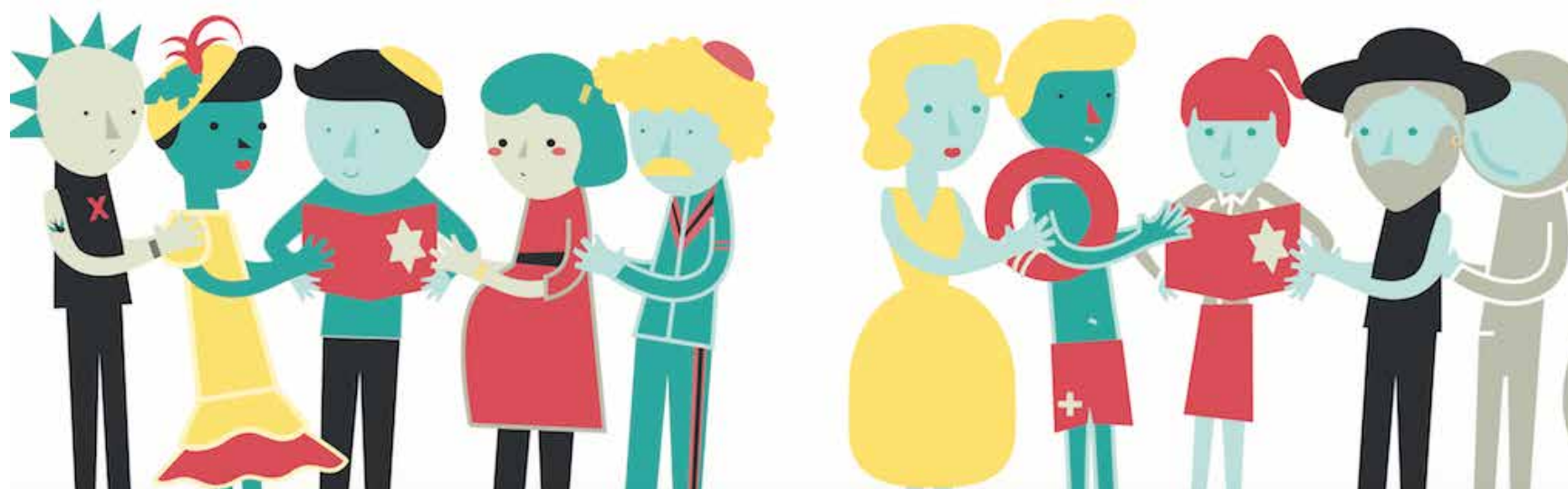


FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOUR SEDER



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Haggadot.com invites every Jew regardless of their background to find a place for themselves in the Passover story, so that they may create more meaningful, more personal and more connective seders.



INTRODUCTION

Four Cups of Wine



by [Haggadot](#)

Source : Original Illustration from Haggadot.com



KADESH

Kadesh



by [JewishBoston](#)

Source : The Wandering is Over Haggadah, JewishBoston.com

All Jewish celebrations, from holidays to weddings, include wine as a symbol of our joy – not to mention a practical way to increase that joy. The seder starts with wine and then gives us three more opportunities to refill our cup and drink.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ree hagafen.

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruit of the vine.

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who chose us from all peoples and languages, and sanctified us with commandments, and lovingly gave to us special times for happiness, holidays and this time of celebrating the Holiday of Matzah, the time of liberation, reading our sacred stories, and remembering the Exodus from Egypt. For you chose us and sanctified us among all peoples. And you have given us joyful holidays. We praise God, who sanctifies the people of Israel and the holidays.

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*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,
she-hechianu v'key'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

We praise God, Ruler of Everything,
who has kept us alive, raised us up, and brought us to this happy moment.

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JEWISH RITUALS, CREATED BY YOU

A design lab for the Jewish community, experimenting with technology, media, and video to imagine new formats for engaging with ancient traditions.

