

JUST FOR KIDS – APRIL 2025

APRIL HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

PASSOVER – EVENING OF APRIL 12th to APRIL 20th.

The eight-day Jewish holiday of Passover is celebrated in the early spring, in the Hebrew month of Nissan, April 22 - 30, 2024. Passover (Pesach) commemorates the freedom of the the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt.

LEARN ABOUT PASSOVER

SHALOM SESAME: GROVER LEARNS ABOUT THE SEDER PLATE (ages 4-6) **video**

While preparing for the Seder, Oscar and his friends realize they don't have horseradish for the Seder plate! See how they solve the problem and begin to celebrate Passover together.

<https://youtu.be/kcSX2USdZI4>

SHALOM SESAME: KIDS TALK ABOUT THE PASSOVER STORY (ages 4-6) **video**

Watch Israeli children explain the story behind the celebration of Passover and why the Israelites needed to make matzah so quickly.

<https://youtu.be/dqIE0-MsJAc>

FROGS ALL OVER -- AND FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT PESACH (ages 4-6) **video**

Wonder what it would be like to have a plague of frogs everywhere? Watch and listen to Rabbi B. sing a funny song about the frog that goes all over his body!

There are so many things to do on Passover and Rabbi B wants to know what you like best. The matzah? Grape juice? Four questions? Next, come along with Rabbi B. and listen to kids say what they love about Passover. What do you like best about Passover?

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2910172/jewish/Favorite-Pesach-Things.htm

THE PASSOVER STORY IN TEN SCENES (ages 7 and up) **animated**

Journey through this beautifully illustrated Passover story in 10 scenes. See follow up craft in the **ACTIVITIES** section below.

<https://youtu.be/Y0oW YVEqOU>

SEDER PLATE MINI MOVIE (ages 7 and up) **animated**

Watch the items on the Seder plate introduce themselves and explain what they represent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0MzR85uucg>

WHAT IS PASSOVER? (ages 8 and up) **video**

This quick video will tell you about Passover's history, meaning, rituals, and more.

<https://www.chabad.org/5084061>

PASSOVER AROUND THE WORLD (ages 8 and up) **text**

Although Passover is celebrated at the same time the world over, people in different countries practice different customs and eat different types of foods.

Check this out to discover a few of the many different traditions in cultures all over the globe. Which ones resemble customs you follow in your own home? Which ones would be the most interesting to try?

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/april-2020/how-passover-is-celebrated-around-the-world>

THE ANIMATED HAGGADAH (ages 10 and up) **animated**

This quirky Claymation 30 minute movie makes the Haggadah come alive!

<https://youtu.be/ayl3HIUSe1U>

STORIES – PASSOVER

PIPPA'S PASSOVER PLATE by Vivian Kirkfield (ages 4-6) **Read aloud**

Pippa the mouse has been working hard all day-- cleaning her house, setting the table, cooking the meal. Everything looks great-- but her special Seder plate is missing! Listen to this cute rhyming story to see if she finds it in time.

<https://youtu.be/ikUSTTzoB2k>

SAMMY SPIDER'S FIRST PASSOVER by Sylvia A Rouss (ages 4-7) **Read aloud**

When Sammy Spider's web gets swept away during the Shapiro family's Passover cleaning, his mother decides spring is a perfect time to make a new web.

As Sammy learns to spin, he gets involved in the Passover seder and plays an important role in the success of the holiday meal.

<https://youtu.be/yyUOyK-jmig>

THE BEST FOUR QUESTIONS by Rochelle Burk (ages 6-8) **Read aloud**

Marcy is finally old enough to ask The Four Questions at her family's Passover seder. She's sure her questions will be the best ever. Though her four (funny) questions are not the ones in Haggadah, her family gives answers them before she and her brother go on to read the real Four Questions. Stay to the end of the video for a special game: "What's wrong with this picture?"

<https://youtu.be/lKwj29Pglv4>

PASSOVER SCAVENGER HUNT by Shanna Silva (ages 6-8) **Read aloud**

Rachel's uncle is terrible at hiding the afikomen. It's always too easy to find! So this year, Rachel decides to take over. She finds the perfect hiding spot and creates a series of clues for her cousins to follow. Can you guess where the hunt will lead them?

