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Special Pesach edition Newsletter

Pesach times:

Shabbat 27th of April:

Latest time for eating Chametz: 10:00

Latest time for disposal of Chametz: 11:04

Pessach starts on Motze Shabbat at 19:13



Story of Pesach



The first Pesach happened long ago in the far-away country of Egypt. A mean and powerful king, called Pharaoh, ruled Egypt. Worried that the Jewish people would one day fight against him, Pharaoh decided that these people must become his slaves. As slaves, the Jewish people worked very hard. Every day, from morning until night, they hammered, dug, and carried heavy bricks. They built palaces and cities and worked without rest. The Jewish people hated being slaves. They cried and asked Hashem for help. Hashem chose Moshe to lead the Jewish people.

Moshe went to Pharaoh and said, "Hashem is not happy with the way you treat the Jewish people. He wants you to let the Jewish people leave Egypt and go into the desert, where they will be free." But Pharaoh stamped his foot and shouted, "No, I will never let the Jewish people go!" Moshe warned, "If you do not listen to Hashem, many terrible things, called plagues, will come to your land." But Pharaoh would not listen, and so the plagues arrived. First, the water turned to blood. Next, frogs and, later, wild animals ran in and out of homes. Balls of hail fell from the sky and bugs, called locusts, ate all of the Egyptians' food.

Each time a new plague began, Pharaoh would cry, "Moshe, I'll let the Jewish people go. Just stop this horrible plague!" Yet no sooner would Hashem take away the plague than Pharaoh would shout: "No, I've changed my mind. The Jews must stay!" So Hashem sent more plagues. Finally, as the tenth plague arrived, Pharaoh ordered the Jews to leave Egypt.



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Fearful that Pharaoh might again change his mind, the Jewish people packed quickly. They had no time to prepare food and no time to allow their dough to rise into puffy bread. They had only enough time to make a flat, cracker-like bread called matzah. They hastily tied the matzah to their backs and ran from their homes.

The people had not travelled far before Pharaoh commanded his army to chase after them and bring them back to Egypt. The Jews dashed forward, but stopped when they reached a large sea. The sea was too big to swim across. Frightened that Pharaoh's men would soon reach them, the people prayed to Hashem, and a miracle occurred. The sea opened up. Two walls of water stood in front of them and a dry, sandy path stretched between the walls. The Jews ran across. Just as they reached the other side, the walls of water fell and the path disappeared. The sea now separated the Jews from the land of Egypt. They were free!

Each year at Pesach, we eat special foods, sing songs, tell stories, and participate in a seder – a special meal designed to help us remember this miraculous journey from slavery to freedom.



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Pesach games!

Play 'Just a minute'.

Let someone at the table speak for a minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition about a topic related to Pesach. Anyone who hears the speaker deviate, repeat or hesitate should put up their hand and challenge the speaker. If the challenge is correct that person should finish the remaining seconds. Whoever completes the minute wins the round.

Create a 'feely bag'.

Fill a bag with interesting items related to Pesach. Pass the bag around and everyone should pick out an item and say how it is related to Pesach. Examples could be: a scrubbing brush, a feather, a teddy bear (plague of wild animals) a picture of a multi coloured coat (Josephs coat), ping pong balls (hail), plasters (boils), plastic grasshoppers, frogs, sunglasses (darkness)...

I helped prepare for Pesach and I cleaned.....

One person starts a sentence saying, 'I helped prepare for Pesach and I cleaned.....' They should complete the sentence with something that they helped to clean. The next person should repeat the sentence and add an item of their own. The third person should do the same so that they will now be saying three items. Play continues around the circle. If anyone forgets one of the times they are 'out'.



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Pesach jokes!

Q: Why did the lion go to the seder?

A: He wanted to eat the maROAR!!!!



Q: Why did the matza quit his job?

A: Because he didn't get a RAISE!

Q: Why do we read the hagaddah?

A: To make sure we SEDER right words!



Q: What did the grape do when it got squashed?

A: It let out a little WINE!

Q: Why do we have an egg on the seder plate?

A: Because Paroah EGGziled the Jewish people!



Q: Why did the cow go to shul?

A: To daven MOOsaf!

Q: Why kind of cheese do we eat on Pesach?

A: MATZA-rella!



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QUIZ!

