



# Passover Resources

*in the Joseph and Mae Gray Cultural & Learning Center*

## **FOR YOUNGER READERS IN THE PINSOF 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 and ***ABC Passover Hunt***.



### ***Is It Passover Yet?* by Chris Barash (E240.6)**

One family prepares for the traditional seder that ushers in Passover.

### ***Max Makes a Cake* by Michelle Edwards (E240.6)**

Max finds the perfect way to make a unique Passover surprise birthday cake for his mother.

### ***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. See also: ***Engineer Ari and the Passover Rush***.

### ***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.

### ***Passover with a Twist* by Benjie Herskowitz (E240.6)**

The Passover story is humorously retold through "clichés."

### ***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)**

In this board book, a family hunts down any forbidden crumbs, called "hametz," and throws them away before the celebration of Passover can begin.

***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!***

***Frogs in the Bed: My Passover Seder Activity Book* by Ann D. Koffsky (E240.6)**

Build excitement for the Passover seder, and then follow along during the seder, no matter which haggadah you use.

***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.

***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***.



***Passover is Coming!* by Tracy Newman (E240.6)**

A family prepares for Passover in this simple board book story told in rhyme.

***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.



***More Than Enough* by April Halprin Wayland (E240.6)**

Illustrations and simple text portray children and their family as they prepare for, then celebrate, a Passover seder with foods, games, songs, and even a sleepover.

**FOR OLDER READERS IN THE PINSOF 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*.



***Scarlett and Sam: Escape from Egypt* by Eric A. Kimmel (J240.6)**

Grandma Mina's Persian carpet sends twins Scarlett and Sam to Egypt in the time of Moses, where they come to understand that every Jew was part of the first Passover, and just what made it different from all other nights.

***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.

***The Night that Unites Passover Haggadah* edited by Aaron Goldscheider (217.4)**

The first Haggadah to bring together the teachings of three of the most influential and brilliant Rabbinic personalities of the 20th century: Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. Also offers contemporary readings and stories, suggested questions, and illustrations depicting all 15 steps of the Seder.

***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.

***More than Four Questions: Inviting Children's Voices to the Seder* by Sharon Marson (217.4)**

Imagine your Passover Seder as a conversation. Imagine asking your children questions that spark discussion. Master educator Sharon Marson provides questions and material that will make a great jumping off point for Passover discussion.

***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.



***The Art of Passover* edited by Stephen O. Parnes (240.6)**

Gathered from across the centuries and around the world, this collection of Passover art and objects is at once a stunning visual treasury and fascinating chronicle of Jewish life in the Middle Ages to the present day.

***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*.

***Let My Children Cook! A Passover Cookbook for Kids* by Tamar Ansh (J741.3)**

Features over 80 easy recipes, cooking and kitchen safety tips, loads of creative ideas, and fun and easy craft projects.

***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 New Passover Menu: A Fresh Look at Passover Meals* by Paula Shoyer (741.3)**

Combines all the nostalgic pleasure of family favorites with 65 contemporary creations covering both seder nights and all eight days of the holiday. To streamline planning, there are eight full menus to use as is or to mix and match, along with suggestions for other meals. . See also *The Kosher Baker: Over 160 Dairy-Free Desserts from Traditional to Trendy* and *The Holiday Kosher Baker*.

**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)

***The Sturgeon Queens***

Produced to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Russ and Daughters, a Lower East Side lox and herring emporium, this documentary includes six colorful longtime customers sitting around a table reading the script in the style of a Passover Seder.

***When Do We Eat?***

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