<https://youtu.be/t8XLWrTEZpA>

MIRIAM'S CUP by Fran Manushkin (age 8 and up) **Read aloud**

How much do you know about, Miriam, Moses's sister? It was Miriam who watched over her baby brother in the bulrushes, who led the women in song when crossing the Red Sea, and who kept the Israelites alive in the desert with water from her miraculous well. This beautifully illustrated book will show you the important role she played in the Passover story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvSGBbnKM_w

MRS. KATZ AND TUSH by Patricia Polacco (ages 7 and up) **Read aloud**

In this special Passover story, Larnel Moore, a young African-American boy, and Mrs. Katz, an elderly Jewish woman, develop an unusual friendship because they both care about an abandoned cat that Mrs. Katz names Tush.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7rXIUKVDFc>

THERE'S A CARP IN THE BATHTUB by Barbara Cohen (ages 7 and up) **video**

Can you imagine your mother keeping a fish in the bathtub until she's ready to make it into gefilte fish? Leah and her brother hatch a plan to save the Passover carp from the cooking pot. Watch Wendy Yaakov tell this story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mElaNtmwUA4>

If you want to see the actual book being read, click here;

<https://www.facebook.com/templehabonim/videos/1982619038549731>

After you hear the story, you will enjoy listening to Robbie Schaefer sing this silly song: "THERE'S A CARP IN THE TUB":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yy4fcWshKYQ> (ages 5 and up) **video**

PASSOVER ACTIVITIES

CRAFT: MAKE YOUR OWN AFIKOMEN BAG (ages 7 and up)

Follow this step-by-step video to create your own afikomen bag that you can use at the seder.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/364216/jewish/Make-Your-Own-Afikoman-Bag.htm

CRAFT: MAKE YOUR OWN PASSOVER PLATE (ages 7 and up)

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/february-2019/how-to-make-your-own-seder-plate>

CRAFT: MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKLET OF THE PASSOVER STORY IN TEN SCENES (ages 8 and up)

Print the pages and put together the ten scenes

<https://pjlibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/content/holidays/Passover-River-Ride.pdf>

COLORING PAGES (ages 5-7)

Grab your crayons or colored pencils! Then click on any image below to go to that coloring page. You can then print the image directly from your computer. Color a page for each plague to share at the seder.

<http://www.torah tots.com/holidays/pesach/pescolor.htm>

JEWISH TRIVIA QUIZ (ages 10 and up)

Test your knowledge of Jewish trivia! Pick your category from choices that include Passover, sports, entertainment and more. Then choose your time limit and number of questions and. GO! Challenge yourself or your family and friends:

<https://jewish-trivia.com/>

WORD LADDERS (ages 10 and up)

Can you name the five-letter words to these Passover-themed word ladders?

https://www.sporcle.com/games/LTH/passover_ladder

PUZZLING PLAGUES (ages 10 and up)

Can you match the silly description with each plague?

<http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/pesach/pesplq.htm>

PASSOVER FACTS: TRUE OR FALSE (ages 10 and up)

Try these Passover true or false questions and see how much you know about Passover!

<https://www.angelfire.com/pa2/passover/passover-games/passover-true-false-quiz/pesach-quiz-true-or-false-1.html>

PASSOVER CATCHER

Download and print the catcher you want to make. Then follow the directions below:

FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS: [http://pjllibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/blog/PJ-Library-Question-Catcher- -Printable under five.jpg](http://pjllibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/blog/PJ-Library-Question-Catcher--Printable%20under%20five.jpg)

FOR 5-6 YEAR OLDS: [http://pjllibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/blog/PJ-Library-Question-Catcher- -Printable five-plus.jpg](http://pjllibrary.org/PJLibrary/media/PJ-Library/blog/PJ-Library-Question-Catcher--Printable%20five-plus.jpg)

How to Fold Your Question Catcher:

1. Turn the page to the blank side. Fold each corner point to the center of the paper.
2. Flip the page to the question side, and fold each corner point to the center of the paper.
3. Fold the page in half so the numbers are facing each other on the inside.
4. Slide your thumb and index finger behind two square pockets and pinch. Repeat with your other hand.

