

# Passover Takeaway page 1

- ★ Invite friends and family to the seder who aren't Jewish
- ★ Ten Plagues bag for the kiddos during the seder
  - ★ Plastic frogs, dripping bloody necklaces, plastic cows, etc.
- ★ Finger puppet plagues - you can either buy these or make your own.
- ★ A mask that represents a plague that people wear during the seder - again, you can either buy these or make your own.
- ★ Have kids decorate pillow cases to recline on during the seder
- ★ Celebrate the Sephardi tradition of Pesach during the singing of Dayeinu. Each person gets a leek or Green onion, and during the chorus you take turns "hitting" the person either to your left or right as hard as you think they would have traded the comforts of slavery for freedom.
- ★ During Chad Gadya assign people roles. The cat person makes a cat sound, etc.
- ★ Order of the seder - make a checklist and cross it off during the seder
- ★ Order of the seder bingo cards
- ★ Chad Gadya race: who can say each verse in one breath. Stand up until you can't get through the verse and then sit down.
- ★ Felt seder plate for the kids to play with.
- ★ Assign characters for people to dress up as to help lead the seder.
- ★ Give each person their own seder plate.
- ★ Use a boiled potato for karpas, or serve a salad course at this time.
- ★ Make different kinds of charoset for the seder. There are different recipes for charoset all around the world!
- ★ Boil the eggs with onion skin water. Wrap each egg in panty hose with a flower or a piece of parsley to make an imprint.
- ★ Light a Yom HaShoah candle for Pesach as a reminder of how the Egyptians wanted to kill us.
- ★ Write down your own personal chametz and burn it in the fireplace before seder.
- ★ Give everyone a different haggadah for new readings.
- ★ Make your own haggadah - [haggadot.com](http://haggadot.com).
- ★ Theme seders - Elvis, Cincinnati Reds, etc.
- ★ 'What makes this night different' seder - do it backwards! Start with dessert.

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- ★ Getting rid of the chametz/cleaning the house together as a family.
  - ★ Another version of this is buying the B'dikah Kit that comes with a feather, candle, and spoon to make sure you really clean out all the chometz!
- ★ Cook meals together and eat as a family since it's difficult to eat at restaurants
- ★ Cook an extra special meal for Passover Shabbat
- ★ Another option for after the Four Questions: Invite seder guests (especially the kids) to add a fifth question. The leader of the seder can offer a small prize to the person he or she believes asks the best out-of-the-box, difficult, thought provoking, or humorous question in response to the challenge.
- ★ Before singing *Dayenu*, ask guests to think about what it means to have "enough," especially in our consumer-goods-focused world. Then, invite guests to comment on a "blessing" they have experienced this year or are experiencing at the seder.
- ★ Each participant receives a card (give actions to most demonstrative participants); looks at card but keeps it a secret.
  - ★ Every time someone mentions a Rabbi, raise your arms high and say "Baruch Hashem!!"
  - ★ Every time someone says 'Baruch Hashem,' say "Zichrono Livracha" (in loving memory).
  - ★ Right before Ma Nishtana, say "Excuse me, please, I feel a question coming on!"
  - ★ When you hear the phrase 'outstretched arm', raise arm up and say, "Hello, I'm God. I have an outstretched arm!"
  - ★ When you hear the word frog, start saying "Ribbit, ribbit."
  - ★ When you hear 'ribbit,' stand up with your hands on your hips and say, "Stop talking like a frog!"
  - ★ When someone says 'Stop talking like a frog,' start swatting the locusts away.
  - ★ When someone swats the locusts, start scratching your head from lice.
    - You are the schizophrenic son; when you hear the wicked son mentioned, argue with yourself: "I'm the wicked son, you're the simple son." Then turn and say "No! \*I'm\* the wicked son, \*you're\* the simple son." Continue this back and forth argument for a while.
  - ★ For every cup of wine, smack your lips and say "Wow, that's good stuff!"
  - ★ Every time you hear the word Egyptian(s), call out "Mean and nasty!!"