

# What is Passover?

Passover is a holiday in spring that celebrates freedom and rebirth! We remember the hardships of the Jewish people in Egypt a long time ago by participating in traditions such as attending a Seder, eating Matzah, and singing songs that celebrate our freedom. On this song sheet, you will find songs used during the Seder, songs about the story of Passover, and songs that teach us about our traditions!

You can learn about the story behind Passover on our website.

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# Avadim Hayinu - Traditional

Avadim hayinu, hayinu Ata b'nei chorin, b'nei chorin Avadim hayinu Ata, ata b'nei chorin Avadim hayinu Ata, ata b'nei chorin, b'nei chorin Ata, ata b'nei chorin, b'nei chorin Translation: We were slaves, but now we're free!

Listen to Avadim Hayinu on Youtube Listen to Avadim Hayinu on Spotify

## Dayenu - Traditional

Ilu hotzi, hotzianu Hotzianu mi mitzrayim Hotzianu mi mitzrayim dayenu

#### **Chorus:**

Dai dayenu, dai dayenu Dai dayenu, dayenu dayenu (dayenu) Dai dayenu, dai dayenu Dai dayenu, dayenu, dayenu (dayenu)

Ilu natan, natan lanu Natan lanu et ha'shabbat Natan lanu et ha'shabbat dayenu

### Chorus

Ilu natan, natan lanu Natan lanu et ha'torah Natan lanu et ha'torah dayenu When the Jews came out of Egypt That was enough to make us happy Sing a song and show we're happy, Dayenu

### Chorus:

Dai dayenu, dai dayenu Dai dayenu, dayenu dayenu (dayenu) Dai dayenu, dai dayenu Dai dayenu, dayenu, dayenu (dayenu)

When the sea was split for walking That was enough to make us happy Sing a song and show we're happy Dayenu

### Chorus

When the Jews received the Torah That was enough to make us happy Sing a song and show we're happy Dayenu

<u>Watch this fun rendition of Dayenu by the Maccabeats</u> <u>Listen to Dayenu on Spotify</u> Read Dayenu from PJ Library

## Flat Like Matzah by Eliana Light

We're gonna get Flat, flat, flat like a matzah (x3) 'Cause matzah cannot rise (repeat)

We're gonna get Round, round, round like an egg (3x) And fat, flat, flat like a matzah 'Cause matzah cannot rise!

We're gonna get Leafy, leafy, leafy like parsley (3x) And round, round, round like an egg And flat, flat, flat like a matzah 'Cause matzah cannot rise!

We're gonna get Straight, straight, straight like shankbone(3x) And leafy, leafy, leafy like parsley, And round, round, round like an egg And flat, flat, flat like a matzah 'Cause matzah cannot rise! We're gonna Chop, chop, chop like charoset (3x) And straight, straight, straight like shankbone And leafy, leafy, leafy like parsley And round, round, round like an egg And flat, flat, flat like a matzah 'Cause matzah cannot rise!

We're gonna get Hot, hot, hot like maror (3x) And chop, chop, chop like charoset, And straight, straight, straight like shankbone And leafy, leafy, leafy like parsley And round, round, round like an egg And flat, flat, flat like a matzah `Cause matzah cannot rise!

Watch Flat Like Matzah on Youtube

## How How How (Do You Eat Your Matzah) by Carla Friend

### **Chorus:**

How, how, how, how, How do you eat your matz-atz-tzah? How, how, how, how, How do you eat your matzah? How else will you eat your matzah? Fill in the blanks!

You can eat it with <u>peanut butter</u> Or you can eat it with <u>jelly</u> You can eat it with <u>nutella</u> or maybe <u>cream cheese</u> You can eat it with <u>butter</u> You can eat it with <u>tofurkey</u> Or you can eat it <u>as a pizza</u>

# If You Want to Come to My Seder - Adapted from "She'll Be Comin' Round the

Mountain"

If you want to come to my seder clap your hands If you want to come to my seder clap your hands If you want to come to my seder Then I guess I'll see you later If you want to come to my seder clap your hands

Listen to the original on Youtube Listen to the original on Spotify If you want to come to my seder stomp your feet If you want to come to my seder stomp your feet If you want to come to my seder Then I guess I'll see you later If you want to come to my seder stomp your feet

Repeat with different body movements/sounds/cheers etc.

## Lotsa Lotsa Matzah by Ellen Allard

On Pesach we eat matzah Lotsa, lotsa matzah So yummy in my tummy Lotsa, lotsa matzah (doo doo doo doo doo doo doo)

On Pesach we eat gefilte fish Smelly in my belly gefilte fish So yummy in my tummy Smelly in my belly gefilte fish And lotsa, lotsa matzah (doo doo doo doo doo doo doo)

On Pesach we eat matzo balls Rolly, rolly, rolly, rolly matzo balls So yummy in my tummy Rolly, rolly, rolly, rolly matzo balls And smelly in my belly gefilte fish And lotsa, lotsa matzah (doo doo doo doo doo doo) On Pesach we eat haroset Chop, chop, chop haroset So yummy in my tummy Chop, chop, chop haroset And rolly, rolly, rolly, rolly matzo balls And smelly in my belly gefilte fish And lotsa, lotsa matzah (doo doo doo doo doo doo)

And crunch crunch crunch celery...

