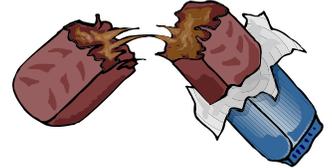


# Chocolate Seder!

Welcome to the chocolate Seder! This is the holiday that celebrates freedom - today that is freedom to have a Passover Seder filled with chocolate!



## Chocolate Seder

SEDER means, "order". Just as the traditional Seder has its order, so does our not-so-traditional Chocolate Seder...

Kiddush over chocolate milk	Kadesh	קדש
Wash the hands	Urchatz	ורחץ
Eat something green - Banana	Karpas	כרפס
Break middle chocolate matzah	Yachatz	יחץ
Story	Maggid	מגיד
Wash the hands	Rachtza	רחצה
Eat chocolate matzah	Motzi Matzah	מוציא מצה
Bittersweet chocolate	Maror	מרור
S'mores	Korech	כורך
Chocolate Eggs	Shulchan Orech	שולחן עורך
Afikomen	Tzafun	צפון
Grace after sweets	Barech	ברך
Songs	Hallel	הלל
Conclusion	Nirtzah	נרצה

### Opening Song

"Take Me Out To The Seder"

To the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame!"

Take me out to the Seder  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Feed me on chocolate and Junior Mints,  
Chocolate milk, but we won't eat a blintz.  
And its root, root, root for Elijah  
That he will soon reappear.  
And let's hope, hope, hope that we'll meet  
Once again next year!

### Greetings & Introductions

**READER:** Now in the presence of family, friends, and other cool people, we gather for a celebration. We gather to observe Passover with our chocolate Seder, for long ago it was written:

You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day, I brought your hosts out of Egypt. You shall observe this day throughout the generations as a practice for all times.  
(Exodus 12:17)

**ALL:**

Remember the day on which you went forth from Egypt, from the house of bondage, and how God freed you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. (Exodus 13:3)

### The Chocolate Seder Plate

**READER:** Before us today at our Chocolate Seder sits the festive Chocolate Seder Plate. Upon it sit five chocolate symbols that capture the essence of the story of Passover – in a melt-in-your-mouth sort of way.



(Please read in turn)

Z'roa – the shankbone (Hershey bar)

The chocolate shankbone represents several things. On a spiritual level, it is a reminder of the “mighty arm” of our God that was used to bring us out of the chocolate-less land of Egypt into the land flowing with milk chocolate and honey. On a physical level, it represents the lamb that was sacrificed so that its blood could be placed on the door of Jewish homes in order that God would “pass over” those houses when smiting the first-born of the Egyptian children.

Beytzah – The Chocolate Egg

The chocolate egg, in addition to being simply delicious, has great symbolic meaning at this Chocolate Seder. Of all the things on the Chocolate Seder plate, the egg is the only one which is round. That roundness represents the continuous cycle of nature's seasons. Now spring is here; now the earth is reborn, and we gather here today to celebrate the fresh renewal of life with our chocolate egg.

Maror - the bitter chocolate (Baker's chocolate)

This bittersweet chocolate represents the bitter lot that our ancestors had during their enslavement in Egypt. We eat of this bitter chocolate today not only as a reminder of how bitter their lives were, but also to remember that had God not delivered our ancestors from Egypt, we too would still be slaves.

Though we are free today we remember there are children who work on cocoa farms so that we can enjoy this chocolate. They work hard because their parents are too poor to afford to send their children to school and hire people to work on the farm.



Let's read this text together and make a commitment to help end slavery in the world today through choices we make in our daily lives.

A Kavanah (Intention) for Eating Fair Trade Chocolate

Every generation learns that things are more than they seem. This Fair Trade chocolate I hold is more than just chocolate. This is a symbol of potential freedom, a realization that happy foods can be made without child labor. Joy need not be accompanied by pain or oppression. May I experience the sweet flavor of this gift as a hint of the freedom that birthed it. May the world know liberation, one person at a time, mindful act by mindful act, until all people are free!

Karpas - the banana (vegetable)

Like the sumptuous chocolate egg, the luscious banana symbolizes the rebirth of the world at this spring season. In it's unripened state, this fruit is symbolic of all the green trees, and when ripe, it is symbolic of the flowers that reappear at this time of year.