TODAY'S TOPICS

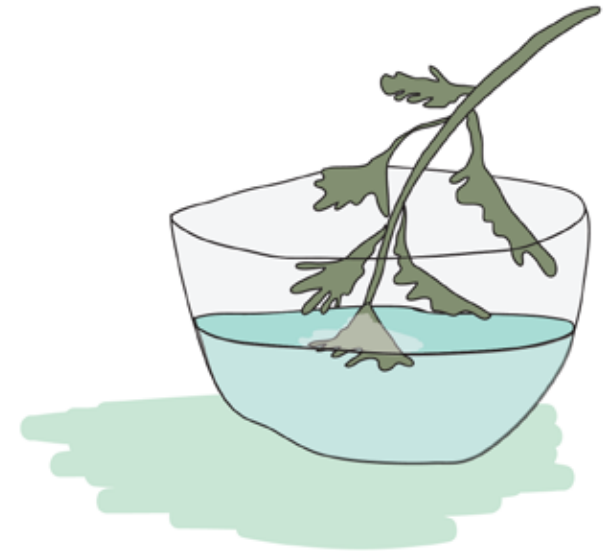
Hosting Your 2021 Seder

What Do We Need From Passover Now?

Learning Rules To Break Them With Intention

Ideas & Brainstorming

Questions



HOSTING YOUR SEDER WITH PURPOSE

WHY ARE YOU GATHERING? REALLY.

Your purpose drives every other decision

- How & when you'll gather, what you'll eat or read during the seder
- Who will you be with? Family or pod in-person?
Larger group on Zoom? Hybrid?

Your purpose might be...

- To celebrate reaching this moment after such a challenging year
- To reconnect with the rhythms of seasons and of Jewish time
- To tell our stories and find comfort in rituals - both traditional & new

**WHY IS
THIS NIGHT
DIFFERENT
FROM ALL
OTHER NIGHTS?**

HOSTING YOUR SEDER WITH PURPOSE

BE A HOST

As a host, you wield authority - use it generously!

Set the rules for a temporary world.

- Begin your seder with a transition to this world.
- Use music, table design, dress code

Invite everyone in advance to have something on hand

- An object or photo with personal meaning,
invite people to share their stories
- Alternative seder plate activities



HOSTING YOUR SEDER WITH PURPOSE

BE A HOST

Remind guests they aren't just a square on a screen.

- Engage all five senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, sound
- Make use of silence & breaths

Give everyone a role

- Collaborate on your haggadah together

Remember this is a special group who will only gather in this way one time



Upward Hands Mountain

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM PASSOVER NOW?

RITUALS TO BRING OUR WHOLE SELVES TO THE SEDER TABLE

- Intention
- Attention
- Repetition

Rituals emerge as a response to our needs,
especially in times of uncertainty

We have the power and creativity to make rituals
that are authentic to our lives and needs

What are your intentions for hosting a seder?

What new rituals do you need now?



SEDER RITUALS FOR VULNERABILITY

WHERE DO WE NEED HELP & COMFORT NOW?

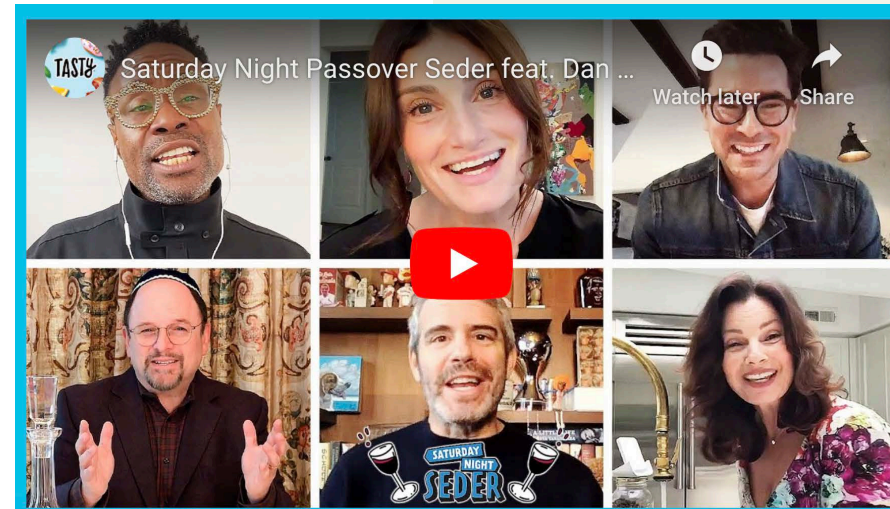
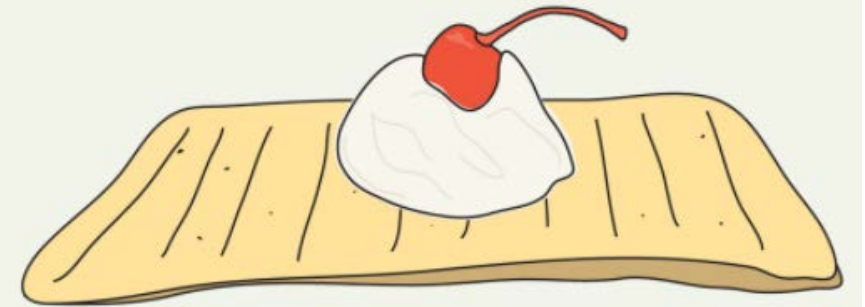
Urchatz/Handwashing

