

What Is Passover?

The Unofficial Jeopardy! Style Passover Haggadah Supplement
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INTRODUCTION:

Ever since I was a little girl, it was important to me to put my own stamp on the Passover Seder. Passover was the most memorable Jewish holiday in my home. My mother would spend hours cooking the special Seder foods. The family would descend upon the house – aunts, uncles, grandparents.

Our family was very culturally Jewish, and not particularly ritually observant. We didn't join a synagogue until I was beyond the age of Bat Mitzvah, so I had very little formal religious education. We were part of Kindershul – a secular, Yiddish school that connected me deeply with Jewish cultural traditions.

When I was 12 years old, I wrote my first family Haggadah. I didn't know that there was a special order to the Seder, but my passion for social justice was evident in my 12 year old take on the Passover story. The theme of moving from slavery to freedom resonated with me. I always inserted issues of the day that concerned me. Over the years, my family discussed Soviet Jewry, Israeli politics, human rights abuses, gay rights issues, economic justice, the Iran-Contra affair, and of course, feminism. Each year from my teen years until my early 20s, I led my family Seder. Over the years, I even learned that the Haggadah did have a particular set order of rituals.

Then, in my mid-twenties, I married Evan Goodman. As a rabbinic student, and later a rabbi, he took over the leading of the Seder. To this day, we work together to come up with new twists to keep the story engaging in each generation. On September 11 and 12, I appeared on the game show, Jeopardy! For years, Evan and I watched Jeopardy religiously (pun intended). I confess, we tried to guess which contestants were Jewish. Playing Jeopardy! was so incredibly exciting and fun. Winning at Jeopardy was exhilarating. But the unexpected prize was that I was introduced to the community of former Jeopardy contestants. Since appearing on Jeopardy, I have made virtual friends (and even some "in real life" friends) all over the US and Canada. These former Jeopardy contestants are bright, thoughtful, engaging and intellectually curious. When I asked our Jeopardy online community if anyone was interested in helping to create a Jeopardy themed Haggadah supplement, many people volunteered. Even more expressed interest in using the final product.

My hope is that Seder leaders will be able to use this supplement to make their Seders engaging and fun. I've tried to include clues that are accessible to many people, with varying levels of knowledge about the Seder. I hope that this supplement is fun for those who are experiencing a Seder for the first time as well as for those who have an advanced Jewish education.

Jewish tradition values asking questions. We often ask the youngest child to ask the questions. With this supplement, everyone will have the opportunity to respond to the clues in the form of the question. With every attendee asking questions, each of us can deepen our connections with one another and with this celebration of freedom. Now, go forth across the Sea of Reeds into the Promised Land. And be sure to answer in the form of a question!

HOW TO USE THIS SUPPLEMENT:

This is meant to be used as an addition to your Haggadah, not in place of it. You may use as many categories and questions as you like to make your Seder more engaging and meaningful. You don't have to use them all.

This haggadah supplement includes 10 categories of 4 clues each, as well as a "Final Jeopardy" category and clue. Each category of clues, along with the responses, is on a separate sheet.

The Seder leader can appoint one person to serve as "Alex Trebek" for each category, or the leader may serve as "Alex Trebek" for all the categories. Categories of clues may be used to introduce sections of the Haggadah or be inserted into sections. We've included suggestions of where to place each category – but they can be used at your discretion.

At the beginning of each section, the leader will announce the category. The leader or the rotating designated participant will read each clue. They can either go from lowest to highest value or allow others to select the dollar value they want. Seder participants can raise their hands when they know the answer. The leader calls on a participant to respond. As this is intended to be a fun time for family, feel free to give different people chances to answer. After the entire category is complete, there is an opportunity for more questions and discussion (as the leader sees fit), or to continue with the Haggadah.

CATEGORIES OVERVIEW (TABLE OF CONTENTS):

- P. 1+2 NUMBERS: To be played in introducing the seder
- P. 3+4 ABOUT THE SEDER: To be played early in the seder, perhaps before the candle blessing
- P. 5+6 A POTENT POTABLE!: To be played before Kadesh/First cup of wine
- P. 7+8 ALL ABOUT THE GREENS: To be played at the beginning of the Karpas/Greens section
- P. 9+10 PASSOVER 101: To be played at the beginning of the Magid/story section
- P. 11+12 AWESOME JEWISH WOMEN: To be played during the Magid section, perhaps after the 4 children
- P. 13+14 POP CULTURE PASSOVER: To be played during Magid (after Dayenu) – May also be played before or after the Afikoman, or at the conclusion of the seder
- P. 15+16 A MATZAH CATEGORY: To be played before Matzah
- P. 17+18 SANDWICHES? ON PASSOVER?: To be played after the Maror blessing, before the Hillel Sandwich
- P. 19+20 THE OPEN DOOR: To be played before Elijah's cup, before or after the third cup of wine.
- FINAL JEOPARDY**
- P. 21+22 ODDS AND ENDS: To be played right before ending the seder

