

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

# A GUIDE TO PESACH



APRIL 5 - APRIL 13

# 5783-2023



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**All Pesach services will be in-person & live streamed from the CBS website:**

**[www.bethshalomnb.org/pray/live-streaming/](http://www.bethshalomnb.org/pray/live-streaming/).**



**All services will be in the *Feather Beit Midrash* unless otherwise noted on the service schedule below.**

### Pesach and Its Observance

Pesach, the Festival of Freedom, born of the liberation from Egyptian bondage, has left an indelible impression on Jewish memory. Apart from its observance in the synagogue, Pesach has a unique place in the Jewish home because of the Seder and because of the changed atmosphere in the home during the Pesach week.

Pesach is both the most challenging and the most rewarding of festivals for the household. When the Jewish people left the land of Egypt, they did not have the time to let their bread rise. Instead, they ate Matzah, unleavened bread. Therefore, in commemoration, we separate ourselves from all leavened products during this eight day Festival.

The Seder is an experience shared by the entire family, both as a celebration and a learning experience. It is a beautiful night greatly enhanced by the special foods served. It is on this night that all the artistry of Jewish cuisine comes to the forefront.

### 5783/2023 - Pesach Service Schedule

Wednesday, April 5	1 <sup>st</sup> Night Pesach	Morning Minyan/Siyum for Fast of the Firstborn You can eat chametz until You can sell and burn chametz until Mincha/Ma'ariv/Service to Welcome the Festival Candle Lighting	7:45 AM 10:40 AM 11:40 AM 6:00 PM  7:02 PM
Thursday, April 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Pesach	Festival Service - <i>Kamensky Sanctuary</i> Mincha and Festival Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	9:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:04 PM
Friday, April 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day Pesach	Festival Service - <i>Kamensky Sanctuary</i> Shabbat Service Candle Lighting	9:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:04 PM
Saturday, April 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Day Pesach	Shabbat Service - <i>Kamensky Sanctuary</i> Mincha	9:30 AM 12:30 PM
Sunday, April 9	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Pesach	Morning Minyan Evening Minyan	8:45 AM 7:45 PM
Monday, April 10	5 <sup>th</sup> Day Pesach	Morning Minyan Evening Minyan	7:45 AM 7:45 PM
Tuesday, April 11	6 <sup>th</sup> Day Pesach	Morning Minyan Mincha/Service to Welcome the Festival Candle Lighting	7:45 AM 6:00 PM 7:08 PM
Wednesday, April 12	7 <sup>th</sup> Day Pesach	Festival Service - <i>Kamensky Sanctuary</i> Mincha and Festival Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	9:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:11 PM
Thursday, April 13	8 <sup>th</sup> Day Pesach	Early Yizkor Festival Service with Yizkor - <i>Kamensky Sanctuary</i> Mincha/Ma'ariv	8:00 AM 9:30 AM  7:45 PM

**PLEASE DO NOT EAT CHAMETZ BEFORE 8:13 PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 13 2023**



## BEDIKAT CHAMETZ: SEARCH FOR LEAVEN

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## BIYUR CHAMETZ: BURNING THE LEAVEN

Before Pesach, our homes are cleaned very thoroughly. We search our homes for any signs of leavened items. Because our homes have been cleaned so well, traces of leaven, such as a few crumbs of bread, are placed in the corners of our homes and we search them out. A candle is lit to use as a searchlight and the children lead the parents through the house for the search. All particles of leaven are placed in a paper bag, so that they may be burned before **11:40 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5th.**

We recite the following blessing before we begin our search:

**BARUCH ATA ADONAI, ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM, ASHER KIDSHANU BE'MITZVOTAV, VE'TZIVANU AL BIYUR CHAMETZ (.....AND COMMANDED US TO REMOVE ALL LEAVENED GOODS).**

After our search we recite the following:

**KOL CHAMIRAH VECHAMI'AH, DE'EEKAH VIRSHUTI, DE'LA CHAMI'TEI, UD'LAH VE'ARITEIM UD'LAH YADANA LEI, LIB'TEIL VE'LEHEVEI HEFKER, KE'AFRAH DE'AR'AH.**

**ALL LEAVEN IN MY POSSESSION WHICH I HAVE NOT SEEN OR REMOVED OR OF WHICH I AM UNAWARE IS HEREBY NULLIFIED AND OWNERLESS AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH.**

After completing the search for leaven, the crumbs, together with the receptacle used to collect them, are put away in a safe place until the following morning when they are burned in a ceremony called BIYUR CHAMETZ, the burning of the leaven. After the burning, the following prayer is recited.

