



Passover Resources

in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center

FOR YOUNGER READERS IN THE PINSOFF CHILDREN'S READING ROOM:



***The Story of Passover* by David A. Adler (E240.6)**

This simple retelling of the story of Moses and the Exodus, with colorful, folk art-style illustrations, makes a lively introduction to the holiday. See also *A Picture Book of Passover*.

***Let My People Go!* by Tilda Balsley (E240.6)**

A retelling of the story of Moses and the ten plagues with color-coded text to act out during the Seder. See also *Lotsa Matzah*, a board book.



***Grover and Big Bird's Passover Celebration* by Tilda Balsley and Ellen Fischer (E240.6)**

While making their way to Brosh's house for the Passover Seder, Grover, Big Bird, and Avigail talk about the history and traditions of the holiday, and find opportunities to do good deeds.

***Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim* by Deborah Bodin Cohen (E240.6)**

When the Israelites flee Egypt, Nachshon exhibits great courage by being the first to step into the Red Sea, even though he cannot swim.



***Stone Soup with Matzoh Balls* by Linda Glaser (E240.6)**

A stranger arrives in Chelm looking for food. The townspeople are poor and don't have anything to share but the stranger amazes them by making matzoh ball soup out of a stone. See also *Hoppy Passover!*

***Celebrate Passover with Matzah, Maror, and Memories* by Deborah Heiligman (E240.6)**

Introduces children to the celebration of Passover through facts, prayers, songs, recipes, color photos, and more.

***The Matzah Man* by Naomi Howland (E240.6)**

Just before the Passover Seder, a man baked from scraps of matzo dough escapes from the oven and eludes a number of pursuers. See also: *The Matzo Ball Boy* by Lisa Shulman.

***Going on a Hametz Hunt* by Jacqueline Jules (E240.6)**

A family hunts down any forbidden crumbs, called "hametz," and throws them away before the celebration of Passover can begin. (Board Book)

***The Little Red Hen and the Passover Matzah* by Leslie Kimmelman (E240.6)**

No one will help the Little Red Hen make the Passover matzah, but they all want to help her eat it, in a Jewish version of a favorite folk tale that includes information about Passover, a recipe for matzah and a glossary of Yiddish words used in the story. See also: *Hooray, It's Passover!*



***Seder in the Desert* by Jamie Korngold (E240.6)**

A group of families follow Rabbi Jamie into Moav, Utah to celebrate a most unusual Passover Seder in the desert.



***The Littlest Levine* by Sandy Lanton (E240.6)**

Being the youngest in her family means that Hannah cannot do some of the things her older siblings do, until finally, at Passover, there is a special duty only she can perform.



Dayenu! A Favorite Passover Song illustrated by Miriam Latimer (E240.6)

A tribute to the Passover celebration combines the festive cheer of a traditional Passover song with a simple retelling of the exodus from Egypt to Israel. (Board Book)

What Am I? Passover by Anne Margaret Lewis (E240.6)

What am I? What could I be? Lift the flap to find a Passover surprise on every page!

The Matzah that Papa Brought Home by Fran Manushkin (E240.6)

A cumulative rhyme describes the traditions connected to a family's celebration of the Seder. See also: *Miriam's Cup*.



The Passover Lamb by Linda Elovitz Marshall (E240.6)

Miriam looks forward to the Passover Seder at her grandparents' house because it is her first year to ask the four questions, but the unexpected arrival of triplet lambs complicates her family's plans.



Izzy the Whiz and Passover McClean by Yael Mermelstein (E240.6)

Amateur inventor Izzy creates a machine that miraculously cleans the entire house of *hametz* just in time for Passover.

A Sweet Passover by Lesléa Newman (240.6)

Miriam loves spending time with her family during Passover, and all week long she is happy to eat lots of matzah. But when she wakes up on the last day of the holiday, she is sick of matzah and refuses to eat it ever again. See also: *Matzo Ball Moon*.

Dinosaur on Passover by Diane Rauchwerger (E240.6)

An enthusiastic dinosaur comes to a young boy's house to join him in celebrating Passover.

The Littlest Frog by Sylvia Rouss (E240.6)

Pharaoh doesn't want to let the Israelites go - and no one can make him. At least that's what he thinks! See also: *Sammy Spider's First Passover*.



The Longest Night: A Passover Story by Laurel Snyder (E240.6)

A child in Egypt tells what the Jews are experiencing in the days leading up to their flight from Egyptian slavery.



The Elijah Door: A Passover Tale by Linda Leopold Strauss (E240.6)

A little help from the rabbi on Passover ends a feud between two neighboring families in this charming folktale with stunning woodcuts that celebrates the joys of love, freedom, and family.