NUMBERS

\$18

CHAI TRANSLATES TO THIS
TRADITIONAL NUMBER IN
JUDAISM

\$40

MOSES DIDN'T ASK FOR
DIRECTIONS AND MADE THE
ISRAELITES WANDER IN THE
DESERT FOR THIS MANY
YEARS

\$120

FORGET THREE SCORE AND
TEN; IN JUDAISM, THIS IS
THE DESIRED LIFESPAN -
BECAUSE IT'S HOW LONG
MOSES LIVED

\$613

SOMETIMES MISTAKENLY
TRANSLATED AS "GOOD
DEEDS," THE TORAH LISTS
COMMANDMENTS OR
MITZVOT

NUMBERS

\$ 18

\$ 40

WHAT IS 18?

WHAT IS 40?

\$ 120

\$ 613

WHAT IS 120?

WHAT IS 613?

ABOUT THE SEDER

\$18

THE EVENTS OF THE
PASSOVER STORY ARE
RECOUNTED IN THIS
SECOND BOOK OF THE
BIBLE

\$40

THIS NUMBER IS
FEATURED REPEATEDLY
THROUGHOUT THE SEDER,
MOST MEMORABLY IN
QUESTIONS, CHILDREN AND
CUPS OF WINE

\$120

ON PASSOVER, WE
REMEMBER THAT ONCE WE
WERE SLAVES, BUT TODAY
WE ARE THIS

\$613

WHILE IT MAY FEEL CHAOTIC
AT TIMES, "SEDER" IS A
HEBREW WORD THAT
LITERALLY MEANS THIS

ABOUT THE SEDER

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS EXODUS?

WHAT IS FOUR?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS FREE?
(ACCEPTED:
A FREE PEOPLE)

WHAT IS ORDER?

A POTENT POTABLE!

\$18

MADE IN VIRTUALLY EVERY
COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, AT
THE SEDER THIS DRINK
REPRESENTS JOY AND
FREEDOM

\$40

MEANING "TO LIFE," THIS IS
THE TRADITIONAL TOAST
WHEN JEWS DRINK

\$120

"OENOPHOBIA" MEANING
"FEAR OF WINE" COMES
FROM THE GREEK, BUT
WOULD BE A BAD DISEASE
FOR THIS WINE-DRINKING
PROPHET

\$613

IN ANCIENT EGYPT, THE
ABILITY TO STORE WINE
UNTIL MATURITY WAS
CONSIDERED ALCHEMY AND
WAS THE PRIVILEGE OF THIS
RULING CLASS

A POTENT POTABLE!

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS WINE?

WHAT IS L'CHAIM?

\$120

\$613

WHO IS ELIJAH?

WHAT ARE
THE PHARAOHS?

ALL ABOUT THE GREENS

\$18

USUALLY ONLY USED AS A GARNISH, WE DIP THIS GREEN VEGETABLE FIRST DURING THE SEDER

\$40

THE SALT WATER IN WHICH WE DIP REMINDS US OF THESE SECRETIONS OF THE LACHRYMAL DUCTS

\$120

IT MIGHT PUT A PEP IN OUR STEP, BECAUSE WE DIP A GREEN VEGETABLE TO REMIND US OF THIS SEASON

\$613

“BOREI P’RI HA’GAFEN” CONCLUDES THE BLESSING OVER THE WINE; OVER VEGETABLES WE SAY “BOREI P’RI HA” THIS, HEBREW FOR “THE EARTH”

ALL ABOUT THE GREENS

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS PARSLEY?

WHAT ARE TEARS?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS SPRING?

WHAT IS ADAMAH?

PASSOVER 101

\$18

PILLOWS ARE COMMON ON THE CHAIRS AROUND THE TABLE BECAUSE WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO THIS - LIKE FREE WOMEN AND MEN

\$40

THE SONG DAYENU IS SUNG AT SEDER, AND TRANSLATES ROUGHLY TO THE ENGLISH PHRASE "IT WOULD HAVE BEEN" THIS

\$120

MEANING "NARROW PLACE," MITZRAYIM IS HEBREW FOR THIS LAND

\$613

IN THE TRADITIONAL TELLING OF THE PASSOVER STORY, THE FOUR CHILDREN ARE DESCRIBED AS WISE, WICKED, SIMPLE AND THIS LONGER DESCRIPTOR

PASSOVER 101

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS RECLINE?
(ALSO ACCEPTED: LEAN)

WHAT IS ENOUGH?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS EGYPT?

WHAT IS ONE WHO DOES
NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK?