Adding our own blessings

Maror/Bitter Herbs & Koreich/Sandwich

Mixing bitterness with sweet

Get creative - skits, songs, parodies



SEDER RITUALS FOR VULNERABILITY

WHERE DO WE NEED HELP & COMFORT NOW?

Kiddush/Four Cups of Wine

Before each Kiddush, a guest makes a toast

Maggid/Storytelling

Miracles & Plagues activity (based on Roses & Thorns)

After reading the 10 Plagues take time for everyone to recognize a plague of the past year & lift up a miracle.
No miracle too small!



Where else in the seder can you make space for vulnerability?

Design School:
Know the rules, so you can break them effectively.

We're all designers & "rulebreakers" here.

SO WHAT ARE THE RULES?

PASSOVER MITZVOT (LAWS) IN THE TORAH

There are seven different mitzvot that we perform at the Seder. Two(ish) are from the Torah:

- 1) telling the Exodus story (as though you personally came out of Egypt)
- 2) eating matzah

2b) In a hurry, scarf down an entire roasted lamb with your neighbors while wearing sandals & carrying a staff. Burn the leftovers. Wipe blood across your doorpost. Don't work on the first and last day of the holiday. And if you eat any chametz during the week of Passover, you're cut off from the rest of us.

“You shall observe this as an institution for all time” Exodus 12:24

SO WHAT ARE THE RULES?

PASSOVER MITZVOT FROM THE RABBIS

- 3) eating Marror (bitter herbs)
 - 4) eating the Afikomen (an extra piece of matzah for dessert as a reminder of the Passover offering)
 - 5) saying Hallel (Psalms of praise)
 - 6) drinking the Four Cups of wine
 - 7) demonstrating acts of freedom and aristocracy
- e.g. sitting with a pillow cushion and leaning as we eat and drink, and beginning the meal “with a dip.”

The 15 steps of our Seder were composed in the 11th Century by Talmudic commentators, either Rashi or Tosfot. <https://www.aish.com/h/pes/l/48968741.html>



HOW TO BE A RULEBREAKER WITH INTENTION

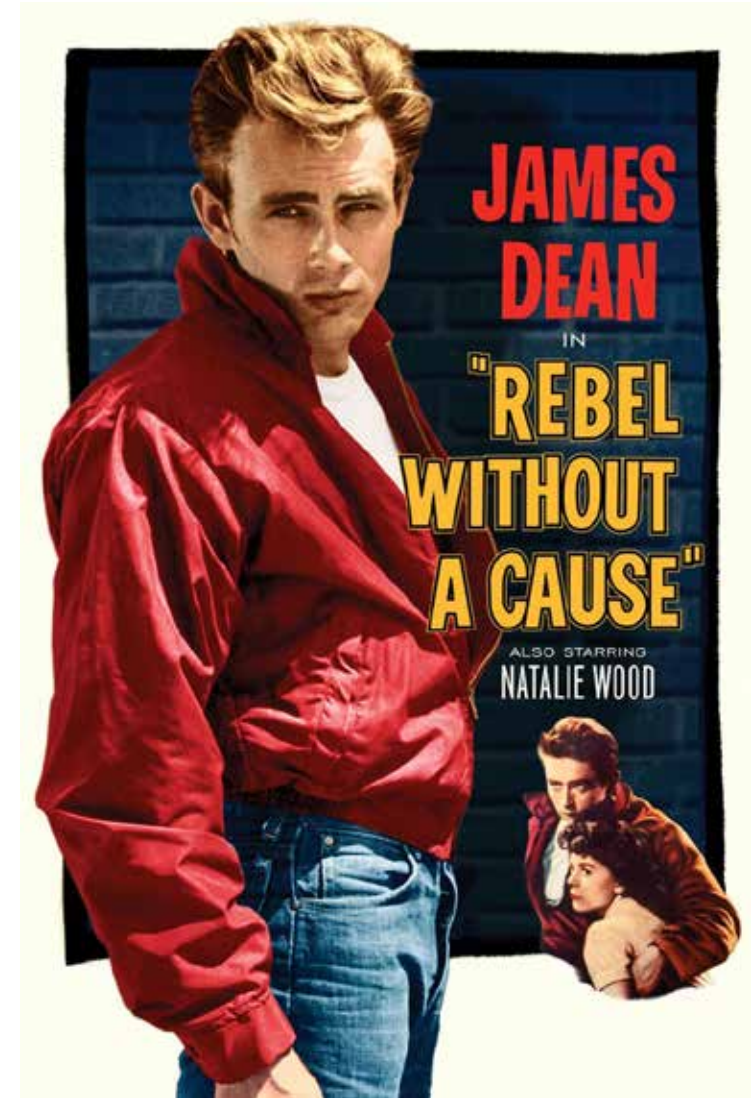
Intention is what makes adaptations meaningful.