FOR OLDER READERS IN THE PINSOFF CHILDREN'S READING ROOM:



Matzah & Miracles by January M. Akselrad and Jennifer Jo Young (J240.6)

Includes a full-length Passover musical on CD, a chapter book, stick puppet characters, Passover skits, seder drama games, and song lyrics.

Make a Wish, Molly by Barbara Cohen (JF)

As a young Russian-Jewish immigrant, Molly's troubles increase when her first Passover in her new country conflicts with a friend's birthday party. Also available on DVD. See also: *Molly's Pilgrim*.

Private Joel and the Sewell Mountain Seder by Bryna J. Fireside (J240.6)

A group of Jewish soldiers and three freed slaves have a Passover seder in 1862 on the battlefields of the Civil War.

***Rebecca and the Movies* by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (JF)**

Rebecca Rubin worries that her tenth birthday will be ruined because it falls during Passover, but her mother's cousin Max, an actor, takes her with him to a movie studio, where she makes friends with an actress and a set carpenter. Part of the new "American Girl" series which also includes *Meet Rebecca*, *Rebecca & Ana*, *Candlelight for Rebecca*, *Rebecca to the Rescue*, and *Changes for Rebecca*.

***Wonders and Miracles* by Eric A. Kimmel (J240.6)**

Presents the steps performed in a traditional Passover Seder, plus stories, songs, poetry, and pictures that celebrate the historical significance of the holiday.



***Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too) Return!* by Leslie Kimmelman (JF)**

Sam and Charlie (and Charlie's little sister, Sam Too) return with five more stories which includes "Crunch!" a story for Passover. See also *Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too)*.

***Passover Around the World* by Tami Lehman-Wilzig (J240.6)**

Invites readers to travel the globe and explore how Jews from different countries celebrate Passover.

***Why on This Night? A Passover Haggadah for Family Celebration* by Rahel Musleah (J217.4)**

Includes the basic elements of a traditional Seder as well as many creative facets intended to involve children through song, dance, drama, explanation, and action.

***Penina Levine is a Hard-Boiled Egg* by Rebecca O'Connell (JF)**

With only her best friend to lean on, forthright Penina celebrates Passover while she contends with a bratty younger sister and a seemingly unsympathetic sixth-grade teacher. See also: *Penina Levine is a Potato Pancake*.

***Shlemiel Crooks* by Anna Olswanger (J240.6)**

Two crooks, following the inspiration of Pharaoh's ghost, fail to steal a precious shipment of kosher for Passover wine and lose their horse and wagon in the process.

***The Secret Seder* by Doreen Rappaport (J240.6)**

During the Nazi occupation of France, a boy and his father slip out of their village and into the mountains, where they join a group of fellow Jews at a humble Seder table.

***The Koufax Dilemma* by Steven Schnur (JF)**

Angry when he cannot pitch in the season's opening game because of Passover, Danny makes some important decisions about loyalty to his divorced parents, his team, his heritage, and himself.

***The Yankee at the Seder* by Elka Weber (J240.6)**

As a Confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their Virginia doorstep and is invited to share their meal, much to the dismay of 10-year-old Jacob.

***The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen (JF)**

Hannah resents her Jewish heritage until she opens the door during a Passover Seder and travels through time to a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.

IN THE MAXWELL ABBELL LIBRARY:

***The Women's Passover Companion* by Sharon Cohen Anisfeld (240.6)**

A powerful - and empowering - gathering of women's voices transmitting Judaism's Passover legacy to the next generation. See also: *The Women's Seder Sourcebook*.

***Creating Lively Passover Seders* by David Arnow (240.6)**

An innovative, interactive guide that offers thematic discussion topics, text study ideas, activities, and readings that come alive in the traditional group setting of the Passover seder.



The Bronfman Haggadah by Edgar M. Bronfman (217.4)

A beautifully illustrated contemporary Haggadah for the Passover Seder, as interpreted by the world-renowned philanthropist and Jewish leader Edgar M. Bronfman.

New American Haggadah by Jonathan Safran Foer (217.4)

Offers a new translation of the prayers, songs, and the story of Exodus, augmented by commentary by modern-day thinkers, including Michael Pollan, Tony Kushner, and Judith Shulevitz.



Sixty Minute Seder: Perserving the Essence of the Passover Haggadah by Cass Foster (217.4)

Provides a traditional Passover Seder experience, from planning to preparation to presentation, including recipes, proper use of kitchenware, how to set the table and the Seder plate, candle-lighting instructions, transliterations, a variety of children's activities, fun songs, and more.

My People's Passover Haggadah by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman and David Arnow (217.4)

In two volumes, this empowering resource for the spiritual revival of our times enables us to find deeper meaning in one of Judaism's most beloved traditions, the Passover Seder.

