

PASSOVER SEDER - REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CEREMONIAL MEAL

In order to host a Passover Seder you will need the following:

General requirements:

A menorah	Seder plate(s) (one per table)
White table cloth(s) (one per table)	Matches
2 candles	2 candlesticks
1 water jug & basin	1 towel
Matzah cover (or 4 white napkins sandwiched on top of one another to make a Matzah cover)	
Wine or red grape juice (one bottle per 6-8 people)	
Matzah (3 left whole for Afikomen & others see below)	
1 white linen napkin	
1 or 2 small bowls of salt & water for each table	
Charoset (1 quantity as per recipe below)	

The Seder Plate:

1 unshelled hard-boiled & roasted or blackened egg	1 Lamb shank bone
Charoset (from the quantity made)	Horseradish sauce
Parsley, lettuce or celery (bitter herbs)	

Large plates containing sufficient of the following for sharing or one each:

Parsley, lettuce or celery (small piece each)	Horseradish sauce (1tbsp each)
Matzah (half a large or one whole small one each)	Charoset (2tbsp each)
½ hard-boiled egg each	
Best glasses, small plates, napkins & cutlery (forks & spoons only needed if a main meal is also being served)	
Haggadah (one per person)	Bibles (one per person)
Scripture readings (put at place settings)	

Optional:

Music or songs on CD	Acetates or song words
Israeli flag	Present for the child who finds Afikomen (if applicable)
Lady's headscarf	Man's Kippur head covering
Tallit	

Charoset recipe (sufficient for 15-20 people):

Dates (1/2 packet)	1 apple	1oz finely chopped walnuts
1 pear	1 orange	
Raisins (handful)	Ground almonds (1 tbsp.)	
1tsp Cinnamon	Honey and a little wine (for mixing)	

Chop all ingredients into very small pieces and mix together with sufficient honey to bind loosely together. This can be made up to 24 hours in advance.

General notes:

1. You will need to choose a leader ('father') who will do the main reading and a 'mother'. If you have any Messianic believers with you then please invite them to take these roles.
2. All of the following should be positioned near 'father's' place: the Seder Plate & Matzah cover, the 3 Matzah and the linen napkin.
3. Ensure everyone understands and is comfortable with looking up and reading aloud the various scriptures they have been allocated.
4. You will need to prepare someone to ask the questions.

5. If there are no children present then the youngest person may need to be prompted to hunt for the Afikomen and open the door for Elijah.
6. Set a spare place at the table for Elijah. This will be referred to when the fourth cup is drunk.

MAIN MEAL SUGGESTIONS:

- If you intend to serve a main meal in addition to the ceremonial meal then we suggest it be very simple.
- Passover is also the Feast of Unleavened Bread therefore yeast products should be avoided.
- As this is a meat meal Jews would also avoid dairy products (butter, cream etc.). In this aspect please follow the spirit of the occasion rather than the letter of tradition.