- Q1. What are the 10 plagues (in order)?
- Q2. Which chag is counted towards via the omer?
- Q3. What is the name for matzah that has been made from wheat that has been watched from the time of harvesting until the final baking?
- Q4. How many days does Pesach last if you live in Israel and how many days does it last if you live in England?
- Q5. Why do we pour an extra glass of wine at the seder?
- Q6. Which book in the torah narrates the Pesach story?
- Q7. How many parts are there to the seder?
- Q8. What animal was used as the Korban Pesach?
- Q9. What is the length of Israel (to the nearest 10 miles)?
- Q10. How long was Moshe on Mount Sinai for whilst he received the Torah?
- Q12. What are the names of the 4 sons?
- Q13. How many matzas do we have at the seder?
- Q14. What Hebrew month is Pesach celebrated in?
- Q15. What bracha do you say on Matza?



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Dingbats!

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PEOPLE	PEOPLE
PEOPLE	PEOPLE
PEOPLE	PEOPLE
PEOPLE	PEOPLE
PEOPLE	PEOPLE

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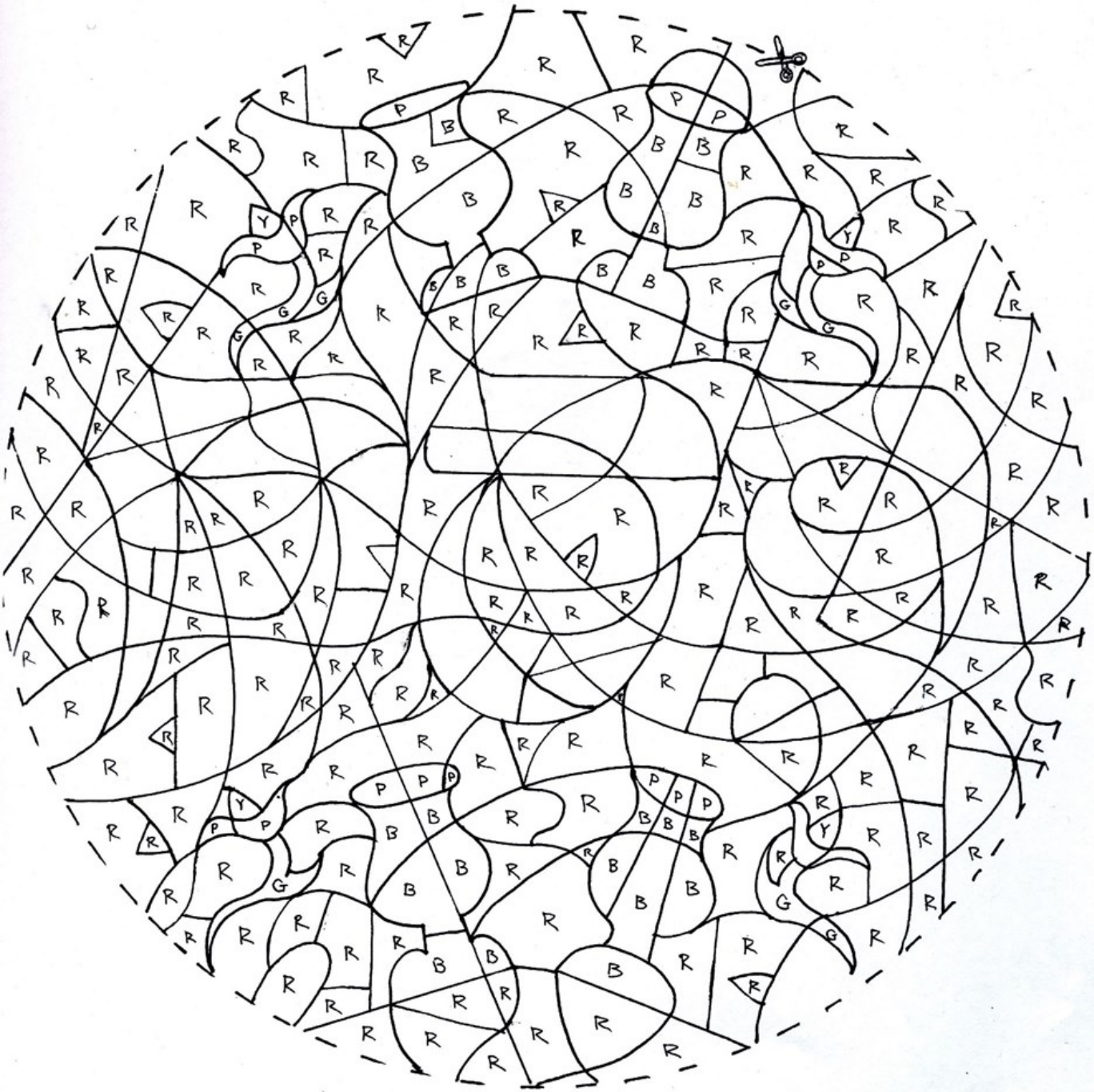
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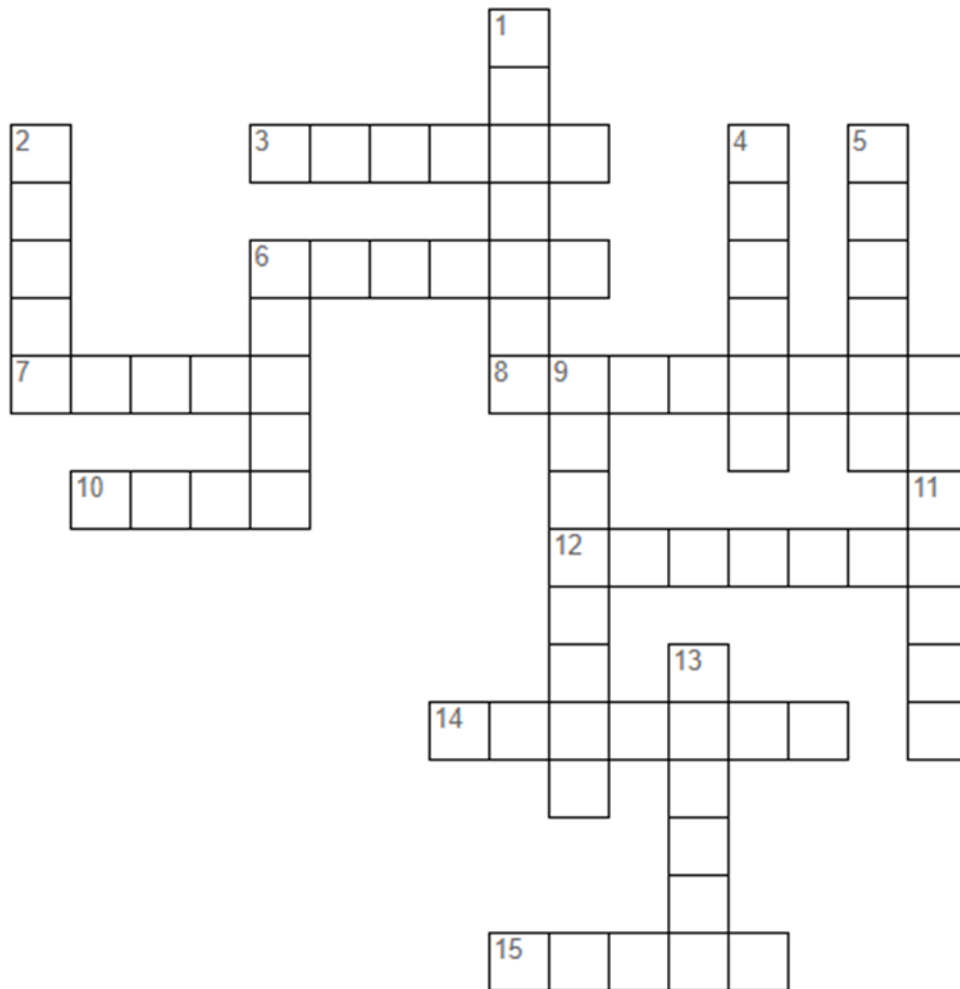
What can you create when you colour by number?



