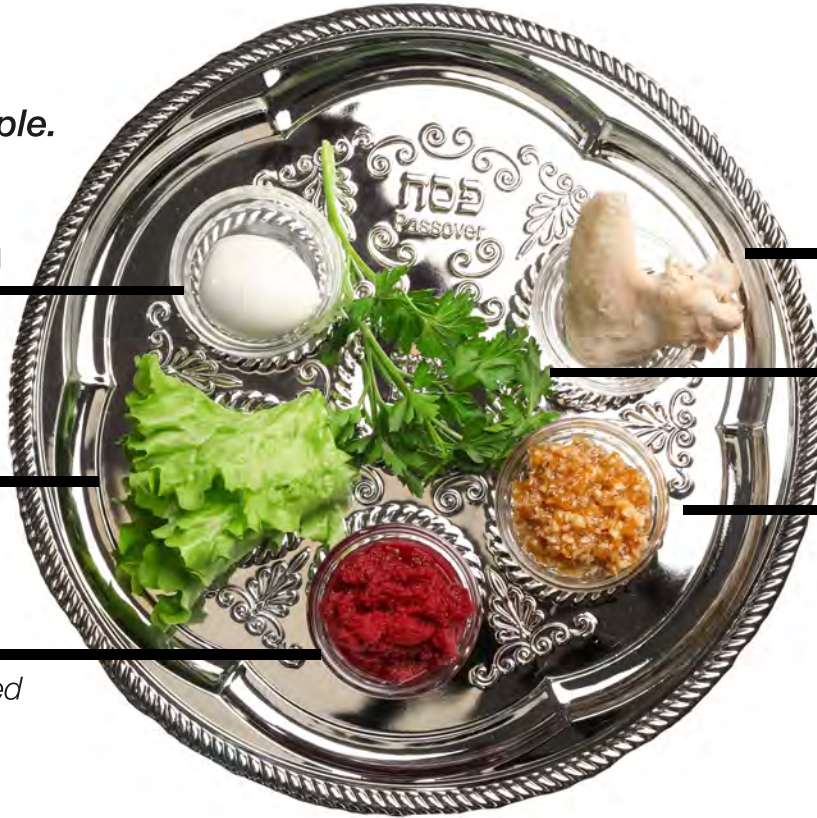
(Does not have to be red horseradish.)

1x Shankbone

A Few Sprigs of Parsley

1-2 Scoops of Charoseth

(Apple/Nut Mixture)



1x Basin filled with water for hand washing and a towel.



1x Small bowl per table filled with salt water.



1x Candle with matches/lighter.



3x Pieces of matzah.



2x Bottles of wine or 1x 64 ounce bottle of grape juice.

These items are per person.



1x cup for the wine/grape juice.

(Can be plastic/styrofoam)



1x Small plate.



1x Spoon.



1x cup or bottle of water.

Links and Recipes

Recipes

Charoseth: Below is a great recipe. You'll need apples, walnuts, honey, cinnamon, and wine. If you would like to keep the *charoset* simple or you have people with a nut allergy, you can always just cut up some apples and have honey to dip them into. You will eat this during the *Korech* section.

[Charoseth Recipe](#)

Maror (Horseradish): Feel free to search for a “*Maror* for Passover” recipe. However, it is totally acceptable to just buy some horseradish from your grocery store and use that.

Wine/Grape Juice: It is up to you if you want to have wine or grape juice. If you serve wine, you may want to also serve grape juice for anyone who will prefer it. I typically buy this [kind of grape juice](#), however, any wine or grape juice you prefer will work fine.

Matzah: Any kind of *matzah* you buy should be fine. I like to buy the “Yehuda Matzos,” but that is just my preference because they’re made in Jerusalem.

Other Items: The other items are simple and don’t require anything special: parsley, salt water, romaine lettuce, a hard-boiled egg, and/or shank bone.

Links To Seder Items

None of these are necessary but rather suggestions. As noted on the first page, you can use your own plate if you want and use a cloth or napkin for the Afikoman. If you would like to search for these items on your own, you can do so.

[Disposable 24 pack set](#)

[Disposable 12 pack set for kids](#)

[Seder Plates - 2 Pack](#)

[Seder Plate - Single](#)

[Afikoman Cover](#)

[Matzah Cover and Afikoman Cover](#)

[7oz 50 pack of wine glass cups](#)