

# Model Seder Haggadah Guide

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**Grade Level:** Early Childhood-Elementary, Kiruv

**Description:**

This is a guide to the Haggadah for parents that can be given out in Hebrew school during a model Seder for families. The steps of the Seder and clear, relevant explanations are listed in an easy-to-read format which makes this a very helpful resource for parents and teachers. There are songs and useful charts included as well.

**Goals/Objectives:**

Parents will take home a guide to the Haggadah that will give them an outline and understanding of the Seder. Parents will follow along with the guide during the Model Seder.

**Instructions:**

1. Print out copies of the guide for each of the Model Seder participants.
2. Have them follow along as the Seder progresses so they don't feel lost.

**Variation:**

- This guide can be adapted for regular classroom use, if necessary. The students can go through the parts included in this Model Seder guide and act them out in class or for their parents.



Welcomes you to the  
Model Seder Experience!



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**Thank you for joining us!**

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# What's on my plate??



What?	Why?
<p><b>Charoset</b> Apples, nuts, cinnamon and sweet red wine chopped and mixed together.</p>	<p>That looks like clay and straw! (Reminds me of the Jews making bricks in Egypt.) We dip the Bitter Herbs into Charoset to make it just a little more palatable. The Jews in Egypt did that too - thinking about their eventual redemption made the long and bitter servitude just a little easier.</p>
<p><b>Roasted Shankbone</b> A roasted chicken wing or neck (or any portion of meat or chicken).</p>	<p>A reminder of the Passover Sacrifice, the sheep that was roasted and eaten as part of the meal on Passover night in the Temple. <i>Zeroah</i>, arm, refers to the “Outstretched Arm” -- G-d who delivered us from Egypt. It is not eaten at the Seder.</p>
<p><b>Karpas</b> Non-bitter root vegetable e.g. parsley, celery.</p>	<p>Just to make you curious! We want the children to ask ‘Why?’ so that we can answer with the Passover story.</p>
<p><b>Bitter Herbs</b> White grated horseradish or lettuce.</p>	<p>Warning: This is sharp – may bring tears to your eyes! Symbolizes the bitter times the Jews suffered in Egypt.</p>
<p><b>Egg</b> Hard-boiled egg</p>	<p>- A reminder of the Holiday Sacrifice - An egg becomes harder and harder as it cooks - just like the Jews. No matter the hardship, the Jews become stronger and stronger!</p>
<p><b>Chazeret</b> Romaine lettuce</p>	<p>The preferred choice for <i>maror</i> – it has some bitter taste to it but is not too bitter.</p>
<p><b>Salt Water</b> Add salt to water until water is salty tasting.</p>	<p>Dipping is a luxury afforded only to the free, while the salt water tastes like tears that the Jews cried while they were slaves.</p>

## Sing-along!

*Pesach we celebrate  
Matzah, Maror and the Seder plate  
Mah Nishtana and 4 cups of wine  
We eat the afikoman and the prize is mine!*

Sit back, and let someone else pour you a cup of wine. Pouring your own cup of wine? It just doesn't cut it for tonight's royalty (yes, that's you) while you are waited on, please pour your neighbor a cup of wine – yes we are all royalty tonight!



### Step 1 - Kadesh

Say a blessing on the wine – don't forget to mention that tonight is special – it's (drum roll, please) PASSOVER!



Your royal highness, please lean to your left, and drink your first cup of wine!

### Step 2 – Urchatz

Wash hands – no blessing.



### Step 3 - Karpas

Why are we dipping our veggies into salt water??

Tonight we want our kids to ask us “Why? Why? Why?” So we do things very differently to pique their curiosity – and then they'll want to hear the answers to **their** questions.

#### Step 4 - Yachatz

Uhhh, Dad, why are you breaking the matzah?? Again, we want our kids to notice and ask away!

In Egypt who knew when we would get our next meal? So we better keep half (the bigger one of course) for a rainy day.



**KIDS take the bigger half and hide it away for the afikoman dessert. (That will keep them awake to hear the answers to their questions!)**



#### Step 5 - Maggid

This is it – the reason why we are all gathered here, to pass on the Passover story to the next generation!