Charoset - the chocolate frosting

The charoset mixture, though it is sweet to taste, actually represents a very bitter symbol, the mortar which our ancestors were forced to make for their Egyptian taskmasters. We eat this food to remind ourselves not only of how we were fortunate enough to have overcome our oppression but also as a reminder of those who are still struggling to be free.



Kiddush

קדיש

READER: We are about to drink the first of four cups of chocolate milk. Remember, milk does the body good, giving us strong bones and a healthy smile. Let us thank the cows for their many hours of patient giving. Let us not forget the cocoa trees that grow and give us the sweetness of this chocolate. And let our minds turn to those who on this day are not blessed with the taste of chocolate. Together, we raise our first cup of chocolate milk and say:

Each participant needs a cup of chocolate milk and recites together:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיָה  
בְּדַבְּרוֹ.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the Chocolate Milk.  
(Drink the first glass of chocolate milk.)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this chocolate day.

Urchatz

ורחץ

The Leader washes their hands in preparation for the chocolate we are about to eat, but does not recite a blessing.



Karpas

כרפס

In Hershey Park, our ancestors would begin the formal meal by eating bananas, dipped into chocolate syrup, much like the modern day veggies and dip.

Each participant takes one banana chunk, dips it into chocolate syrup, and says:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, creator of chocolate dipped bananas.

Yachatz

יחץ

Leader: I break the middle graham cracker and half of it will be hidden as our afikoman!

Maggid

מגיד

This is the chocolate matzah of our affliction, which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who hunger come and eat. Let all who are in need come and join us. We were once slaves in the land of Egypt, and now we are free.



Question: What is your favorite way to eat matzah?

### The Four Children

The wise child asks the leader: what is the meaning of this chocolate seder? The leader responds: this seder is to remind us of the sweetness we felt when we were freed from Egypt, and the heartburn you will feel tomorrow is to remind us of the pain.

The difficult child says (looking away from the leader and over his shoulder): What does this seder mean to you? The leader answers by saying you have separated yourself from this seder, so to me this seder means joy, happiness, and chocolate. This seder, for you, means cavities and a stomachache.

The simple child (with a far-off expression) asks: what is this? The leader answers: this is a chocolate seder to remind us that we are no longer slaves in Egypt and there is sweetness in life. Tomorrow will remind us that being free with too much sweetness can be a bad thing.

The quiet child, who does not know how to ask... To him, the leader responds: my child, this is the chocolate seder – the prayers and activities we perform are to remind us of how we were brought out of Egypt many years ago.



Question: Which of the four children asks the most important question? Why?

### A Serious Moment

We know that, as we sit here today having a great time stuffing our faces, there are many people all over the world who are not as fortunate. Many are not able to celebrate Judaism, join their families for a Passover seder, or have enough food to eat. We must remember them as well each year on Passover and hope that next year they can celebrate as we do today.

## THE FOUR QUESTIONS

מה נשתנה הלילה הזו מכל הלילות?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין חמץ ומצה. הלילה הזה  
כלו מצה:

On all other nights we eat both leavened bread and matzah.  
Tonight we only eat matzah.

1.

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין שאר ירקות הלילה הזה  
מרור:

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but tonight we eat bitter herbs.

2.

שבכל הלילות אין אנו מטבילין אפילו פעם אחת.  
הלילה הזה שתי פעמים:

On all other nights we aren't expected to dip our vegetables one time.  
Tonight we do it twice.

3.

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין בין יושבין ובין מסבין.  
הלילה הזה כלנו מסבין:

On all other nights we eat either sitting normally or reclining. Tonight we recline.

4.

## The Ten Plagues

It is customary for each participant to pour off chocolate milk from his cup onto a plate as each of the ten plagues is mentioned and then repeated.