What customs feel meaningful to you? What feels too archaic?

Set realistic expectations for yourself & others.

Focus on your priorities.

Respect each other's needs.



Don't be this guy. Know your intentions.

IDEAS FOR RULEBREAKERS - KEEP IT SHORT!

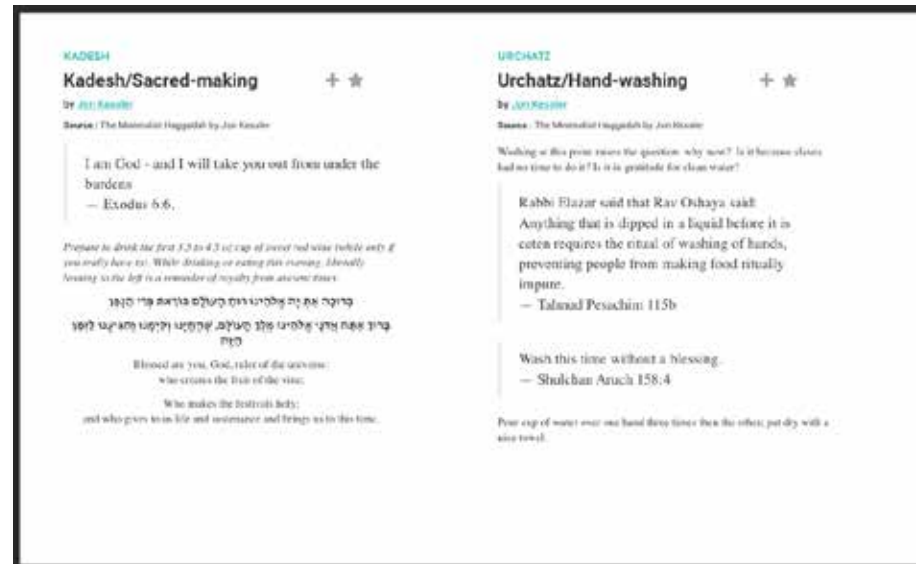
WHAT'S THE ONE THING YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THE SEDER?

Ask your guests the same question before the gathering.



10 MINUTE DAYENU SEDER

Jewish Grandparents Network



MINIMALIST SEDER

Jon Kessler



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Rabbi Dan Horwitz, The Well Detroit

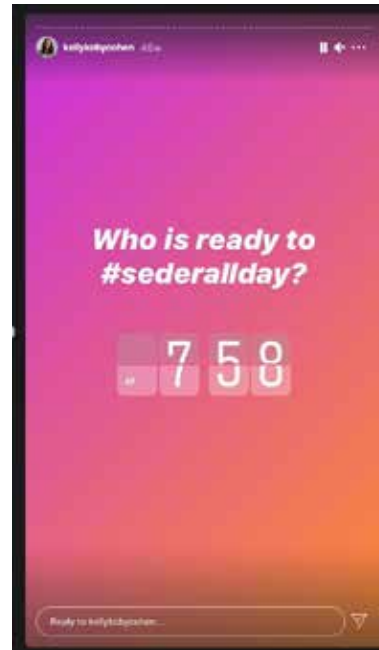
IDEAS FOR RULEBREAKERS - PLAY WITH TIMING

**WANNA MAXIMIZE?
TAKE BREAKS, SPACE IT OUT**

DRIVE-THRU SEDER STOPS?