AWESOME JEWISH WOMEN

\$18

THROUGH THE MERIT OF THIS SISTER OF MOSES, THE ISRAELITES FOUND WATER THROUGHOUT THE DESERT

\$40

IN 2015, THIS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CO-AUTHORED AN ESSAY ON WOMEN IN THE PASSOVER STORY

\$120

THIS WAS THE OCCUPATION OF SHIFRAH AND PUAH WHO HELPED HIDE MOSES RIGHT AFTER BIRTH

\$613

THE MODERN FEMINIST CONCEPT OF PLACING AN ORANGE ON THE SEDER PLATE WAS CREATED BY THIS DAUGHTER OF A FAMOUS RABBI

AWESOME JEWISH WOMEN

\$18

\$40

WHO IS MIRIAM?

WHO IS
RUTH BADER GINSBURG?

\$120

\$613

WHAT ARE MIDWIVES?

WHO IS
(SUSANNAH) HESCHEL?

POP CULTURE PASSOVER

\$18

THIS DIRECTOR ALSO
PRODUCED AND NARRATED
"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

\$40

THIS LEON URIS HISTORICAL
NOVEL IS FOCUSED ON
THE FOUNDING OF THE
STATE OF ISRAEL

\$120

THIS NOT-QUITE-A-BABY
CHARACTER PLAYS THE
PART OF PHARAOH
IN THE EPISODE
"A RUGRATS PASSOVER"

\$613

THIS DREAMWORKS
TRADITIONALLY-ANIMATED
MUSICAL FEATURES
VAL KILMER AS THE VOICE
OF BOTH GOD AND MOSES

POP CULTURE PASSOVER

\$18

\$40

WHO IS
(CECIL B.) DeMILLE?

WHAT IS EXODUS?

\$120

\$613

WHO IS ANGELICA?

WHAT IS
THE PRINCE OF EGYPT?

A MATZAH CATEGORY

\$18

AT PASSOVER, JEWS EAT
MATZOH IN HONOR OF
THEIR ANCESTORS WHO
HAD TO FLEE EGYPT
BEFORE THEIR BREAD HAD
A CHANCE TO DO THIS

\$40

THIS COMPANY, ALSO
KNOWN FOR WINE, LEADS
THE WORLD IN MATZAH
PRODUCTION

\$120

BECAUSE OF THE PLIGHT
OF THE JEWS OF EGYPT,
MATZAH IS SOMETIMES
ALSO CALLED "THE BREAD
OF" THIS

\$613

IN 2010 THE CURRENT
WORLD RECORD OF 426
POUNDS WAS SET FOR THE
LARGEST ONE OF THIS
TASTY ITEM

A MATZAH CATEGORY

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS RISE?

WHAT IS MANISCHEWITZ?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS AFFLICTION?

WHAT IS A MATZAH BALL?

SANDWICHES? ON PASSOVER?

\$18

AFTER EATING THE BITTER HERBS, MOST JEWS MAKE A SANDWICH OF THE HERBS, MATZAH AND CHAROSET, NAMED AFTER THIS SAGE FROM 2000 YEARS AGO

\$40

THE SWISS CHEESE ON THIS CLASSIC DELI SANDWICH, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES RUSSIAN DRESSING, MEANS IT IS DEFINITELY NOT KOSHER

\$120

THIS NEW YORK DELI BEGAN NAMING THEIR SANDWICHES AFTER BROADWAY STARS WHO ATE THERE

\$613

THIS SANDWICH MEAT, SIMILAR TO CORNED BEEF, WAS BROUGHT TO AMERICA BY ROMANIAN JEWS

SANDWICHES? ON PASSOVER?

\$18

\$40

WHO IS HILLEL?

WHAT IS A REUBEN?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS CARNEGIE DELI?

WHAT IS PASTRAMI?

THE OPEN DOOR

\$18

\$40

DURING THIS OTHER, NON-PASSOVER JEWISH RITUAL, ELIJAH IS ALSO INVOKED

ELIJAH THE PROPHET IS SAID BY TRADITION TO HERALD THE ARRIVAL OF THIS IMPORTANT FIGURE

\$120

\$613

WE ALSO SING ELIAHU HA NAVI AT THIS FESTIVAL WITH SYMBOLS THAT INCLUDE SPICES AND A BRAIDED CANDLE

THIS ROMAN GOD OF DOORS IS USUALLY DEPICTED AS HAVING TWO FACES

THE OPEN DOOR

\$18

\$40

WHAT IS BRIT MILAH?
(ALSO ACCEPTED:
BRIS/CIRCUMSION)

WHO IS THE MESSIAH?

\$120

\$613

WHAT IS HAVDALAH?

WHO IS JANUS?



ODDS AND ENDS

AT THE END OF THE SEDER
WE SAY THESE FOUR
WORDS, WHICH MIGHT FEEL
ANACHRONISTIC TODAY



ODDS AND ENDS

WHAT IS
"NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM"?

Feedback: I'd appreciate hearing from you about how this Haggadah supplement worked for you and about any suggestions you have for improvement. Please fill out this survey sometime after your seder: bit.ly/JepHaggadah