

10 Ideas to add to your Pesach seder: for children and the young at heart!

1. [Let My People Go!](#) This book adds a fun dimension to the Passover story in rhyme. There are even parts you can hand out to the seder participants.
2. Use the Cup of Elijah to be filled after each cup of wine for Seder participants to spill out their remainder. In this manner, the Cup of Elijah is filled with the blessing of all four elements of the Seder and each time Seder participants will taste the new wine in a clean cup.
3. [Jewishfreeware.org's Passover resources](#) - Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner gives us lots to think about here, including the Worlds Largest Seder Songbook (over 200 pages!)
4. The Story Bag Game - Collect a bag full of small items from around a house -- almost anything will do. For example: duplo man, plastic animals, a plastic crown, a toy car, an envelope, a cup, a jar of red colored water, pyjama trousers, a kiddush cup, lice shampoo, any stuffed animals, etc.
Pass the bag filled with the items around the table and get people to pick out an object without looking. Now each person has to connect the item in his hand to the story. The game can be played at different intervals throughout the Seder, in between reading the text. It requires very little preparation.
Here's an example of what someone might say who selected a lego man from the bag: "You are probably very curious who I am? Well, many years ago, our people were enslaved in Egypt by a very powerful King called Pharaoh. One day God appeared to me at the burning bush and told me to remove my shoes. That's why I don't have any shoes on. God then told me that I was going to lead the Jews out of Egypt." This game gets young and old involved and is a lot of fun.
5. [The animated Ten Plagues from morim.org](#) - These colorful sheets could be held up during each of the plagues or you could read the dialogue for each plague along with the great drawings
6. What's Fun About Karpas? Noam Zion, the creator of [A Different Night](#) haggadah, suggests that the blessing for karpas — "borei p'ri ha-adamah" — doesn't just apply to parsley or potatoes. You can eat any "fruit of the earth" plain or dipped. Strawberries or bananas dipped in chocolate are one idea - they're both "fruit of the earth" because the plant grows anew every year. The key result: no one goes hungry during the seder. Leave the hors d'oeuvres out (there's no law says you have to remove them from the table), so nobody starves while waiting for the seder meal.
7. [Uncle Eli's Haggadah](#) - A haggadah written in rhyming verse. Through the website, you could pick out the reading that you like and assign them around your seder table.
8. Who am I? - In advance of Seder night write out on separate pieces of paper the names of characters or objects associated with Seder night. For example: Pharaoh, Elijah the Prophet, The Wise Son, Maror, Charoset, Matzah, Chametz, Frog, Wild Beast, etc.
During the Seder choose a volunteer. Tie a scarf around their forehead and stick a name on the scarf so that everyone can see it but them. Now he/she has to ask questions about themselves, to which everyone answers Yes/No until the volunteer figures out who he/she is. If the volunteer guesses in five or less questions, they win a prize.
9. [Seder Bingo](#) - Print out these seder bingo cards and pass them around to your guests. Kids and family members put a marker on the space when it happens during the seder.

10. Emphasize to everyone the order of the seder so they can follow the steps. [The seder is divided in to 15 parts](#). At the beginning of most haggadot they are listed: kadesh (recite Kiddush), urchatz (washing), karpas (dipping the green vegetable), etc. To keep track of where you are in the seder:

- write down all the parts on post-it notes and number them
- put all the post-it's on a piece of poster board (or right on the wall)
- have a child take down the post-it when you are ready to move on to the next stage