RECOMMENDED HAGGADAHS

- "*A Different Night*" Haggadah; Noam Zion, and his newer one *"A Night to Remember"* (www.haggadahsrus.com and most Jewish bookstores). Many novel ideas for taking the seder in unusual directions. ISBN:0966474007

- "*All My Bones Shall Speak*" Haggadah; Dr Barry Ivker. Privately published. Barry and Fran Ivker; 2559 Foothills Dr. Birmingham, AL 35226. Excellent, knowledgeable and interesting commentary filled with Barry's amazing artwork. Order from: drfbi@netzero.com or do search for Haggadah title

- "*The Family Guide to Spiritual Celebration: The Passover Seder*" Ron Wolfson. Guide includes interviews of people who've done interesting things. ISBN:1580231748

- "*The Artscroll Haggadah*" Rabbi Elias. Huge amounts of commentary and thorough background. ISBN:1578194652

- "*The Polychrome Haggadah*" Jacob Freedman. Shows development of Haggadah text by clever color coding. Out of print but available in many synagogue libraries

- "*Prague Haggadah*" Published 1526. Hebrew w/colorful woodcuts. Bialik Institute; Robinson Books; Education Dept (Pedagogical Institute) of Jewish Agency for Israel

- "*A Survivor's Haggadah*" 1945 by Lithuanian Holocaust survivor Sheinson; Jewish Publication Society facsimile, 2000. ISBN:0827606869

- "*Uncle Eli's Special-For-Kids Most Fun Ever Under-The-Table Passover Haggadah*" Eliezer Segal. Dr Seuss-style fun poetry for the entire seder. ISBN:1886411263

- There are many "social action" Haggadahs, starting with Arthur Wascow's 1969 Rainbow Seder to more modern ones. Web searches will find these

RECOMMENDED MUSIC

- "*A Singing Seder*" Cindy Paley. All the traditional melodies throughout seder, cleanly sung
- "*The Passover Story*" The Western Wind. Interesting arrangements; story by Bikel
- "*The Journey Continues*" Debbie Friedman. Traditional and beautiful original music
- "*Reggae Passover*" African, Caribbean beat for traditional and original melodies
- "*Ballad of the 4 Sons*" Ben Aronin. Best ever. Google “Said the father to his children” (with quotes)

MULTICULTURAL CUSTOMS

- Persians playfully whip each other during Dayenu with scallions. With each plague, Greek families pour vinegar into a basin. Moroccans recite "In haste we left" 3x, then tap the seder plate on everyone's head three times. German families carry matzot wrapped in cloth on their shoulders and walk to the corners of the house.
- *Great list of unusual customs from around the world on* WhyIsThisNight.com/customs.html

GAMES/PUZZLES/SKITS (Full downloadable examples on SedersForYou.com)

- Jeopardy
  1062 [How long Jews didn't have Chinese food (diff bet Jewish & Chinese years)]
  Official dance of Passover [Macaroona or The Matzarena]; The Seder [What's the matzah meal?]
- Hocus-Pocus
  Disgusting river [vile nile]; Good grape drink [fine wine]; Amphibian sandals [frog clogs]
- Family Feud
  Trivia about Passover story or seder. Halves of table or different families compete
- 50-50 Trivia
  Trivia about Passover. All write trivia question: not too hard, not too easy
  All questions read, answered, then scored; questions coming closest to being known by half wins
- Madlibs, Passover Hangman, Tom Swifties *"This is how I want the people to encamp in the wilderness," ordered God intensely.* (at univ calgary)
  - Add personalized Dayenus
  "For chocolate buttercream frosting, Dayenu!" "For my granddaughter, Lisa, Dayenu!" "If we had only one seder, Dayenu!"
- Funny Skits and diversions
  How the 10 Plagues Were Selected; What If The Exodus Were Filmed Today; parody of "Who's on First"