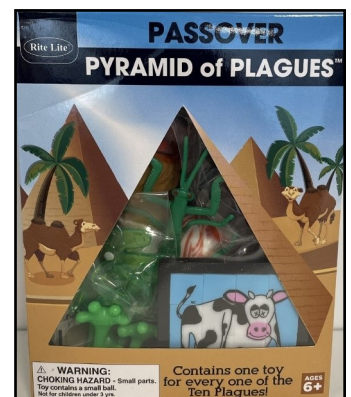
**KOL CHAMIRAH VECHAMI'AH, DE'EEKAH VIRSHUTI, DE'CHAZITEI UD'LAH CHA'ZITEI DE'CHAMITEI, UD'LAH CHA'MITEI, DE'ARITEI UD'LAH VA'ARITEI, LIB'TEIL VE'LEHEVEI HEFKER KE'AFRAH DE'AR'AH.** ANY KIND OF LEAVEN THAT IS IN MY POSSESSION WHETHER I HAVE SEEN IT OR NOT, WHETHER I HAVE REMOVED IT OR NOT, IS HEREBY NULLIFIED AND OWNERLESS AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH.

(The text for Bedikat and Biyur Chametz are available in most Haggadot.)

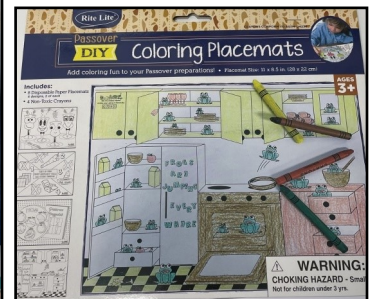
# MY PASSOVER HAGGADAH

A beautiful [downloadable](#) Haggadah coloring book for kids to enhance their seder experience from [Haggadot.com](#)

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All of these items are available at the CBS [Sisterhood Judaica Shop](#)



**Enjoy the Sisterhood Pesach Kiddushim following these holiday services:**

Thursday, April 6 @ 9:30 am - Festival Service  
Friday, April 7 @ 9:30 am - Festival Service  
Saturday, April 8 @ 9:30 am - Shabbat Service  
Wednesday, April 12 @ 9:30 am - Festival Service  
Thursday, April 13 @ 9:30 am - Festival Service/ Yizkor

Thank you so much to our CBS Sisterhood for their hard work, delicious food and continuous time and volunteerism on behalf of the synagogue.

## FAST OF THE FIRSTBORN Wednesday, April 5 @ 7:45 am

Because the firstborn of the Israelites were saved from the tenth plague, tradition requires all firstborn to fast on Erev Pesach until the Seder. (This fast is called Ta'anit Bechorim). However, the Law states that if a firstborn hears the completion of a tractate of the Talmud, a siyum, they are no longer responsible to fast. Therefore, on the morning of the first Seder, a special service is held for all firstborn, at which they hear the completion of a tractate of the Talmud and are thus no longer responsible to fast on that day. As this is the season when we single out our firstborn, it is very appropriate that all our firstborn be represented.

The service is, of course, not limited to the firstborn alone. This service will be held **Wednesday, April 5 at 7:45 am** in-person and [live streamed](#) from the Feather Beit Midrash.



## Sisterhood Judaica Shop

You will find pictures of many beautiful items for Pesach throughout this guide that are available from The Louis Gurvitz Memorial Sisterhood Judaica Shop at CBS. Shop at <https://cbs-sisterhood-judaica-shop.square.site/> and pay for your merchandise by credit card online. They will contact you to arrange for curbside pickup at CBS. Or email [cbsjudaica@gmail.com](mailto:cbsjudaica@gmail.com) and you will be contacted directly.



## HOUSEHOLD PREPARATIONS MECHIRAT CHAMETZ - SELLING THE CHAMETZ REPARATIONS Wednesday, April 5 by 11:40 am

Since we may not possess any leavened food after the burning of Chametz by the morning of the first Seder, we must give up ownership of this food.