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Crossword



Across

- 3 Flat crispy Pesach 'bread'
- 6 Moshe sister
- 7 Evening spent remembering the Pesach story
- 8 The book we use at the seder
- 10 Number of cups of wine
- 12 First part of the seder
- 14 Forbidden foods
- 15 Leader of the Jews

Down

- 1 The King of Egypt
- 2 Second plague
- 4 The Prophet who visits the seder
- 5 Dip the vegetable into the salt water
- 6 Bitter herb
- 9 Piece of Matzah we search for
- 11 Bone on the seder plate
- 13 The festival

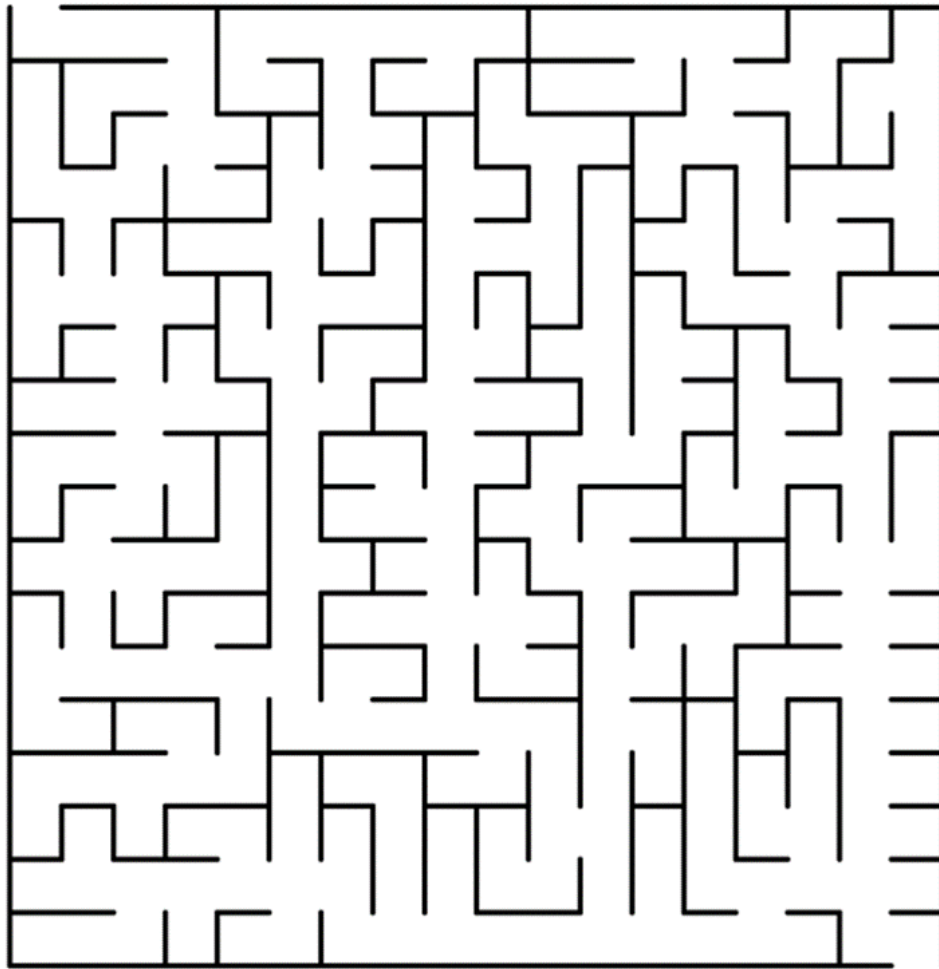


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Maze

Can you help the Jews go from Slavery to Freedom?
Follow the maze and let's leave Egypt!