The Schechter Haggadah: Art, History and Commentary by Joshua Kulp (217.4)

Presents a fascinating discussion and analysis of the historical development of each aspect of the Seder and explains how new Seder rituals were established and infused with meaning. Over 100 illuminations from Haggadot from the medieval and modern periods enhance the traditional Hebrew text and English commentary.

Leading the Passover Journey by Nathan Laufer (240.6)

An exploration of the holiday customs and rituals for anyone who plans to participate in or lead a Passover Seder.

Preparing Your Heart for Passover by Kerry M. Olitzky (240.6)

A guide through the preparations for Passover, defining the observance not only as a religious and social ritual but also as a spiritual journey.

Pesach for the Rest of Us: Making the Passover Seder Your Own by Marge Piercy (240.6)

Brings together a collection of poems, recipes, personal reminiscences, and an insightful new interpretation of the rituals and symbols of the Seder in a guide to creating a meaningful Passover for the entire family.

Seder Stories: Passover Thoughts on Food, Family & Freedom by Nancy Rips (240.6)

Contains the memories of childhood Seders from 101 Jewish people including Rabbi Harold Kushner and attorney Alan Dershowitz.

A Passover Haggadah: Go Forth and Learn by David Silber (217.4)

Two books in one: the Haggadah itself, in English and Hebrew, with commentary and a collection of essays that provide close readings of the classic biblical and rabbinic texts that inform Seder-night ritual and narration.

The Washington Haggadah by Joel ben Simeon (217.4)

Presents a facsimile edition of the Washington Haggadah contained in the Library of Congress, an illuminated manuscript created by Joel ben Simeon in the fifteenth century.

Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Spring and Summer Holidays by Paul Steinberg (240)

Bursting with primary sources, poems, prayers, rituals, and stories for Passover, the Omer, Shavuot, and Tisha B'Av, this guide will help you create a holiday experience rich in meaning and spirit.

Passover: The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration by Ron Wolfson (240.6)

This revised and expanded edition of the classic spiritual sourcebook offers updated information, more ideas, and new resources for every aspect of the Festival of Freedom. See also: *The Art of Jewish Living: The Passover Seder*.

RECIPES:

While Passover recipes can be found in many of the cookbooks in our collections, check out these cookbooks specifically dedicated to Passover:

***The New York Times Passover Cookbook* by Linda Amster (741.3)**

A compendium of recipes covers all the favorites and taps the wisdom of Wolfgang Puck, Barbara Kafka, Joyce Goldstein, and other renowned food critics. See also: *The New York Times Jewish Cookbook*.

***Passover Desserts* by Penny Eisenberg (741.3)**

Offers recipes for cookies, cheesecakes, pastries, tortes, and layered cakes, and includes dietary guidelines and information on basic Passover dessert ingredients and their preparation. See also: *Light Jewish Holiday Desserts*.

***Passover by Design* by Susie Fishbein (741.3)**

Part of the celebrated "Kosher by Design" series, Susie Fishbein makes Passover preparations elegantly simple with over thirty brand-new recipes and full-color photos.

***Let My People Eat: Passover Seders Made Simple* by Zell Schulman (741.3)**

Answers a variety of questions about the Seder meal and features various menus to suit one's diet, budget, time, and religious background.



***The Holiday Kosher Baker* by Paula Shoyer (741)**

Offers a thoroughly modern approach to Jewish holiday baking that includes both contemporary and traditional recipes, more than 45 of which have been skillfully adapted for Passover. See also *The Kosher Baker: Over 160 Dairy-Free Desserts from Traditional to Trendy*.

DVDs:

The Exodus Decoded: Biblical Folklore or Historical Fact?

After six years of research, host Simcha Jacobovici and a team of archaeologists, Egyptologists, geologists and theologians shed light on the Exodus and the era's ruling Egyptian Dynasty.

It's Passover, Grover!

It's almost time to celebrate Passover, and there is no horseradish to be found. Grover, Anneliese and Avigail put their heads together to track it down, but things get tricky when there is an Oofnik involved! This new *Shalom Sesame* DVD stars Anneliese van der Pol with a guest appearance by Jake Gyllenhaal.

Nora's Will

When his ex-wife Nora dies right before Passover, José is forced to stay with her body until she can be properly put to rest. He soon realizes he is part of Nora's plan to bring her family back together for one last Passover feast. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Passover Fever

A lively comedy about three generations of a modern Israeli family who convene to celebrate Passover. In Hebrew with English subtitles.

The Prince of Egypt

The animated feature from Dreamworks that dramatically retells the story of Moses. (PG)

When Do We Eat?

This is the hilarious story of the world's fastest Passover Seder gone horribly awry! (R)