How to Play:

The Player picks a Passover symbol or color, and the Holder shuffles the number of times that symbol appears. The Player then picks one of the numbers visible and the Holder shuffles that number of times. The Player then chooses a number and unfolds that flap to reveal a question.

MUSIC (for all ages)

20 THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH MATZAH

Does your family stock up on lots of matzah for Passover? Wait! Don't throw out that extra matzah! Watch this funny musical video for some interesting ideas. Afterwards, see if it has inspired you to come up with some ideas of your own.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMSEFCQCKPo>

DAYENU

Everyone remembers the chorus, but now you can sing the verses with musical accompaniment.

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/487749/jewish/Dayenu.htm

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

It's been a year since you last asked them, so refresh your memory and sing along to "The Four Questions".

https://www.chabad.org/kids/article_cdo/aid/2157617/jewish/Mah-Nishtanah.htm

Are you just learning the "**MAH NISHTANA**"? This easy trainer will have you singing them like a pro in just a short while!

https://www.chabad.org/library/howto/trainer_cdo/aid/2481410/jewish/Mah-Nishtanah-Trainer.htm#0=343744&1=v564

These Passover a cappella music videos will be enjoyed especially by adults and teens:

THE MACCABEATS - MAH NISHTANAH

How is this video different from our other videos? This music video is performed with the human voice and objects from the Seder table as the instruments. Listen to the Maccbeats sing the four questions as you've never heard them sung before!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmabziV1LiY>

THE MACCABEATS - DAYENU

The amazing Maccbeats sing "Dayenu," a traditional seder song of thanks, in different musical styles — doo-wop, polka, funk, metal, "island" dubstep, barbershop, and even to the tune of Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZgDNPGZ9Sg>

SIX 13'S "SEDER CREW (2017 PASSOVER JAM)

If you're a fan of Ed Sheeran's "Shape of You," you're sure to love Six13's "Seder Crew (2017 Passover Jam)." It is considered one of the funnier Passover songs

<https://youtu.be/LhR13I6UE1c>

PASSOVER SONGS MASHUP - DANCE SPECTACULAR! - ELLIOT DVORIN | KEY TOV ORCHESTRA

What a wonderfully fun celebration of this special holiday—incredible performance in the streets of Chicago. Great orchestra, singing and dancing. A joyful and musical performance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0qsy32Hk4s>

Y-STUDS' "SEDER – PASSOVER"

Another funny Passover song was made by a group called the Y-Studs, an all-male a cappella group from Yeshiva University. The Y-Studs' "Seder – Passover" was based on Michael Jackson's groundbreaking "Thriller" video.

<https://youtu.be/Tzrrk2ToFr0>

Y-STUDS' DON'T STOP WE'RE LEAVIN' – PASSOVER

Y-Studs does it again, telling the Passover story through this entertaining parody based on "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLAAdCC9x5M>

EARTH DAY – APRIL 22ND

Each year April 22 is celebrated as Earth Day. On Earth Day events around the world are used to help teach people how they can help our planet. It has been reported that over 1 billion people do something on or around Earth Day each year in an effort to help the environment.

LEARN ABOUT EARTH DAY (ages 8-10) **video**

This quick video will tell you why and when Earth Day was started. It has been reported that over 1 billion people do something on or around Earth Day each year in an effort to help the environment. What do you do to celebrate Earth Day?

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/5a924247-29da-4fca-b5dd-2974e20ed304/earth-day-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true&focus=true>

WASTE NOT! (ages 5-8) **video**

This cartoon shows the everyday Jewish idea of Bal Ttashchit - it means to not be wasteful, and take care of the earth. Watch Gabi and Rafi explain why bal tashchit is important to follow – not only on Earth Day, but every day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUxGQ8tHVeg>

EARTH DAY STORIES

IT'S EARTH DAY by Mercer Mayer (ages 6-8) **Read aloud**

After Little Critter's class takes an Earth Day trip to the local recycling center, Little Critter goes home to teach his family everything he learned and to do his part to help protect the environment. What can you teach your family about taking care of the Earth?

