Camp Passover

A great Jewish adventure is about to begin. Use these pages to transform your Passover ONE HAPPY CAMPER style.

This book belongs to ____________________

This summer I’ll be heading to __________

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We greet Passover the same way. With homes cleared of bread, cookies and their crumbs, we gather for a huge feast with strange customs and bitter foods. Our eyes will water. Our lips might pucker. We will run through the house searching for the Afikomen.

We’re off on an adventure with 100’s of 1000’s of Jews all over the world, to retell the Jewish journey from the bitterness of slavery in Egypt to the sweetness of freedom. While we may tell (haggadah) the same story in the same order (seder), no family will tell it the same way. Like camp, each of us will journey to that moment in time as the individuals we are.

Rock Climbing, Hiking, Campfires, Soccer, Swimming, Theater. You meet each camp adventure with determination, imagination, creativity, friendship and fun.

HAGGADAH = Telling
SEDER = Order
NARRATOR = Me
“YOU WILL TELL THIS STORY AS IF YOU WERE A SLAVE IN EGYPT”

Use these pages to make this adventure your own. Do them all. Pick your favorites. Do before, during or after the seder. You decide.

Are you ONE HAPPY CAMPER?

Overnight summer camp is about so much more than campfires and color war. At camp, you get the chance to explore who they are—and who they want to become—in an active, inspiring, fun-filled environment. (Marshmallows included.) Jewish camp is so much more than that—it’s camp with a soul. At Jewish camp, ruach (spirit) is part of every activity—from dancing to hitting a home run—allowing campers to explore their connection to Judaism in a meaningful way while having the summer of their lives.

There’s a Jewish camp for everyone—With over 150 camps for kids of all ages, you’ll have no trouble finding a great camp with options from traditional to sports, the arts and outdoor adventure. And better yet, you may be eligible for $1000 off your first summer. Visit OneHappyCamper.org for more details and to find the perfect camp for you.
Like many Jewish adventures, this one begins with...food. Introducing the SEDER PLATE and its accompanying stack of 3 matzot, salt water and wine. This is no ordinary menu. During Passover the seder plate is our STORYTELLER of sorts.

**KARPAS**
Passover’s nickname Chag Ha Aviv means Holiday of Spring. We take spring’s sweet bounty such as fresh parsley or celery and dip it in a bowl of salt water to remember this tearful time.

**BEITZAH (ROASTED EGG)**
The roundness of the egg represents the cycles of life and the seasons. With the start of spring we look to a new beginning.

**CHAROSET**
Apples, spices, dried fruit and/or nuts. The sweet taste—testament to freedom—but earthy color and chunky texture resemble the mortar and bricks the Israelite slaves used to build Egypt’s cities.

**MATZAH (UNLEAVENED BREAD)**
Normal bread needs time to rise (leaven) before it is baked. This is the bread for people rushing to their freedom.

**WINE**
With 4 cups to drink throughout the night, there are 4 chances to discuss what it means to be free.

**MAROR**
All bitter. No sweet. There is nothing like the unrelenting bite of horseradish to put tears in your eyes and get you thinking about slavery. Take a bite. It bites you back.

**Z’ROA (ROASTED LAMB SHANK)**
On the eve of the Israelite’s departure, they roasted lamb and placed its blood on their doorposts to ensure they would be “passed over” for the 10th and worst plague.

**CHAZERET**—usually romaine or endive—starts sweet and then bitters. Egypt started sweetly for the Jews under Joseph, Pharoah’s beloved advisor. Later, a new and evil Pharaoh arose and times bittered.

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**CUP OF ELIJAH**
How will we use our freedom to help others? Elijah might come through the door to help what we’ve started. We leave some wine as a welcome.

Now it’s your turn to...
Update the plate!

**OBJECT OF GAME:** Create 3 original “Seder Plate Recipes and Dips” to tell your version of slavery, freedom, springtime or your family’s story.

- Brussels sprouts
- Cabbage
- Lemon
- Salt
- Sugar
- Honey
- Matzah
- Cinnamon
- Chocolate
- Garden Vegetable
- Dried Fruit
- Fruit Juice
- Seltzer
- Pepper
- Hotdogs

**RULES OF PLAY:** Use at least 5 of the ingredients above. Ask your parents for permission.

Keep track of your recipes and food stories here. Gather a panel of judges. Put their taste buds to the test.

- **Chef:** (YOU! Or add more chefs to the challenge)
- **Ingredients:**
- **Recipe:**
- **Food story:**
- **Judges comments:**

**Questions to consider:**

**Questions for the judges:**
How does the food make your mouth feel? What does the taste make you think? Is it sad, bitter, sweet, raw, cooked, juicy, dry, fresh, sour?
WHY? OH, WHY? OH, WHY?

Ma nishtana ha-lai-la ha-zeh, mee-kol ha-lei-lot:
How is this night different from all other nights?

1. She-b’chol ha-lei-lot, anu och-leen, cha-metz u-matza. Ha-lai-la ha-zeh, ku-lo matzah:
On all other nights, we eat either leavened bread or matzah, but on this night we eat only matzah.

2. She-b’chol ha-lei-lot, anu och-leen sh’ar y’ra-kot. Ha-lai-la ha-zeh maror:
On all other nights we eat other kinds of vegetables, but on this night we eat maror (bitter herbs).