It is impossible to destroy all of the Chametz in one's possession. Therefore, rabbinic authorities used a legal fiction embodying a special sale called Mechirat Chametz, which is arranged through the clergy. Since the Chametz is sold to a non-Jew, it does not belong to a Jew during Pesach. All material to be sold is isolated from the food and utensils used on Pesach. Pets and other animals should also be sold (although they remain in the house as usual) since most animal food contains Chametz. The rabbi arranges for all material to be sold back immediately after Pesach.



The procedure may be arranged by filling out the **AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ** form on the last page of this guide and sending it to CBS or submitting it [online](#) at any time before or during the week preceding Pesach, but no later than **Wednesday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:40 am**. If you would like to follow the tradition of arranging the sale personally through [Rabbi Melman](#), [Rabbi Chapman](#) or [Cantor Stoehr](#), they will be glad to assist you.





## THE SEDER PLATE



**Zeroa - shank bone** - a roasted lamb bone (a roasted beet is a vegetarian alternative) - this commemorates the Pesach sacrifice, the Paschal lamb, made the night the ancient Hebrews fled Egypt.

**Beitzah - egg** - a roasted hard-boiled egg - a symbol signifying springtime and renewal.

**Karpas - a green vegetable**, usually parsley. While parsley may symbolize the freshness of spring, others say people eat it to make them feel like nobility. \*Some families use boiled potatoes, continuing a tradition from Eastern Europe where it was difficult to obtain green vegetables.

**Charoset** - a mixture of apples, nuts, wine, and cinnamon that represents the mortar used by the Hebrew slaves to make bricks.

**Maror** - any bitter herb will work, though typically red or white horseradish is used (or romaine lettuce). Bitter herbs bring tears to the eyes and recall the bitterness of slavery of the Jews in Egypt. A new way to look at this is for people to look at their own bitter enslavements, whether addiction or habit.

**Chazeret - a second bitter herb** - the symbolism is the same as maror (not all Seder Plates have this sixth spot).



## CBS UNIVERSITY CLASS OFFERING TUESDAY, APRIL 18

CBS University



### Making our Counting Count: Secrets of the Omer

Join Rabbi David Chapman for a deep dive into the Omer, the auspicious 7-week period between Pesach and Shavuot. How can we incorporate insights from Torah, midrash, and Kabbalah as we spiritually prepare to receive Torah anew?

**Instructor:** Rabbi David Chapman  
**Dates:** Tuesday, April 18  
**Time:** 6:30-7:40 pm  
**Fee:** Free for CBS Members



Questions? Contact Leann ([LBlue@BethShalomNB.org](mailto:LBlue@BethShalomNB.org)) or Audrey ([ATaxer@BethShalomNB.org](mailto:ATaxer@BethShalomNB.org))

Click here to register: <https://tinyurl.com/CBSUclassreg>

An African-American & Jewish-American telling of Passover including outstanding musicians, professional soloists, and music as diverse as cantorial, spiritual, show tunes and hip-hop. Featuring Cantor Steven Stoehr, Cantor Pavel Roytman, Pastor Corey Brooks, Rabbi Matt Abelson, Peggy Shapiro, the Kol Zimrah Choir and more...

Complimentary bus leaving at 9:00 am from CBS - Register [Here](#) (space limited)

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# PASSOVER

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## PESACH WITH THE CBS CLERGY

Rabbi Aaron Melman (RAM), Cantor Steven Stoehr (CSS) and  
Rabbi David Chapman (RDC)



*The salt water that we use for karpas symbolizes the tears that the Jewish people shed during their enslavement in Egypt. Salt water also symbolizes the bitterness of the harsh forced labor that Jews endured in Egypt.*

*Has anything ever happened to you which seemed bitter at the time but later turned out to be sweet?*

**RAM:** Learning from mistakes or challenging situations allows us all to grow. I can think back to a specific class in college where I thought I had done well on my final exam and let's just say I didn't. I was angry and bitter and mad at myself. I met with the professor to understand where I went wrong. I used that experience and suggestions he gave to improve for the next semester moving forward.