<https://youtu.be/GqM-U5dCsQ>

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY by Lisa Bullard (ages 5-8) **Animated Read aloud**

On Earth Day, we find ways to help the Earth. Trina plants trees with her class. She forms an Earth Day club with her friends. What can you do to make every day Earth Day? Do your part to be a planet protector!

<https://youtu.be/qvdhsn-BFDI>

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

EARTH DAY COLORING PAGES

Print out the page you like and have fun coloring it in

<https://www.coloring.ws/earth.htm>

EARTH DAY WORD SEARCHES

Are you a good word detective? Try these word searches. You can choose the level that will challenge you: Easy, Medium, Hard, or Super Hard.

https://www.bigactivities.com/word_searches/earth_day/index.php

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

GOING GREEN (ages 3-6) **video**

This fun song by Harry Kindergarten about reducing, reusing, and recycling will make you want to get up and dance!

<https://youtu.be/8DJ45Yc3urg>

PICK IT UP: EARTH DAY RAP SONG (ages 8-10) **video**

Checkout this rap song about making simple changes to help the environment.

Sustainable living and zero waste is the new goal. Everyday is **Earth Day!**

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&p=PICK+IT+UP%3A+EARTH+DAY+RAP+SONG&type=E210US752G0#id=1&vid=541ce0aa951cba8ca400f844a055d16f&action=click>

Check this out:

CHILDREN'S BOOKS THAT CORRELATE WITH THIS MONTH'S TOPICS AVAILABLE TO BORROW FROM OUR SYNAGOGUE LIBRARY

PASSOVER

1. Let My People Go! Tilda Balsey (**rhyming picture book**)
2. Who Will Ask The Four Questions? Naomi Ben Gur (**FICTION**)
3. Pesach Is Coming, Hyman and Alice Chanover (**NONFICTION**)
4. Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim, A Passover Story, Deborah Bodin Cohen (**FICTION**)
5. Passover to Freedom, Lenore Cohen (**Young Adult**)
6. My Favorite Family Haggadah (Interactive service for children and families), Shari Donahue (**NONFICTION**)
7. Stone Soup With Matzoh Balls (A Passover Tale in Chelm, Linda Glaser (**FICTION**))
8. I Love Passover, Marilyn Hirsh (**FICTION**)
9. The Matzah Man, Naomi Howard (**FICTION**)
10. A Different Kind of Passover, Linda Leopold-Strauss (**FICTION**)
11. Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah, Leslie Kimmelman (**FICTION**)

12. Dayenu! A Favorite Passover Song, Miriam Latimer (**board book**)
 13. My Animated Haggadah and Story of Passover, Jacqueline Pliskin (**NONFICTION**)
 14. Dinosaur on Passover, Diane Levin Rauchwerger (**FICTION**)
 15. Sammy Spider's First Passover, Sylvia Rouss (**FICTION**)
 16. My Very Own Haggadah, A Seder Service for Young Children, Judyth Robbins Saypol and Madeline Wikler (**NONFICTION**)
 17. Passover! Roni Schotter (**NONFICTION**)
 18. Passover Magic, Roni Schotter (**FICTION**)
 19. A First Passover, Leslie Swartz (**2 copies**) (**NONFICTION**)
 20. Passover In Song And Story, Rabbi Charles Wengrov (**NONFICTION**)
 21. Exodus, Brian Wildsmith (**NONFICTION**)
 22. Miriam At the River, Jane Yolen (**FICTION**)
 23. What is Passover? Harriet Ziefert (**NONFICTION**)
 24. Matzah Below Stairs, Susan Lynn Meyer (**FICTION**)
 25. The Passover Lamb (based on a true story), Linda Elovitz Marshall (**board book**)
 26. The River Ride (**NONFICTION**)
 27. Max Makes A Cake, Michelle Edwards (**FICTION**)
 28. Passover (Building Jewish Life) (**NONFICTION**)
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