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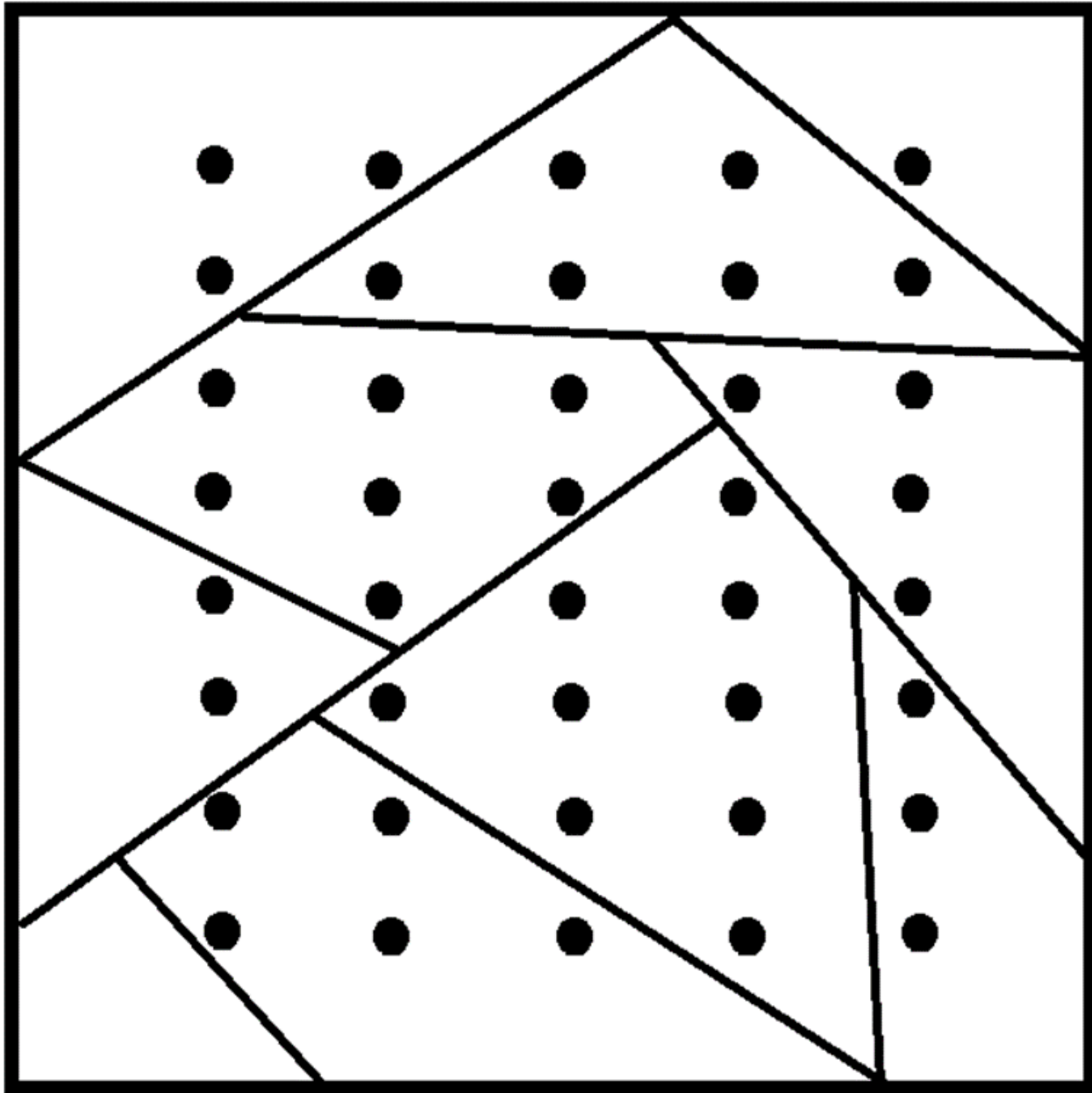


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Can you put the Matzah back together?

Print out the Matzah, cut along the lines and try and put the Matzah back together



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4 cups of wine

On Pesach and especially when we drink the four cups of wine. Draw four things that make you feel free and happy



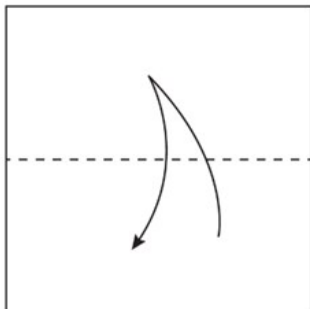
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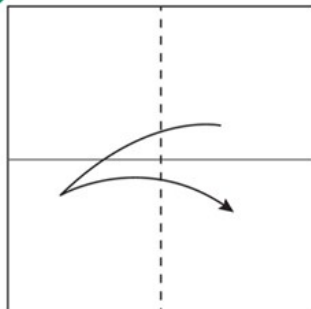
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Let's make an origami frog. Follow the picture instructions to create a frog

