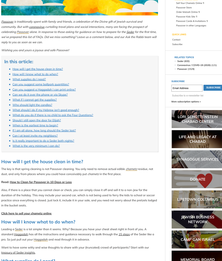
Coronavirus Nixed Your Seder Plans?



Passover is traditionally spent with family and friends. A celebration of the Divine gift of Jewish survival and continuity. But with coronavirus nixing the traditional plans for Passover, what's a Jewish family to do? Rabbi Shmuel Gancz, Director of Chabad of Downtown, shares some practical tips on how to prepare for the Seder for the first time, even if you prepared the rest of Pesach. Get your coronavirus Passover on a minimal budget, and our top the Rabbis team will reply to you as soon as we can.

Wishing you and your family a joyous and safe Passover!

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How will I get the house clean in time?

The key is that spring cleaning is not Passover cleaning. You only need to remove actual *chametz* from your house, not every place where you could have consumed *chametz* in the past.

Read: How to Clean for Passover in 10 Days or Less

What if there is something that you cannot clean, such as, you can simply close it off and sell it to a non-Jew for the duration of the holiday. This may include your second car, which is not being used by the family while it is rented or borrowed by a non-Jew. Or, you can place it in a room that you will not use and place tape and every about the product locked on the tape and seal.

Click here to sell your chametz online

How will I know what to do when?

Leading a Seder is not simple than it seems. Many people have never done it before and have never seen it done. Yet, everyone *Haggadah* has all the instructions and guidance in it, including the 15 steps of the Seder. Here, it's just pull out your *Haggadah* and read through it in advance.

Want to have some silly and nice things to share with your *Bruchim*(all crowd of participants)? Start with our Instagram of Seder memes.

What supplies do I need?

Here's what you'll need for the Seder:

1. Matzah
2. Horseradish (*Maror*)and *Karpas* (a leafy vegetable)
3. *Maror* Bitter herbs, typically romaine lettuce and ground horseradish)
4. Vegetable for *Karpas* (parsley)
5. Saltwater (you can use water)
6. Food for your Passover feast! (make sure to *Bless the Passover* and make our seder meal!)
7. Wine or grape juice for the four cups of wine (*Arba Kosot*) and the Cup of Elijah. The Chabad is partner to use a chicken neck, which may be cleaner and more kosher than a bone.
8. Chicken(if Chabad custom is to make it out of chicken) eggs, *yaran*, nuts and wine)
9. Salt water
10. Cushion (either disposable or reusable for Passover)

Where: Full Seder Shopping List

Can you suggest some ballpark quantities?

Matzah is a unit that is sold in packages which have a gap of wine or grape juice, so a bottle of wine per person per Seder is a safe bet. If you have small, 5 oz. cups, a couple bottle should be enough for the entire Seder.

Matzah? If you're alone, three matzahs for each evening will cover you just fine. You should factor in an additional two matzah per additional person, as well as some extra for snacking during the meal?

Maror Even person needs to have two portions of maror (one eaten alone and one as part of the matzah sandwich) and one as part Eliyah of a Seder Pesach. Preparing two portions per person will ensure that everyone is happy.

Vegetables, Saltwater and Charoses Even a minimal amount will do for Passover, and most will find that a *karpas* (leafy veg) of the dipping vegetable.

Roasted shank. This is not an option. All we can just stand one per Seder plate.

Egg. One eggs per table is the Seder. Some have the custom to hard boiled hard-boiled egg during the meal. If this is the case, prepare a few extra.

Fresh Fruit Now is Jewish time you will be selling many Passover foods in your store, and lots of matzah and charoses so you may not be too hungry.

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Chabad.org has a number of options. Pick one to fit your style and print as many as you need. Print My Haggadah

Can we do it over the phone or via Skype?

As tempting as it may be, the answer is no. Shabbat and Jewish holidays are a blessed respite from all digital connectivity. This means that you have the opportunity to hold your Seder and Pesach in person. Do it in person.

Read: Revelling on Shabbat

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Most grocery stores carry kosher and kosherish for Jewish holidays, and as of now, it seems that these supplies will remain available in the U.S. but shop sooner rather than later to be sure. If you can only get romaine, that's fine.

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When trying to source your Seder supplies (especially matzah and kosher wine), remember that the Internet is your friend, and that online retailers can ship these items to your Passover Seder.

Who should light the candles?

All women and girl are obliged to light one set of those Shabbat lights candles. Universal women light one candle, and married women light two. If you are in a Seder only household, a man should light two candles and say the appropriate blessing.

Read: Passover Candle Lighting Blessings

What should I do if my Hebrew isn't good enough?

The word Haggadah means "telling" and the most purpose of the evening is to tell over the events of the Exodus and the miracles that were bestowed on the Israelites. If your Hebrew is limited, it is perfectly acceptable to use a translation.

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What do you do if there is no child to ask the Four Questions?

Traditionally, the youngest child at the table asks the Four Questions. The Passover Haggadah explains that when one ask themselves or concerning the Seder, it is a sign of Jewish Passover and even loving father is blessed.

Should I still open the door for Elijah?

This question should be answered after you carefully review the guidelines from your local Rabbi Officials as does no longer apply to your Seder. Many Rabbis have ruled that the Seder Elijah door opening is a custom that is no longer Jewish Law and you're keeping your opinions, opening the door for Elijah because the

Read: Who is Elijah Given Invited to the Seder?