**CSS:** I imagine that when I went to audition at Cantorial School I was not immediately accepted. Having had no music training background I was told I needed to take one extra year (making it a five year program rather than the four year program it was years ago). I was not happy. I was flustered and felt as if I was wasting a year of my life.

However in that second year, the Seminary began a Year in Israel program for the Cantorial students which had not been available to us prior. I requested to be allowed to go on that year of study even though I was already in the previous structure of their academic plan. They did allow me to go and it was in that year in Israel that I met a young woman named Susan who would eventually be the woman

I married. If not for the extra year of study I would not have been on that trip and never have met Susan. How Sweet it is!

**RDC:** JTS requires all rabbinical students to spend a summer at Camp Ramah. To be honest, I was dreading it. I didn't go to Jewish camp growing up and I wasn't sure how it would work out for us. But Jonathan, Elior, and I took the plunge together and spent a summer at Ramah Day Camp in Nyack, NY. It turned out to be one of our best summers ever as a family. Elior was a camper by day and a "staff kid" on evenings and weekends. Jonathan taught theater workshops for counselors and did his regular job from a communal workspace the camp set up for spouses. I was a Rosh Eidah (division head) for the second graders. We soaked up every minute of the Ramah experience and bonded with the other residential families. I understood what it meant for us to be dugma'ot (role models) as a Jewish family – good preparation for the pulpit.

*In recent years, a number of modern additions have been added to the traditional seder plate.*

*Have you added any to your seder plate and if yes, what is its significance?*

**RAM:** I'm a traditionalist when it comes to the seder. While I understand why other additions have been made, I am concerned we will lose focus on the original elements of the seder plate. Using the traditional items can allow us to discuss other issues of our time for that is what the rabbis intended.

**CSS:** We have added potato to our Seder Plate as a reminder to my family that my father and his family did not have access to green healthy vegetables in his village in Ukraine growing up and so they used another available vegetable in its place. As the blessing of that step of the Seder is the same for green vegetables or potatoes, it was acceptable to do so. In this way we not only recall the hardships of the Hebrews of Egypt but of other Jewish peoples, and most personally my dad's family, who had suffered in a different but yet horrible way.

## PESACH WITH THE CBS CLERGY CONTINUED...

Rabbi Aaron Melman (RAM), Cantor Steven Stoehr (CSS) and  
Rabbi David Chapman (RDC)

**RDC:** In truth, even some of the “traditional” items on the seder plate are really additions. The Torah only mentions matzah, maror, and the Korban Pesach (the Paschal lamb) as the required symbolic foods. The tradition expanded around the time of the Mishna (3<sup>rd</sup> century CE) along with the other elements of the seder, possibly borrowed from the Greek tradition of the symposium. In the past, we have experimented with different additions, including Miriam’s Cup to honor women and an orange for LGBTQ rights. A few years ago, the idea emerged to add a banana to honor the memory of Aylan Kurdi, the refugee child who drowned along with his mother and brother escaping war-torn Syria (Aylan loved bananas, his father said). As Beth Shalom will be partnering with HIAS to sponsor a refugee family again this year, perhaps it is time to bring that tradition back to our table.

*Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and led them from slavery.  
What qualities do you believe make a good leader?*

**RAM:** The willingness to listen to others and learn from mistakes are the two most important skills a leader needs. Charisma certainly helps however, if one can’t stop and take in what others are saying, the leader begins to live in an echo chamber and only hears their own voice and will have no idea what others around are thinking.

**CSS:** A leader is someone who has the respect of others and can express his/her vision clearly. Someone who can lead without needing to profess or flaunt their station. Someone who doesn’t lead only from a perch above others, but sits close enough to hear their voices as well.

**RDC:** Moses gets a lot of credit for being a great leader, but in fact he was ambivalent about taking on that role. Remember that he tried to get out of his assignment five times by making excuses to God (see Ex. 3 and 4). He’s not being lazy; rather, he is

scared and feeling inadequate, very human emotions. But maybe that reluctance demonstrates one of the reasons he was ultimately so effective as a leader. Because Moses wasn’t power hungry, the people were more likely to trust him. Moses was aware of his shortcomings, and brave enough to express them to God (and himself). He was a good leader because he was true to himself. As the Hasidic master Rabbi Zusya said, At the gates of heaven, they will not ask me: ‘Why were you not Moses?’ They will ask me: ‘Why were you not Zusya?’