We lessen our chocolate joy as we recite the plagues (Leader recites each plague - participants repeat):

Blood-DOM \* Frogs-TZ'FAR-DAY-A \* Lice-KEE-NEEM \* Wild Beasts-O-ROV \* Cattle  
Disease-DE-VER \* Boils-SH'CHEEN \* Hail-BO-ROD \* Locusts-AR-BEH \* Darness-  
CHO-SHECH \* Death of the First Born-MA-KAS B'CHO-BOS

## Ten Plagues in Egypt Land

words and music by Peter & Ellen Allard

Chorus: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10 plagues in Egypt land. (2x)

Blood in the water made the river run red, 10 plagues in Egypt land.  
Pharaoh shoulda' listened to what God said, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Frogs were jumping in Pharaoh's hair, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Pharaoh didn't like it but the frogs didn't care, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Creepy, crawly, itchy lice, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Mess with the Holy One, better think twice, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Filthy flies so dirty and vile, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Not exactly Pharaoh's style, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

The cattle and the horses and the oxen died, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
"I won't give up!" old Pharaoh cried, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Boils and blisters on his skin, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Give it up Pharaoh you're never gonna win, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

The hail rained down from the heavens on high, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Hurt so much made Pharaoh cry, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Swarms of locusts ate the crops, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Hard-hearted Pharaoh just wouldn't stop, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Dark descended in the light of the day, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Pharaoh was lost, couldn't find his way, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

First-born, the final blow, 10 plagues in Egypt land  
Finally Pharaoh let the people go, 10 plagues in Egypt land. chorus

Dayenu - It Would Have Been Enough

We are grateful that God kept the promise to deliver us from our oppressors, but we must remember that God went well beyond that promise. For everything above and beyond that pledge, we are grateful, for it would have been enough just to be brought out of Egypt.

Had God brought us out of Egypt but not divided the sea for us, Dayenu.

Had God divided the sea for us and not permitted us to cross onto dry land, Dayenu.

Had God permitted us to cross the sea on dry land and not sustained us for forty years in the desert, Dayenu.

Had God sustained us for forty years in the desert and not fed us with manna and chocolate, Dayenu.

Had God fed us with manna and chocolate and not given us the Sabbath, Dayenu.

Had God given us the Sabbath and not brought us to Mount Sinai, Dayenu.

Had God brought us to Mount Sinai and not given us the Torah, Dayenu.

Had God given us the Torah and not led us into Israel, Dayenu.

Had God led us into Israel and not built for us the Temple, Dayenu.

Had God built for us the Temple and not given us chocolate to eat there, Dayenu.

Had God given us chocolate and not made us a holy people, Dayenu.

DAYEINU

Ilu hotzi, hotzianu  
Hotzianu mi-Mitzrayim  
Hotzianu mi-Mitzrayim  
Dayeinu

If God had only taken us out of Egypt  
it would have been enough!

Ilu natan, natan lanu  
Natan lanu et ha-Shabbat  
Natan lanu et ha-Shabbat  
Dayeinu

If God had only given us Shabbat,  
it would have been enough!

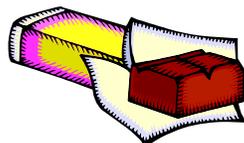
Ilu natan, natan lanu  
Natan lanu et ha-Torah  
Natan lanu et ha-Torah  
Dayeinu

If God had only given us the Torah,  
it would have been enough!

Raise the second cup of milk.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶמְקַדְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיָה  
בְּדַבְּרֶךָ.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of cocoa beans of the  
Chocolate Milk.



Motzi Matzah

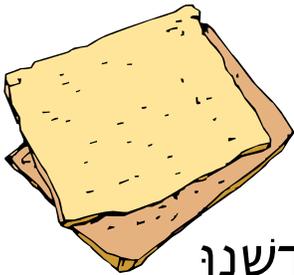
מוציא מצה

Lift the chocolate matzah and say:

In order that we remember how long it takes to make good thick chocolate (like fudge), and in order that we remember that the maker of this chocolate (holding the chocolate matzah) did not have enough time to let this chocolate thicken, we will eat this chocolate matzah and say:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן  
הָאָרֶץ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה יְהוּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל אֲכִילַת מַצָּה.

Blessed are you, Creator of sweets and calories, who has sanctified us by commanding us to eat of this delicacy. (Eat a small part of your chocolate matzah)



Question: Why do you think we have three pieces of matzah on the Seder table? Why not more or less?

