



# PASSOVER

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# WHAT IS PASSOVER?

- Passover is a Jewish holiday.
- It is celebrated over a 7 day period  
This year it is *March 27th - April 4th*
- During passover, Jewish communities celebrate how God made a covenant with Moses to free the Isarelites from slavery in Egypt.
- During this time, the people eat special foods, take part in special rituals and sing songs.





# ORIGIN OF PASSOVER

Thousands of years ago the early Jews, called Israelites, moved to Egypt, where they became slaves of the Egyptians. God chose Moses to go to the Pharaoh, or king of Egypt, to demand that he free the Israelites from slavery. The pharaoh said no, so God sent down 10 plagues to force the king to change his mind. The word “Passover” comes from the 10th plague, in which the firstborn sons of the Egyptians were killed. The Israelites were spared from the plague because Moses had told them to mark their doorposts so that the angel of death would *pass over* them. The Pharaoh’s son died from the plague. In his grief the Pharaoh ordered Moses and the Jews to leave Egypt.

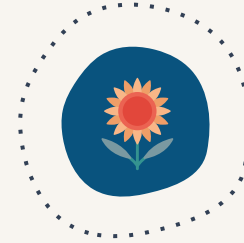
# 3 MAIN TRADITIONS OF PASSOVER



FOOD



RITUALS



SONGS





FOOD



# PASSOVER NOODLES

Noodles prepared from potato flour and eggs, served in soup. Batter is fried like thin crepes, which are stacked, rolled up and sliced into ribbons





# GEFILTE FISH

Poached fish patties or  
fish balls made from a  
mixture of ground,  
de-boned fish, mostly  
Carp or Pike



# CHAROSET

A sweet mixture of fruit, fresh, dried or both; nuts; spices; honey; and sometimes wine. The charoset is a symbol of the mortar the Israelites used for building while enslaved in Egypt





RITUALS



# THE SEDER

On the first night, a special family meal called the Seder is held. At the Seder, foods of symbolic significance commemorating the Hebrews' liberation are eaten, and prayers and traditional recitations are performed.





# HAGGADAH

This is a book which will contain the necessary prayers, as well as the procedures and story of Passover for the Seder. It is a useful guide for how to perform the Seder correctly..



SONG



# DAYENU

A Hebrew song, traditionally sung during the celebration of Passover.



# FUN FACTS!!!

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The script for the Passover meal includes Four Questions. The four answers highlight why Passover night is so special for the Jewish people and why this particular meal is different from all others. The questions are usually recited by the youngest child who is able.

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President Barack Obama held the first Passover seder at the White House in 2009. He proceeded to host and attend seders during all his years as President.

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To help pets celebrate Passover, several companies sell Passover-friendly dog/cat food that contains no chametz (those disallowed grains)

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Believe it or not, the *seder* meal also includes drinking four glasses of wine. Two cups of wine are common at every Sabbath meal, but the other two cups are special for Passover.