Passover is coming!  
Let's clean and dust,  
The search for Chametz  
Is always a must!



inside the closet ☐

desk drawers ☐

pockets ☐

☐ between furniture cushions

☐ lunch box

☐ on the car seats

☐ cabinets

☐ under the rug





## HEARING THE PAST. LISTENING FOR OUR FUTURE.

**Violins of Hope** hosted by JCC Chicago and other partner organizations is coming to Chicagoland and surrounding areas across Illinois from April through September 2023. The collection of 70 string instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust have been painstakingly restored and are now coming to our area for cultural exhibitions, performances, and community education with a message of hope, resistance, resilience, and unity.

**On Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Beth Shalom will be hosting one such instrument and we will hear of its story and listen to its beautiful sound during a brief pause before Yizkor, on the last day of Pesach services.**

Israeli violinmakers, Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein, have spent the last 20 years collecting and repairing 70 Holocaust-era violins and other stringed instruments from around the world, some with the Star of David on the back and others with names and dates inscribed in the instrument. Together they have lovingly located and restored the violins to reclaim their lost heritage, give voice to the victims and reinforce essential messages of hope, harmony, and humanity.

This image, on the left, *The Buried Violin*, is one such instrument. It was miraculously buried in the snow, traveled then to Palestine, then to Switzerland, Italy and returned to Israel.



A complete concert experience, with many of the violins, will take place on **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**, location TBD. Cantor Stoehr has been bestowed the honor of producing this **Violins of Hope** concert of Jewish and classical music as a fundraising event to support future educational and musical programming featuring these precious instruments. He will be joined in the program by local Cantors who also have a distinct familial connection to the Shoah.

**Violins of Hope** is not only a memorial to a lost culture and people, it is also an educational act that reaches people of all ages and faiths.



# ARK ADVENTURES

IMMERSIVE SHABBAT STORYTELLING

FOR KIDS BIRTH TO 4 YEARS OLD

**Register:** [tinyurl.com/ArkApril1](https://tinyurl.com/ArkApril1) **AND THEIR GROWNUPS**



## All aboard the ark for Passover!

Kids and their grownups climb aboard the ark for a Shabbat Passover adventure filled with sensory storytelling, music, puppetry, and lots of imagination. Join artist and educator **Jonathan Shmidt Chapman** and friends for this unique experience designed especially for very young children and their families.

**Ark Adventure: *Let My People Go!***

Saturday, April 8 @ 11am

Register at [tinyurl.com/ArkApril1](https://tinyurl.com/ArkApril1)





# H.U.G.S.

**Programming for families with Special Needs**

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## *Chocolate Seder*

**Sunday, April 2nd**

**2:00pm - 3:00 PM**



A fun and delicious Passover DESSERT Seder during which we'll sing our favorite songs and tell wonderful stories. A creative new way to learn about Passover, share a fun afternoon of family time and make some new friends.

(A Traditional Passover Meal will not be served.)

All of our programs are free of charge and one need not be a member of the congregation to attend.

RSVP's by March 26th are essential to attend.

<https://tinyurl.com/HugsChocolateSeder>

Email please to: [lweisner@bethshalomnb.org](mailto:lweisner@bethshalomnb.org)

Register: [tinyurl.com/HugsChocolateSeder](https://tinyurl.com/HugsChocolateSeder)





## Recipe:

### Matzo Kugel (Marjorie Maxwell's Mom)

1 cup minced onion  
6 tablespoons oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon paprika  
2 cups chicken broth (bouillon cubes)

1 cup finely chopped celery  
6-7 matzos broken up fine  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 eggs slightly beaten

1. Heat broth.
2. Saute onions and celery in 6 tablespoons oil until tender.
3. Add matzos.
4. Combine ingredients and add to matzo mixture.
5. Pour into well greased 1-1/2 quart (9x9) dish.
6. Bake 30 minutes at 375 degrees (350 degrees in a glass dish).
7. Serves 6-8.