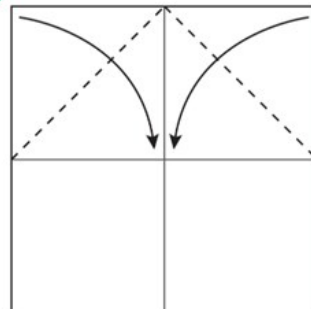
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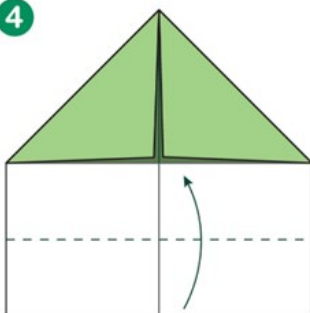
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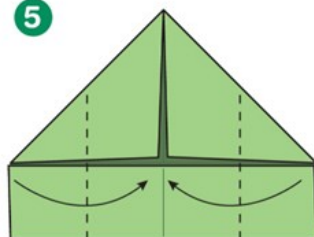
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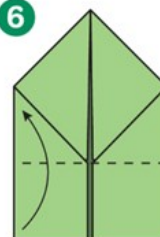
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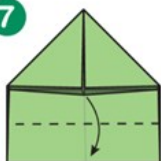
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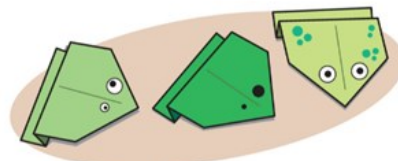
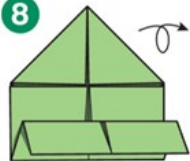
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Perplexing puzzles

Can you solve these anagrams to find the words related to *Pesach*?

E.g. ZMTAA *Matza*

ZMEHATC
AANNTSHHHIAM
SEELTGPUAN
GAHADHAG

Pesach begins on the fifteenth of Nissan, which this year is Monday night. There are many important things that we do on Erev Pesach, the fourteenth of Nissan. We do Bedikat Chametz in the evening, and then the following day we have to stop eating Chametz, and burn the Chametz which we found the previous evening.

How many words can you make from the date **FOURTEENTH NISSAN** ?

3. Chad Gadya is the name of the last song that we sing at Seder Night. Find some of the animals featured in this song, in the following sentences;

E.g. The **fox** laid in waiting for its prey.

Miriam liked to read all the catalogues that came through the post.

When the siren goes, each fire-fighter needs to go at once to the fire engines.

The wild ogre liked to eat 7 meals every day.

4. Take all of these foods, and change one letter at a time, to make a new word. (which is unrelated to Pesach.) Which of these foods can we eat on Pesach?

E.g. FISH FIST LIST → LAST

RICE	→	----	→	----	→	PACK
ROLL	→	----	→	----	→	SALE
PEAR	→	----	→	----	→	HENS

5. Which of these is the odd one out and why?

Maror, Burnt Egg, Matza, Shankbone

4 cups of wine, 4 songs, 4 sons, 4 questions

Bread, Pasta, Rice, Pizza



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Answers

QUIZ:

1—Blood, frogs, lice, wild animals, dead animal, boils, hail, locust, darkness, firstborn death 2—Shavuot 3—Shmura 4—7 days in Israel and 8 outside of Israel 5—For Elijah the Prophet 6—Shemot 7—14 8—Lamb 9—290 miles 10—40 days 11—Wise, wicked, simple, one who doesn't know how to ask 12—3 13—Nissan 14—Hamotzi

Dingbats:

1. Karpus
2. Chosen people
3. Passover
4. Dayenu

Crossword

Across: 3. Matzah 6. Miriam 7. Seder 8. Haggadah 10. four 12. Kiddush
14. Chametz 15. Moshe

Down: 1. Pharaoh 2. frog 4. Elijah 5. Karpas 6. Marror 9. Afikoman 11.
Shank 13. Pesach

Perplexing puzzles:

Answers

- 1a) Chametz b) Mah Nishtanah c) Ten Plagues d) Haggadah
2) (Here is a selection of words, there are more!) Four, ten, net, tenth, than, then, rent, sent, tour, thin, thinner, tour, this, steer, sour, noun, send, rend, tend, fend, fire, tire, feet, seat, sat, set, sure, hour, tour, sin.
3a) Miriam liked to read all the **catalogues** that came through the post.
b) When the siren goes, each fire-fighter needs to **go at** once to the fire engines.
c) The wild **ogre** liked to eat 7 meals every day.
4a) RICE RACE PACE PACK Only if Sephardi.
b) ROLL ROLE SOLE SALE No.
c) PEAR HEAR HERS HENS Yes – All fruits are fine to eat on Pesach.
d) MILK SILK SILT SALT Yes – if bought from a Kosher shop.
5a) Matza – All the other items go on the Seder plate.
b) 4 songs – there are many more than 4 songs that we sing on Seder night.
c) Rice – This item is Chametz for Ashkenazim, but ok to eat for Sephardim.



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**Wishing you and your family
Chag Sameach!**