On Pesach we eat horseradish Hot, hot, hot, hot horseradish So yummy in my tummy Hot, hot, hot, hot horseradish And chop, chop, chop haroset And rolly, rolly, rolly, rolly matzo balls And smelly in my belly gefilte fish And lotsa, lotsa matzah (doo doo doo doo doo doo)

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# Mah Nishtanah (The Four Questions) - Traditional

Ma nishtanah halailah hazeh Mikol haleilot, mikol haleilot?

Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin Chametz umatzah, chametz umatzah Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, kuloh matzah Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, kuloh matzah

Sheb'khol haleilot anu okhlin Sh'ar y'rakot, sh'ar y'rakot Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, maror, maror Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, maror, maror

Sheb'khol haleilot ein anu matbilin Afilu pa'am echat, afilu pa'am echat Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, shtei f'amim Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, shtei f'amim

Sheb'khol haleilot anu ochlin Bein yoshvin uvein m'subin, Bein yoshvin uvein m'subin Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, kulanu m'subin Halailah hazeh, halailah hazeh, kulanu m'subin

Watch Mah Nishtanah on YouTube with Shaboom Listen to Mah Nishtanah on Spotify

## Mi Chamocha by Carla Friend

### Chorus:

Mi Chamocha, Mi Chamocha, Mi Chamocha, we made it cross the sea Mi Chamocha, Mi Chamocha, Mi Chamocha we're dancing `cuz we're free

Freedom makes me <u>clap my hands</u> Freedom makes me <u>clap my hands</u> Freedom makes me <u>clap my hands</u> We're dancing cause we're free

#### Chorus

Listen to Carla Friend's Mi Chamocha on YouTube Listen to Carla Friend's Mi Chamocha on Spotify

#### Translation:

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On other nights we eat leavened bread and matzah, on this night we eat only eat matzah.

On other nights we eat all vegetables, and on this night only bitter herbs.

On other nights we don't dip our food even once, on this night we dip twice.

On other nights we east sitting or reclining, on this night we only recline.

Freedom makes me <u>stomp my feet</u> Freedom makes me <u>stomp my feet</u> Freedom makes me <u>stomp my feet</u> We're dancing cause we're free

#### Chorus

Freedom makes me \_\_\_\_\_

## **Passover Is Here** by Hannah Gundersheim

| Passover is here                  | Passover is here                  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Give a big loud cheer (woohoo!)   | Give a big loud cheer (woohoo!)   |
| We were slaves and now we're free | We were slaves and now we're free |
| Come and <u>dance</u> with me!    | Come and jump with me!            |
|                                   |                                   |

Can you <u>dance</u> to celebrate <u>Dance</u> around the seder plate <u>Dance</u> across the desert sand <u>Dance</u> right out of Egypt land! Can you jump to celebrate Jump around the seder plate Jump across the desert sand Jump right out of Egypt land!

Continue with different full body movements: wiggle, sway, stomp, spin, jump, etc.

# Pharaoh Pharaoh - Adapted from "Louie Louie" by The Kingsmen

Well, the burning bush told me just the other day That I should come over here and say Got to get my people out of Pharaoh's hand And lead them on over to the promised land.

### **Chorus:**

I say Pharaoh, Pharaoh, Oh baby Let my people go! Huh Yeah yeah yeah...

Well, all the Jewish people came to the Red Sea With Pharaoh's army coming after me I raised my rod, stuck it in the sand And all the Jewish people walked across dry land.

### Chorus

Well all of Pharaoh's army was coming too So what do you think that I did do? I raised my rod and cleared my throat And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float.

### Chorus

Listen to "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" on Youtube Listen to "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" on Spotify

# Standing At The Sea By Ellen Allard

Standing at the sea, mi chamocha Standing at the sea, mi chamocha Standing at the sea, mi chamocha Freedom is on our way

Singing and dancing, mi chamocha Singing and dancing, mi chamocha Singing and dancing, mi chamocha Freedom is on our way

### **Chorus:**

Freedom, freedom Freedom, freedom Freedom, freedom Freedom is on our way

The sea she parts, mi chamocha The sea she parts, mi chamocha The sea she parts, mi chamocha Freedom is on our way

Listen to Standing At The Sea on Youtube Listen to Standing At The Sea on Spotify

## Wash It Off - Adapted from "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift

It's getting kinda late We've got our seder plate The kiddush we will say (mmhmm) Yeah, four times we will say

While we *l'chaim* Listen with those *oznayim* 'Cause we gotta clean our *yadayim* One, two times On each of the seder nights Walkin' through the water, mi chamocha Walkin' through the water, mi chamocha Walkin' through the water, mi chamocha Freedom's on our way.