Let's sing together:

*Ha Lachma Anya di achalu ahvotanu be'arah de'mitzrayim. Kol Dichfin yeytzay veyeychal, kol ditzrich yeytzay veyifsach. Hashta hacha leshana habaah be'arah de'yisrael. Hashta avadey, leshana haba'ah beney chorin.*

הָא לַחְמָא עֲנִיָּא דִּי אֲכָלוּ אֲבֹהֵתָנָא בְּאַרְעָא דְּמִצְרַיִם. כָּל דְּכָפִין יִיתִי וַיִּכּוֹל, כָּל דְּצָרִיךְ יִיתִי וַיִּפְסַח. הַשְּׁתָּא הָכָא, לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בְּאַרְעָא דִּישְׂרָאֵל. הַשְּׁתָּא עַבְדִּי, לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה בְּנֵי חוֹרִין:

*This is the bread of poverty that our ancestors ate in Egypt. Whoever is hungry come and eat; whoever is needy come and partake! This year we are here; next year in Jerusalem!!*

There is something off about that invite! We should have invited people days ago, not when we are partway through our Seder celebration!

We address these words to those who are already with us. Sometimes, in our concern for people in far-off lands, we overlook the needs of those who are closest to us. When something terrible like an earthquake affects thousands of people in distant countries, we feel bad for those people, and we **should**. At the same time, we cannot forget that the people who are closest to us, our own families and friends, may also be in need of our concern and compassion.

Pour the second cup of wine for someone else.

Children! Sing along - in Hebrew or English!

מה נִשְׁתַּנָּה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות? שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֶמֶץ וּמָצָה,  
הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה, כְּלוּ מָצָה: שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׂאֵר יִרְקוֹת, הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה,  
מְרוֹר: שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מְטַבִּילִין אֶפִּילוּ פֶּעַם אַחַת, הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה, שְׁתֵּי  
פְּעָמִים: שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבֵין וּבֵין מְסַבִּין, הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה, כְּלָנוּ  
מְסַבִּין:

*Mah nishtana, halayla hazeh, mikol halaylot?*

- 1. Shebechol halaylot, anu ochlin, chametz oo matzah. Halayla hazeh, kulo matzah.*
- 2. Shebechol halaylot, anu ochlin, she'ar yerakos. Halayla hazeh, maror.*
- 3. Shebechol halaylot, ayn anu matbilin, afilu pa'am achat. Halayla hazeh, sh'tay pe'amim.*
- 4. Shebechol halaylot, anu ochlin, bayn yoshveen u'vayn misoobeen. Halayla hazeh, koolanu misoobeen.*

*Why is this night different from every other night?*

- 1. On all other nights, we eat bread or matzah. But tonight we only eat matzah.*
- 2. On all other nights, we eat any kind of vegetable. But tonight we have to eat bitter maror.*
- 3. On all other nights, we don't have to dip our foods. But tonight, we dip twice.*
- 4. On all other nights, we eat, sitting or leaning. But tonight we eat leaning!*

**Excellent questions!!** The children have noticed a **contradiction** – we do some things like poor oppressed people (plain bread, saving half for later) and and yet act luxuriously like royalty (leaning and dipping). **So are we slaves or kings and queens tonight?**

Ooops! There's a phone call coming in...

And now, we go to JEP Broadcasting 'Live from Egypt'...

*(Prepared by the top grade in Kollel Kids' Jewish Enrichment Program!)*

Spill a little wine with each mention of the plagues. They may be our enemies, but the Jewish approach is, how can we celebrate with a full cup when others are suffering?