3. She-b’chol ha-lei-lot ein anu mat-bee-leen, afee-lu pa-am achat, ha-lai-la ha-zeh, shtei-p’ameem:
On all other nights, we need not dip our vegetables even once, but on this night we dip twice.

4. She-b’chol ha-lei-lot anu och-leen, bein yo-shveen u-vin m’su-been. Ha-lai-la ha-zeh, ku-la-nu m’su-been:
On all other nights, we eat either sitting upright or reclining, but on this night we all recline.

You call this a feast? No bread, only bitter veggies, dipping foods, sitting on pillows... The 4Qs have a job: ensure everyone is paying attention to the strange meal. If they are, then they are bound to become curious and ask “Why are we doing this?!” If they are not, well, the 4Qs are there to get them focused.

Is it working? Or, is your seder in need of...
It is not uncommon for families to create their own strange customs to get the questions started. Try these or make up your own. (Check with your parents first).

Build, Build, Build

SET UP: Place 5 playing cards on each plate + Kosher for Passover candies

See if anyone asks what the cards and candy are for. If not, ask everyone to build a house of cards. Explain the candy is ONLY to be eaten IF the house stays up. Every time a card falls, they lose a treat. Did any houses stay standing? How did it feel to lose something you wanted?

CATCH: At the end of game give all the candy back to eat. Every bitter is met with a sweet.

Topsy Turvy

Set the silverware upside down and backwards. See who notices.

Freedom Fighters

DESCRIPTION: As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. famously said “No one is free until we are all free.” How will you put your freedom to work this year? Will you help animals, the environment, soldiers, villages, schools? Ask your family or make a plan with your friends.

SUPPLIES:
1. Grab a pile of index cards or scrap paper + pencils to share.
2. Decorate a shoebox. Add a slit in the top for the cards.
3. Put the box + paper + pencils on your table next to the matzah.

ACTIVITY: Either wait for people to ask about the box, or, like the 4Qs, prompt them and bring it up. Once you do, invite everyone to write their goal on the paper and discuss. Make a family plan. Make a personal plan.

Add you own!
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CAPTURE THE FLAG...AFIKOMEN

AFIKOMEN = Dessert in ancient Greek
AFIKOMEN = Freedom during Seder

WHICH WONDER WILL WIN?

Rules of play

• Divide into two teams.
• Let the youngest kids lead the pack.
• Each team hides their Afikomen.
• First team to find it wins.

Remember the stack of 3 matzot on the table? During seder we take the middle one and break it in half. The larger half = freedom is tucked away as the Afikomen. The smaller half = slavery is left to eat with maror and charoset. According to tradition, the Afikomen is the last thing to be eaten.
DUCKTIGAMI AFIKOMEN BAG

You will need:
• Duct tape – any color or your favorite designs
• Letter size paper or cardboard
• Scissors
• Optional: a small piece of velcro

Step 1
Create 2 pouch panels and 1 flap panel.
• Pouch Panels: Cut 2 rectangles to be the same size, at least 6” high x 8 1/2” long.
• Flap Panel: Cut 1 rectangle 3” high x 8 1/2” long.

Step 2
Decorate your panels.
• Use your duct tape to decorate both sides of your panels. You can create a pattern or keep it simple - let your creativity shine through. Make sure that your tape overlaps and no paper/cardboard shows through. Trim the edges if need be.

Step 3
Connect your panels.
• Place the panels in an even row with the outside design facing up. The flap panel should be at the top. Keep 1/4” between each piece.
• Cut 2 strips of tape that are at least 9” long. Use the strips to attach the panels along the long edge to create “joints.” Be sure to maintain the 1/4” space at each “joint.” Fold the ends of the tape over the edge to secure them.

Step 4
Create your pouch.
• Turn the 3-part piece over so the inside is facing you. Fold the bottom piece up at the “joint” and secure both sides with duct tape. Be sure to leave the top open. Fold down the top flap at the “joint”.
• Optional: Secure the flap with a small piece of Velcro.
What brave things happen around you? Create an oral history or an interviewer’s notebook full of stories. Use these questions as a guide.

Interviewer: (you)

Interviewee: (pick someone)

Where were you born? Where do you live now?

If it is a different place, why did you move away from your birthplace?

If it is the same place, why did you stay?

What is one of the bravest things you have ever done?

Were you ever scared? How did you get over it?

What are two things you are good at that you would like to teach others?

What surprises you about me?

How did you get to Seder tonight? What is your favorite part?

Had the Red Sea not parted how would you have gotten across?

Ask your interviewer to put their autograph here:

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THIS IS OUR FAMILY’S STORY

This is the Red Sea. Draw your family getting across.
Dear (my name) ___________________________
I’ve got (adjective) ____________________ plans this summer. Before I (verb) ________, let me tell you a bit about myself. This summer I am headed to (location) ________________. I will travel there by (mode of transportation) ________________. The most important things that I will pack are: (noun) ________________ and (noun) ________________. People will discover that I am good at (verb) ________________ and (verb) ________________. I hope to meet people who are (circle all that apply) funny, smart, adventurous, brave, honest, good cooks, high game scorers, good photographers, good storytellers. People will discover that I am (adjective) ________________ and (adjective) ________________. I am most excited about (verb) ________________. I will learn to (verb) ________________. I will teach my friends to (verb) ________________. I can’t wait for (season) ________________!
Love, ____________________________

(Write your name backwards and hold it up to the mirror)