



10 GREAT TIPS

for Your Best Passover

1 CHOOSE YOUR HAGGADAH

Review various haggadot and choose the one that you are most comfortable with. Once you've chosen your haggadah, make sure you have enough for your family as well as any guests that you may plan on inviting. Everyone who can read should have their own haggadah.

Become One with Your Haggadah

Read through the haggadot you will be using multiple times and get familiar with everything ahead of time.

Practice going through the actions of the haggadah to find out where you may have questions about when and how to do something, about logistics, and to know if you have everything you need to pull it off.

2 PLAN YOUR EVENT

Plan songs, share with guests to learn ahead of time

Plan meal

Buy a Passover cookbook

Search Pinterest for Passover recipes

Make sure your food can withstand sitting for an hour or more while you work your way through the haggadah

3 PURCHASE YOUR SUPPLIES

Purchase (or make with your kids) the basic elements that will be used year-to-year:

Seder plate

Matzah tash

Afikoman bag

Purchase or make the reward for the child who finds the Afikoman

4 INVITE YOUR GUESTS

Choose your guests & have alternate selections in case they can't attend

Invite Your guests, possibly with a formal invitation, highlighting the significance of the event

Be mindful of food allergies, etc.

Be mindful of the various religious viewpoints when it comes to serving wine or grape juice

Let your guests know what to expect

Don't come hungry, especially children

Expect a late night; give their children a long (even later) afternoon nap

Send your guests home with their copy of the haggadah as a keepsake of the event, and to let them know you appreciate them taking the time to join your family for the seder.

5 **BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME & TABLE**

Use best dishes or best paper goods possible

Flowers are always a great addition - springtime is about renewal and Passover about new life

Activity Placemats & crayons for younger children

Place seder plate items within reach for every 2-3 people

6 **PLAN YOUR HIDING PLACE**

Figure out ahead of time where you are going to hide the Afikoman and enlist your accomplice.

7 **FOCUS ON CHILDREN**

Sing as much of the seder as you can.

Make it fun and interactive!

Be creative and inventive in telling the Exodus story

Create your own plagues

Act out scenes with Pharaoh and each plague, etc.

8 **STREAMLINE TIME-KILLING ACTIVITIES**

Hand washing

Have helpers pass multiple bowls/pitchers around

Assistants to help guests who are unfamiliar

Have multiple hand washing stations

Have multiple towels or use paper towels

Serving the Food

Serve the meal in courses

Allowing guests to eat immediately is more elegant and gives you time to do last-minute prep for other dishes you are about to serve.

You could start with matzah ball soup, then salad, then main course, then dessert.

Have servers to help with all aspects of serving (children love to help!).

9 **STAY FOCUSED**

Try to reign in discussion that isn't centered on the evening or the event in order to help keep everyone "in the game."

10 **RELAX - DON'T STRESS OUT**

Remember why you are doing this and stay focused on the spirit of the event as much as possible.