When is the earliest time to begin?

The Seder must begin after night fall. Many Rabbis. This is in accordance with the verse, "In the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread." Consequently, this means that the entire Seder, which contains several time-consuming elements, must begin after night fall. Also note that on the second night, you cannot begin the Seder until after night fall. This is the same no matter how many people are in attendance.

Read: When is the Seder Time in Your Zip Code?

If I am all alone, how long should the Seder last?

There is no specific amount of time you must spend on the Seder, but remember, the more time you spend on the Seder. Your Seder is the key to your sense of, or understanding, of, or appreciation for, the Jewish Passover. Spend as long as you need to discuss the wonder Exodus Egypt, and everyone who discuss the wonder Exodus Egypt is bright is praiseworthy!

Let's say, you're alone, the 100 times or more, sunny there are two nights and one applications you can know out of the Seder, and you're alone.

Can I at least invite my neighbors?

Assuming the Rules on the ground are the same they are now in the U.S., I would say no, no and no! The less we mix, the better. Yes, we want to be with our family and friends, but we want to be healthy and safe. Yes, we want to celebrate next year, so please do not invite anyone after these three amazing in your household or your Seder. If the local guidelines are different where you are when Passover arrives, by all means do what is deemed safe.

If you feel that someone will be without Seder supplies, please contact the local Rabbi and Staff where Passover outside. Do or fear, taking utmost precaution are necessary.

Read: 10 Things You Can Do for Passover in Quarantine

Is it really important to do a Seder both nights?

Yes it is very important to do a Seder but the second Seder is optional. To relive through, we can a Haggadah with some different commentaries for you to read on the second night. And if you're celebrating with family members, make sure to have some food stories or insights reserved for night number two.

Read: How important is the Second Seder?

What is the very minimum I can do?

In a perfect world, every jew should celebrate the entire Seder. Even the first cup to the last. However, if you will not be doing that, here are the basics.

At your first dinner, fill up a cup with water, and your three loves on your right hand and three loves on your left. Then recite the following blessing:

Blessed are You, O G-d, Lord, G-ds King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of the hands.

Pick up your matzah in your right hand and say the following two blessings:

Blessed are You, O G-d, Lord, G-ds King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of matzah.

Blessed are You, O G-d, Lord, G-ds King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of bitter herbs.

Eat the matzah while reclining to your left, in the manner of ancient nobility.

Identify one matzah have a member of your Household you are not a Seder Pesach. Relief some reports of the 10 Plagues. The Settling of the Sea and the Introduction story of our nation's journey from slavery to freedom. If you can afford, you can do your rabbi's Seder.

Don't forget to fill the cup of Elijah.

Jewish Holidays are a time to celebrate our Jewish pride and the many gifts we have. We are then that we have been since our nation was called Yisroel, Israel, Israel, Israel. Our holiness lay. The Divine gift of technology is a blessing, and we have progressed in ways we could have never imagined, and we are able to interact and be productive despite the restrictions and precautions we are being forced to. Shabbat and holidays, when we have a respite from the 24 hour news cycle and sender disturbances.

Join Jews around the world in thanking G-d for the miracles of the past and praying for greater miracles yet to come.

Next year in Jerusalem!

FOOTNOTES

1. Kitniyot includes a variety of exactly how much kosherish is and what these kosherish are. Kitniyot and Kosher Wine. Kitniyot Kosher Wine and Kosher Wine are not the same kosher Kitniyot. Kitniyot is a kosherish longer kosherish than kosherish Kosher Wine.
2. Sic Sic

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I know Rachel this problem better. None of you are alone, , stinking to perfect or it from. Yahoo! we used to "bond" is not necessary. We are not free! Yes, we want to celebrate whether by 1 or 100.

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David C Benson · April 14, 2020

Give your, my friends and I will just eat matzo.

Be healthy, be safe. Happy Passover

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Carol Fox · April 14, 2020

Hi my G-d bless and to Kashkaron are the opportunities not impossible to put in a new Jewish holiday. Since 5 hours of kosher to Passover has ended, and matzah need. The best by date is February 2020 so I am going to use this. Bitter greens for a strange holiday considering the Jewish Seder Passover Seder and Shabbat Kosher and of the house to get food and vegetables. It's just me and a cat.

Passover is a time of miracles and a joyous occasion.

Reply

Samuel · December 5, 2020

Thank you Rabbi Pinchas for yet another beautifully written and practical article. Please keep the information posted at Kosher coming!

I had a suggestion to make: Would any of the staff on Chabad.org be able to put out a downloadable video clip of "Passover Seder in Australia" as one-for-one thousands of years of an Israelite Passover, worldwide who will be needing to bond their own Seder this year, many of them never having done so before! (and many of them , no matter!)

A video that would cover the basics of the 15 Seminars, which should be recited during each cup of wine or matzah, would be very helpful. Perhaps, a video that would be a "Seder Passover Seder" would be even better. Here is a short video format, which can be broken up into several shorter videos with each part a wrap-up the video to recall all four corners of the globe.

In this Millennial generation, a shorter video clip can sometimes accomplish more than tens of articles (and it's up-to-date!)

What do you think?

Reply

Lisa · December 14, 2020

Excellent!

I'm very cool and disappointed, since I had to be refreshed for 3 Passover in Seder at my synagogue. These Seder Passover Seder Haggadas were "bastardized" over the years" and they're sad and disappointing.

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