SEDER WALKING TOUR?

BE WANDERING JEWS...



#SEDERALLDAY

Kelly Koby Cohen

Burning Chametz, Matzah making, Movies

<https://www.instagram.com/stories/highlights/17928673249375455/?hl=en>



REVERSE SEDER

Moishe House

IDEAS FOR RULEBREAKERS - GAME PLAY & SHOWTIME

GAMES

Seder escape room
Tips for game playing on zoom
Afikomen Hunt

COMEDY, SONGS & SKITS

Comedy Seder
Parodies
Skits
Pre-recorded elements
(videos, music)
Talent Show
Theme Night + Costumes

MOVE IT!

Dance breaks (maybe just for the kids)
Yoga & meditation seder
Human Tableau

ALTERNATIVE SEDER PLATES & SYMBOLS

SOOOO 2021

Seder in bed! (and on zoom)
Messy house seder
Black Tie Seder
Sipping Seder
Wine Tasting - White, Red, Sparkling & Dessert

Other Tips

Use Gallery View. Welcome guests as they arrive.

Invite guests as Haggadah collaborators. Use interactive view on site, play videos.

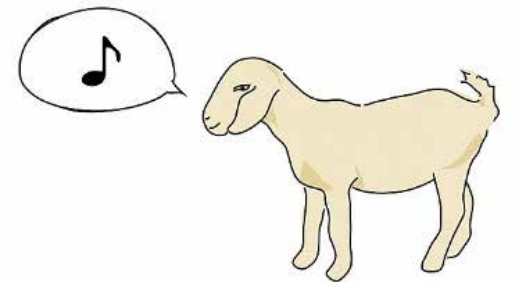
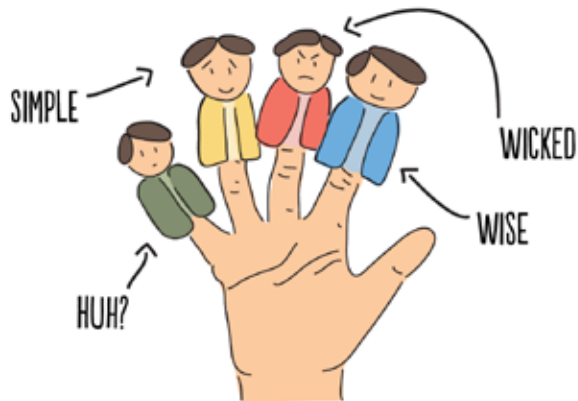
Limit screen sharing, let users follow in separate window or tablet.

Have videos, links ready before call. Share link in chat if needed.

Consider lighting, background, camera angle / framing, mic quality.

Know when to mute & unmute.

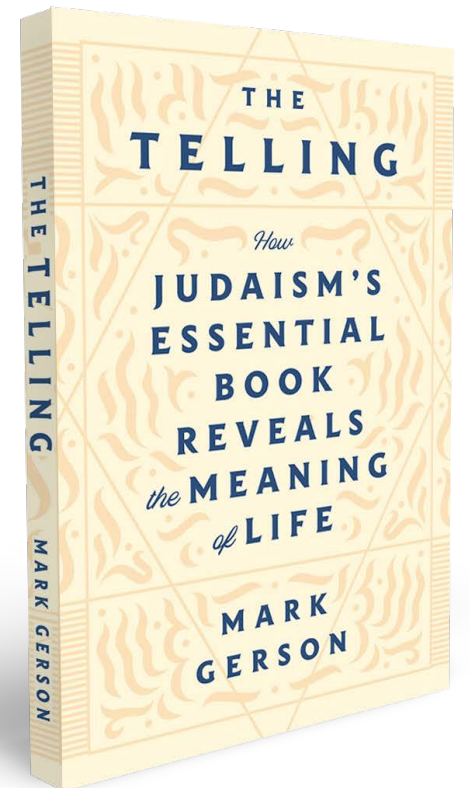
The frame is our theater. Let's play & perform together.



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Haggadot.com Seder Planners Facebook Group

The Art of Gathering: How We Meet And Why It Matters by Priya Parker

The Power of Ritual by Casper ter Kuile