THEME SUGGESTIONS

- Crypto-Jews / Moranos ("SedersForYou": *Crypto Jews Seder*)
  Follow secret Jews from the Inquisition to the New World; enact some of their Passover traditions; recite funny skit refashioning the 10-plagues and new Dayenu
- Oppression / Civil Rights / Slavery / Holocaust ("SedersForYou": *Slavery / Book of Redemption Seder [portions]*)
  Relate Nelson Mandela's struggle to win freedom and rights through the African National Congress
  Focus on US Civil Rights movement; older folks relate segregation experiences; sing Go Down Moses
  Draw parallels between Holocaust and Egyptian slavery; recognize communities of Jewish ancestry in Eastern Europe
  Use readings from "*A Survivor's Haggadah*," the first Haggadah published after the Holocaust
- Egyptian archeological Seder ("SedersForYou": *An Egyptian Archeological Seder*)
  Investigate the archeological evidence for the Exodus, based on David Rohl's "*Pharaohs and Kings*"
- Miracles of Exodus Seder ("SedersForYou": *The Miracles of Passover Seder*)
  Investigate scientific explanations for every miracle in Exodus, based on Colin Humphreys' *The Miracles of Exodus"*
- Aliyot Seder ("SedersForYou": *The Aliyot Seder*)
  Focus on accomplishments and songs of early Chalutzim (pioneers): modern Hebrew, Zionism, Hadassah, etc

OUR WEBSITES

- SedersForYou.com — Many ready-to-use themed Haggadahs, skits, games and fun original parodies
  SedersForYou.com/#other — Extended handout of wonderful Seder ideas for parents you can download
- WhyIsThisNight.com — Best site for "*300 Ways to Ask The Four Questions,*" games and quizzes; multicultural customs

AFIKOMEN HUNT

- Leader hides Afikomen; children or all guests search for it. Turn the search into a many-faceted game: Hide many 'fake' Afikomens, each in a napkin just like real one. Hide or dole out clues to location of real Afikomen

SONG PARODIES (Full lyrics on SedersForYou.com)

- "The Seder Rap"
  Gonna tell you all a story, 'bout the Jews in Egypt, they had a good thing goin', there was no complaint ...
- "Pharaoh's Nile" (tune of *Gilligan's Island*)
  Just lean right back & you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip, that started back in ancient times while under Pharaoh's whip...
- "Leaving on a Desert Plane" (tune of *Leaving on a Jet Plane*)
  All our bags are packed, we're ready to go; We're standing here outside our doors ...
  You'll miss me, as you will see; You've been dealt a harsh decree ...
- "Dayenu"
  Had he saved us, saved us, saved us, Saved us from the mean Egyptians, And not given them conniptions, Dayenu.
- "Mostly Matzah" (tune of Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*)
  Moses followed all of God's commands, helped the Jews escape from Pharaoh's hands.
  Egypt was where the Jews all lived, and happy with their lives, until the Pharaoh came,
  and made them slaves; he worked them night and day, and held them all at bay, they had to get away.
- "The Israelites in General" (tune of Gilbert and Sullivan's *I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General*)
  We're here to tell the story of the Israelites in general. They were the slaves of Pharaoh, who was really quite tyrannical
  We read in the Haggadah of the tale that is historical. And that is what a seder is, in order categorical ...
- "House of Martyrdom" (tune of *House of the Rising Sun*)
  Each year our house is made pristine; So seders can be run,
  And it's been the ruin of many a woman; And Lord I know I'm one ...
- "Miss My Warm Pecan Pie" (tune of Don McLean's *American Pie*)
  A long, long time ago; Israelites had to kowtow to Pharaoh who they knew was vile,
  And they knew if they had a chance, that they would have to take a stance, and maybe they'd live happy by the Nile ...
- "If I only had some Chrain" (tune of *If I Only had a Brain*)
  We are sitting at the seder, More food is coming later, But now I am in pain …
- "The Plagues – The Musical"
  Super-cali-fragilistic-expiali-locusts … • The Lice, the lice, I gottem … • Go away little boils …

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