

Pesach Info

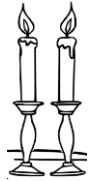
Hebrew date: 22nd Nissan, 5785

Gregorian date: 19th – 20th April, 2025

London Chag times: 20:55 – 20:56

Special events: Pesach Day 8. Count Omer day 7.

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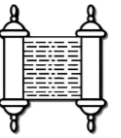


Parasha Thinking



- 1) How many chaggim can you list?
- 2) Imagine you were alive for the original event of a chag (exiting from Egypt, getting the Torah, living in booths etc). Which chag would you choose?
- 3) How does the word, mitzvot, link to Pesach?

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Summary

On the final day of Pesach, we read a passage from Devarim (Deuteronomy) which lists the main chaggim (festivals) and the mitzvot that we are required to perform on each one. We are also told which sacrifices should be brought to the Beit HaMikdash (Temple) on those days. If the animal has a moom (defect), it can not be used for a sacrifice. We may not eat the blood of a sacrifice.

Discovery

Did you know that the Shalosh Regalim are the Three Foot Festivals, where people used to walk (by foot) to the Beit HaMikdash in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem). They are; Pesach, Shavuot and Succot.

Did you know that it wasn't an 'insult' to the animal, that one with a defect couldn't be used. It was to spare the animal from any harm.

Did you know that nowadays we don't perform sacrifices, as we don't have the Beit HaMikdash.

Counting the Omer

Today is seven days which are one week of the Omer.



Gratitude

Who has done something special for you this week and what did they do? (If they are present, go up to them and say thank you!)

THANK YOU!

Games



1) Connection

Read out the Chaggim, one by one and the children have to say one mitzvah or custom that is connected to this chag.

Rosh HaShannah

Yom Kippur

Succot

Simchat Torah

Chanukah

Tu Bishvat

Purim

Pesach

Yom Ha'atzmaut

Lag BaOmer

Shavuot

2) Pass the Matza

Resources: Two sheets of Matza or two tea matzot

Divide the children into two teams. They have to stand in a line and pass the matza from front to back without breaking it. Quickest team wins.

3) Adon Olam to Whaaaaat?

Adon Olam fits to any tune. Let's fit it to the tune of Chad Gadya?

Story (One of the children can read this out loud – encourage them to use expression.)



“No one will buy it!” said Lielle, “everybody gets recipes online these days!”

“I think this is different, though, this is actually going to be the most perfect gift for friends and family. My cookery book is going to be the most talked about and the most sought after!” protested Eitan.

“I just don't see why people wouldn't search for recipes on Google or Bing?” Lielle challenged, with a slightly rude tone.

Eitan took a deep breath. “My recipe book is different because it's all about food for the chaggim! Everything is in one place. You won't have to search for Hamantaschen for Purim online because you'll have them in front of you in the book! You won't have to compare 30 different Honey Cake recipes for Rosh HaShannah because you'll already have a delicious tried-and-tested one in my book. See, everything you need will be right there!” argued Eitan.

Eitan woke up the next day, with butterflies in his tummy and he remembered, it was launch day. ‘Aaaaah, he thought! I hope people buy my book!’ He got up, showered, brushed his teeth, combed his hair and came downstairs looking smart. ‘Gotta make a good impression, he thought!’

He was going to the local Judaica store in the morning, to do a book signing and after lunch, he was going to take a cab to the Mall, to their popular bookstore, to meet and greet customers, as a local, up and coming writer and chef.

Eitan arrived at the first store at 9am and by 10, they were completely sold out. He had to direct people to buy his book online. Everyone told him what a wonderful idea it was for a book and someone had even bought 10 copies – one for himself, one for his sister, four for his children, three for friends and one for a neighbour. People were so happy that he was there to sign the books and devastated when they had run out. He assured them that he would make arrangements to sign everyone's book that they would purchase online.

Lielle came to gloat, assuming that no one would have bothered to turn up. “I've come to buy a recipe book,” she said, really spitefully. “I'm so sorry,” said Eitan, with pride, “You will have to order online. I'm totally sold out!” Lielle's eyes nearly popped out of her head. She spluttered, “but ... but ... I thought that no one would be interested.” “I know you did,” exclaimed Eitan but I am so pleased I wasn't discouraged and I am so lucky that this is exactly what everybody wanted.”

1) Does this story connect to the Parasha?

2) Why do you think Lielle was so mean to Eitan?

3) If you had a copy of the recipe book, which special food for which chag would you want to make first?