Maror      מרור

At this time, we remember that not all that is chocolate is sweet.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
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Blessed art thou, Eternal our God, who has commanded us regarding the consumption of the bitter sweets. (Everyone eats the bitter chocolate)

Korech      כורך

Make a sandwich from the chocolate matzah and chocolate frosting.

We eat this special sandwich as a reminder of those many nights of camping around the fire when our bellies were full and we ate more anyway!

Shulchan Orech      שלחן עורך

Eat the holiday meal!

Tzafun      צפון

At this time, someone finds the afikomen to have for dessert.

Barech      ברך

Since matzah is considered to be bread, one must recite the Birkat HaMazon to say thanks for all the food we ate. Turn to your neighbor and together take a minute to make up a blessing thanking God for our chocolaty meal.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הֵזֵן אֶת הַכֹּל:

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, who provides food for all.

We pour the third glass of chocolate milk.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַכֹּל נִהְיָה  
בְּדַבְּרוֹ.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the Chocolate Milk.  
(Drink the third glass of chocolate milk.)

Welcoming the Stranger

In order to show that we are thinking and caring about all children around the world, we have set this empty chair and a cup of chocolate milk so we will never forget. We open the door to Elijah the Prophet, who, according to legend, will help usher in the Messianic era, and may even bring some Hershey kisses!

Eliyau Hanavi  
Eliyahu Hanavi, Eiliyahu Hatishbi,  
Eliyahu, Eiliyahu, Eliyahu Hagiladi.  
Bimheira veyameinu, yavo Eileinu,  
Im Mashiach ben David (2x)

The Fourth Cup of Chocolate Milk:

Raise the fourth cup of milk:

ALL: I am ready to fulfill the commandment of drinking the last of the four cups. This recalls God's promise to the people Israel as it says, "Drink milk with chocolate so you will not be thirsty and craving sweets the way you were before I took you out of the land of your affliction."

Together:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַכֵּל נִהְיָה  
בְּדַבְּרוֹ.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the Chocolate Milk.  
(Drink the fourth glass of chocolate milk.)



Nirtzah נִרְצָה

Now our chocolate seder is completed. Every law and custom fulfilled just as we have merited to observe it this year. May we continue to do so in the years to come.

This year we are students, in two years we will become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Now we are here, next year we will be in Hershey Park.

**NEXT YEAR IN HERSHEY PARK!**

## Songs to Celebrate Passover

Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Music by Richard Berry, additional lyrics by Mah Tovu (Brotsky/Chasen/Zweiback)

CHORUS: Pharaoh, Pharaoh, whoa baby, let my people go! (2x)

A burnin' bush told me just the other day  
That I should go to Egypt and say,  
'It's time to let my people be free -  
Listen to God if you won't listen to me!"

CHORUS

Well me and and my people goin' to the Red Sea,  
With Pharaoh's best army comin' after me.  
I took my staff, stuck it in the stand,  
And all of God's people walked on dry land.  
Singin...

CHORUS

Now Pharaoh's army was a-comin' too,  
So whattaya think that God did do?  
Had me take my staff and clear my throat,  
And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float.

CHORUS

Well that's the story of the stubborn goat.  
Pharaoh should've know that chariots don't float.  
The lesson is simple, it's easy to find,  
When God says, "GO!" you had better mind!

## Chad Gadya

One little kid, one little kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
One little kid, one little kid.

The cat came, and ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The dog came, and bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The stick came, and beat the dog,  
that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The fire came, and burned the stick,  
that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The water came, and extinguished the fire,  
that burned the stick, that beat the dog,  
that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The ox came, and drank the water,  
that extinguished the fire, that burned the stick,  
that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The slaughterer came, and killed the ox,  
that drank the water, that extinguished the fire,  
that burned the stick, that beat the dog,  
that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

The Angel of Death came, and slew the slaughterer,  
who killed the ox, that drank the water,  
that extinguished the fire, that burned the stick,  
that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the kid,

Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.

Then came the Holy One, Blessed be He,  
and smote the Angel of Death, who slew the slaughterer,  
who killed the ox, that drank the water,  
that extinguished the fire, that burned the stick,  
that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the kid,  
Which my father bought for two zuzim.  
Chad Gadya, Chad Gadya.