## Recipe:

### Sephardic Date Charoset (Cece Lasinsky)

1 cup dates pitted  
1 cup raisins  
1/2 cup walnuts  
1 medium apple, peeled and diced  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

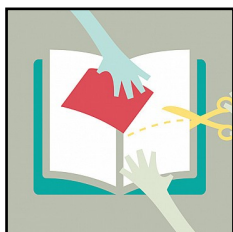
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
3 tablespoons sweet Concord grape wine  
to taste

1. Process all ingredients until finely chopped adding additional wine if needed.



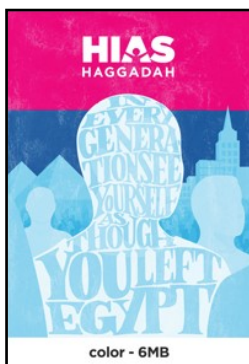
## HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT MAKING YOUR OWN HAGGADAH OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING NEW TO YOUR SEDER?

Great resources to help you create your own Haggadah or add to your Seder:



[Haggadot.com](https://haggadot.com) is a comprehensive and user-friendly online resource to make your own Haggadah and it's free. After you register, you can choose from a library of readings and images. The site guides you through the

process with templates and an outline of all the sections of the Seder. You can search by themes, family-friendly and other specific needs. You can also invite your Seder guests to log in and participate in the Haggadah-making. When you're done, you print it out as a PDF file or download to your guests' mobile devices.



Connect the Passover story and today's refugees. Passover invites us to imagine ourselves as though we experienced the Exodus from Egypt as we retell the Passover story - the Jewish people's original refugee story. While we usually perform this sacred ritual around the table with family,

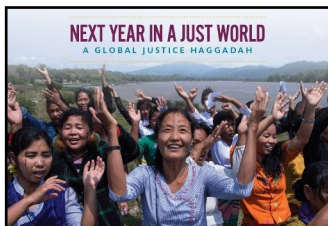
friends, and community members, this year is going to be a bit different amidst the reality of the current global health pandemic. This moment of uncertainty calls us to resist the urge to turn inward and, instead, turn outward and remember the 70 million displaced people around the world who are made that much more vulnerable in this moment. [Download the HIAS Haggadah](#) to include a deeper exploration of the global refugee crisis in your Seder this year.



A Jewish Response to Hunger - MAZON collaborates with diverse stakeholders to showcase what's possible: a country built on compassion, mutual support, and meaningful opportunity. By reflecting on the world as it is, we create a vision of what it could be — one

where those in need are supported, the powerful are held to account, and hunger is a distant memory. Every year at Passover, we affirm our obligation to care for one another by proclaiming "Let all who are hungry come and eat." MAZON's Hunger Seder Haggadah orients the entire seder experience around hunger.

[Download the MAZON Hunger Seder](#)



The story of Passover — the story we retell each year at our Seder tables — illuminates the core narrative of the Jewish people: we were once slaves in

Egypt, but now we are free. This story still resonates today with the struggles and journeys to freedom still traveled by so many oppressed communities around the globe. This year, when we relive the story of our own liberation, we can also think of the millions of people around the world who are still enslaved by poverty, violence, discrimination and many other afflictions. They are women, girls and LGBTQI+ people fighting for rights and equality; indigenous people protecting their land and struggling to survive the ravages of climate change; activists speaking out against injustice; and so many more. At this year's Seder, we can challenge ourselves to take a more active and more meaningful role in hastening their freedom. [Download the American Jewish World Service Global Justice Haggadah](#)



