



10 Facts About Passover

The Story of Exodus

The Seder Meal

The holiday is marked by a ritual meal known as the Seder, which involves reading the Haggadah, a text that outlines the order of the Seder and tells the story of the Exodus.

Matzo

During Passover, Jewish people eat matzo (unleavened bread) instead of regular bread. This is to remember the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt, not allowing their bread to rise.

Eight Days

Passover is observed for seven days in Israel and eight days in the Diaspora (Jewish communities outside of Israel).

A Great Time to be Jewish & Celebrate the Exodus

Historical Significance

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) commemorates the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, as described in the Book of Exodus in the Torah.

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It's Matzo Time!!!

Search for Chametz

In preparation for Passover, families conduct a search for chametz (leavened products) the night before the holiday begins. Chametz is often symbolically burned and removed from the home.

Counting of the Omer

Passover marks the beginning of the Counting of the Omer, a period of 49 days leading up to Shavuot, which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Different Practices

Passover customs and practices can vary widely among Jewish communities, including Ashkenazi, Sephardi, and Mizrahi traditions, particularly regarding food and rituals.

Religious Observance

Passover is one of the three major pilgrimage festivals in Judaism, alongside Shavuot and Sukkot, during which Jewish people would historically travel to the Temple in Jerusalem; today, it is celebrated with family gatherings and community observances.

5. During the Seder, participants drink four cups of wine at specific points, symbolizing the four expressions of redemption promised by G-d to the Israelites.

The Seder Plate

6. The Seder plate includes symbolic foods such as maror (bitter herbs), charoset (a mixture of nuts and fruit), karpas (vegetable), z'roa (shank bone), beitzah (roasted egg), and chazeret (another bitter herb).

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