Everyone, put a matzah on your shoulder, follow us, singing:

*Hi ho, hi ho*

*We're leaving King Pharaoh*

*We packed our dough upon our backs*

*Hi ho hi ho! Hi ho, hi ho!*

*From Egypt we'll go*

*Thank you G-d, we're free at last!*

*Day, day, dayeinu! Day, day, dayeinu! Day, day, dayeinu! Dayeinu Dayeinu!*

### The Big 3!!

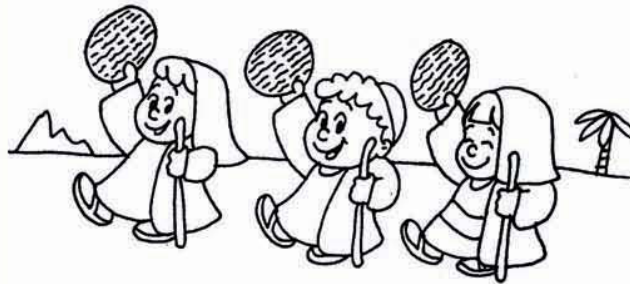
Lift them up and find out why they are on our table.

#### 1. The Shank bone

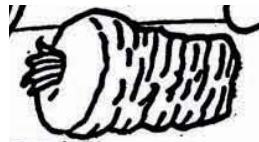
The Jews showed incredible commitment to G-d and were prepared to take the Egyptians holy sheep and sacrifice them to G-d.

#### 2. Matzah

We left in such a hurry – we didn't have time to bake our bread and the raw dough baked in the hot desert sun.



The difference between matzah and *chametz*, unleavened bread is in the time. 18 minutes and its matzah, leave it a little longer and you're left with bread! Hmm, sounds like matzah is trying to tell us procrastinators something...



#### 3. Maror

That's bitter – just like the Jews had it in Egypt. Boy am I glad that G-d freed us from Egypt and we're not slaves anymore!



Drink to our freedom! (the second cup of wine)



רחצה  
Wash your hands (with a Brocha)

### Step 6 – Rachtza

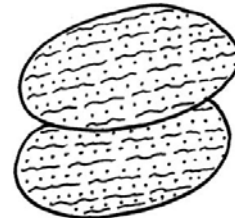
Wash hands with the blessing – just like any time before eating bread.

*'Baruch Atah Ado-ai Elo-einu melech ha'olam asher kidishanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu al netilat yadayim'*

### Step 7 – Motzei

Say the blessing over 2 whole matzot:

*'Baruch Atah Ado-ai Elo-einu melech haolam hamotzei lechem min ha'aretz'*



### Step 8 – Matzah

Recite the blessing for the privilege of the commandment to eat matzah:

*'Baruch Atah Ado-ai Elo-einu melech ha'olam asher kidishanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu al achilat matzah'*

מוציא מצה  
Make a Brocha on the Matzah

Lean, oh' kings and queens, and eat the matzah!

### Step 9 – Maror

*'Baruch Atah Ado-ai Elo-einu melech ha'olam asher kidishanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu al achilat maror'*

Just to experience what bitter tastes like, so that we can really appreciate being liberated!



מרור  
Make a Brocha on the bitter herb



כורך  
Eat the Hillel Sandwich

### Step 10 – Korech

Eat the Hillel sandwich – matzah and maror sandwiched together to commemorate that the Pascal lamb was eaten together with matzah and maror.





### Step 11 – Shulchan Aruch

It's a festival!  
Let's have a festive meal!

### Step 12 – Tzafun

**KIDS!** Redeem your *afikoman* for a prize!

Eat the *afikoman* as desert – to commemorate the Pascal lamb that was the last thing eaten at the Seder.



### Step 13 – Barech

Pour the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup of wine.

That was delicious – let's give thanks to G-d for His bounty.



Drink the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup of wine whilst Leaning!

### Step 14 – Hallel

Pour the 4<sup>th</sup> cup of wine and Elijah's cup

G-d performed awesome miracles for us in Egypt – let's sing some praises to Him!



Drink the 4<sup>th</sup> cup of wine whilst Leaning!



נֶרְצָה  
Next Year in Jerusalem

### Step 15 – Nirtzah

**Sing along:**  
*Leshana Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim*

*Now that we have experienced the model Seder, I'm sure you are also looking forward to running the real one on Pesach!!*