## PESACH GAMES & ACTIVIES FOR FAMILIES

### Pesach Games

- In advance of Seder night, write out on separate pieces of paper the names of characters or objects associated with Seder. For example: Pharaoh, Elijah the Prophet, The Wise Son, Maror, Charoset, Matzah, Chametz, Frog, Wild Beast, etc. During the Seder, choose a volunteer. Tie a scarf around their forehead and stick a name on the scarf so that everyone can see it but them. Now they have to ask questions about themselves, to which everyone answers Yes/No until they figure out who they are. If they guess in fewer than five questions, they get a prize.
- This game is for a more advanced or slightly older age group. It works like charades. Prepare different parts from the Haggadah ahead of time, and write them on paper. Each participant randomly chooses a card. They then have to mime the sentence and the rest of the guests and family have to guess the part. The participant is not allowed to talk, but they may indicate how many words are in the passage with their fingers. They can show that a word rhymes with another word by touching their ear. This game can be adapted for younger kids to act out the Ten Plagues or simpler words connected to the Pesach story.
- Have an Iron Chef or Top Chef style competition with some traditional and non-traditional Pesach food items. Have your guests be the judges (your guests can bring dishes too if you plan this ahead of time).
- Purchase some dollar store “prizes” for kids. When they ask a good question (which is what we’re trying to stimulate), they get a prize. Also give prizes for asking the Four Questions, singing, reading, etc. The kids will keep busy playing with their prize until they think of another good question and jump back in.
- Would you Rather? Pesach Style! Ex: Be covered from head to toe in boils or lice? Still be in Egypt or be in school 100 hours a week? Recline whenever you eat or dip everything you eat? Eat only maror or drink only saltwater? Eat only matzah or eat only charoset? Have a 9 hour Seder with gourmet food or a 1 hour Seder with no food?

### Pesach Activities

- Have a make-your-own charoset buffet table, with a variety of ingredients to choose from.
- Provide a tent area near the Seder table with books, Pesach games and puzzles for the children to play with while the adults conduct the Seder.
- Pesach Bingo: Print out these fun and colorful BINGO cards by celebrated children’s book illustrator *Dena Ackerman*. The cards are free, just sign up on her website and up to 30 different cards can be downloaded and printed. Click [here](#) to get the FREE Bingo card file.
- Check out [PJ Library’s Passover Printables](#) including the [Mad Libs-Styles printables](#) they have! Download PJ Library’s Interactive Family Haggadah [here](#)!
- Hang blue crepe paper sheets from the ceiling; when it’s time to leave Egypt, have the children take their stick of celery and part the Red Sea as they march out of Egypt.
- Do a spontaneous Seder Table Wave.
- Have your guests narrate the voices of Moses, God, or whomever they’d like in the story.
- Make a word search using Pesach terms at this word search creator [website](#).
- Use bubbles and water bottle sprayers when you talk about the parting of the Red Sea and, for babies, play Afikomen peek-a-boo using scarves or cloth napkins.



## CBS PESACH PROGRAMS 5783/2023 (all details in Guide)

**Sunday, April 2 - 10:30 am @ New Beginnings Church**

CBS partners with New Beginnings Church and StandWithUs as they present *Passover, A Musical Celebration of Freedom*

**Sunday, April 2 - 2:00 pm**  
HUGS Chocolate Seder

**Wednesday, April 5 - 7:45 am**  
Siyum (fast) of the Firstborn

**Wednesday, April 5 - 11:40 am**  
deadline to sell chametz to CBS clergy

**Saturday, April 8 - 11:00 am**  
Ark Adventure: *Let My People Go!*  
All aboard the ark for Passover for kids birth to 4 years old and their grownups

**Thursday, April 13**  
CBS hosts Violins of Hope during Pesach service

**Tuesday, April 18 - 6:30 pm**  
CBS U - Making our Counting Count: Secrets of the Omer with Rabbi Chapman



These beautiful items are available at the CBS Sisterhood Judaica Shop - purchase at <https://cbs-sisterhood-judaica-shop.square.site/>



## AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ 5783/2023

**Skip the paper this year!**

Fill out and submit this form [ONLINE HERE](#)

I (We) \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby authorize and designate Rabbi Melman/Rabbi Chapman/Cantor Stoeher as my (our) agent to act on my (our) behalf to sell and to transfer by transactions all Chametz (as defined by the Torah and Rabbinic Law) of whatever kind and wherever situated at my (our) residence at: \_\_\_\_\_  
or in my (our) place of business located at: \_\_\_\_\_  
All of the aforesaid Chametz will be sold in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law and also in accordance with the State of Illinois and is intended as a binding legal transaction.

I (We) further state that the Chametz covered by this agreement will be stored away at the above address and not used for my personal benefit during the period commencing no later than **11:40 am** on the morning of **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**, and concluding no earlier than **8:13 pm** on **Thursday evening, April 13, 2023**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ and dated \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

☐ My voluntary donation to **Maot Chitim** is enclosed. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated.** CBS will forward the full amount of your donation to support their annual holiday food deliveries to our community members in need.

**Form due no later than Wednesday, April 5, 2022 at 11:40 am.**



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