### Chorus

On the other side, mi chamocha On the other side, mi chamocha On the other side, mi chamocha

#### Chorus

The first time it is urchatz-chatz-chatz-chatz-chatz Before we eat karpas-pas-pas-pas-pas Yeah you know we better wash, wash, wash, wash, wash Wash it off, wash it off

Then later we rachtzah-tzah-tzah-tzah-tzah Yeah, before we eat matzah-tzah-tzah-tzah-tzah This time with a bracha-cha-cha-cha-cha Wash it off, wash it off

Listen to Shake It Off on Youtube Listen to Shake It Off on Spotify

# Where's the Afikomen? By Elana Jagoda

### Chorus:

Where's the afikomen? Where did you hide it I'm gonna find it yeah yeah Where's the afikomen? Where did you hide it I'm gonna find it yeah yeah yeah

Break, break, break the middle matzah The smaller piece we use for the seder Break, break, break the middle matzah The other half we'll look for later

### Chorus

Did you hide it under the stairs? (no no) Did you hide it under your chair? (no no) Did you hide it in Bubbe's hair? (oh no) Oh where? Oh where? Oh where?

Watch Where's the Afikomen on YouTube Listen to Where's The Afikomen on Spotify

# **Songs from Our Passover Story**

### Hallelu - Adapted from Sufi Chant

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu Hallelu, hallelujah, hallelu (2x)

Kol han'shema t'hallelya Hallelu, halleluyah Kol han'shema t'hallelya Hallelu, halleluyah

Listen to "Hallelu" on YouTube Listen to "Hallelu" on Spotify

### Chorus

Break break break the middle matzah the smaller piece we use for the seder Break break break the middle matzah the other half we'll look for later

Did you hide under the couch? (no no) Was it maybe eaten by a mouse?(no no) Is it still even in the house? (oh no) Oh where? Oh where?

### Chorus

## The Building Song by Shirley Cohen

Bang, bang, bang, bang your hammer low Bang, bang, bang, give a heavy blow For it's work, work, work Every day and every night For it's work, work, work When it's dark and when it's light

Dig, dig, dig, dig your shovel deep Dig, dig, dig, there's no time for sleep For it's work, work, work, Every day and every night For it's work, work, work, When it's dark and when it's light

Listen to "Bang Your Hammer" on YouTube Listen to "Bang Your Hammer" on Spotify

# No, No, No, No, No – Adapted from Ellen Allard

Pharaoh pharaoh what are you doing, what are you doing Pharaoh pharaoh let my people go! Pharaoh pharaoh what are you doing, what are you doing Pharaoh pharaoh let my people go! No! No! No! I will not let you go. No! No! No! I will not let you go.

Listen to "No, No, No, No, No, No" on YouTube Listen to "No, No, No, No, No, No" on Spotify

## Frogs Here, Frogs There by Shirley Cohen, additional verses by Carla Friend

One morning the pharaoh awoke in his bed There were frogs in his bed And frogs on his head. Frogs on his nose and frogs on his toes, Frogs here, frogs there! Frogs were jumping everywhere.

One morning Pharaoh awoke to a breeze, There were locusts on his knees And locusts in the trees. Locusts in the sky flying way up high Locusts here, locusts there, Locusts flying everywhere

Watch "Frogs Here, Frogs There" on YouTube Listen to "Frogs Here, Frogs There" on Spotify One morning when Pharaoh awoke in his room, He heard a great big thunder go BOOM! The noise was so loud, Like a great big crowd. Thunder here, thunder there, Thunder booming everywhere!

# 10 Plagues in Egypt Land by Ellen Allard

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

Listen to the full "10 Plagues in Egypt Land" on YouTube Listen to the full "10 Plagues in Egypt Land" on Spotify

# **Passover Songs Vocabulary**

**Afikomen** - There is traditionally a plate at the seder with a pile of three matzot (plural of "matzah"). The middle piece is broken in half with one half set aside for later as the afikomen (meaning "dessert"). In some families, it is traditional for the children to hide the afikomen and the leader of the seder needs to find it. In other families the leader hides the matzah and the children need to find it. In both cases, the children often eat the matzah and also get a prize.

Bracha - Hebrew for blessing.

Dayenu - Hebrew for "it would have been enough!"

Chametz - Hebrew for any leavened bread/products (not Kosher for Passover).

**Charoset** - A soft mixture of fruits, nuts, and wine that represents the mortar used by the Jewish slaves in Egypt. Ashkenazi (of Eastern European decent) charoset often features apples while Sephardic (of Spanish decent) and Mizrahi (of Middle Eastern decent) charoset often is based with figs or dates. During the Seder, we eat it with *matzah* and *maror*, or bitter herbs, to make a Hillel sandwich, or *korech*, to remind us of the work our ancestors did in Egypt.

**Karpas** - Refers to the fresh raw vegetable on our Seder plate, typically parsley or celery, that we dip in salt water to remember the tears of the Jewish people.

L'chaim - A traditional toast, meaning, "to life!"

**Matzah** - Unleavened bread made with flour and water, making it more similar to a cracker. In our Passover story, the Jewish people did not have time to finish baking their bread before leaving Egypt, so it baked in the sun on their backs! We eat matzah to remember what it was like for our ancestors in Egypt, and also celebrate the freedom we have today.

Maror - The bitter herbs eaten at Seder, reminding us of the bitterness of slavery.

**Mi Chamocha** - The song that Miriam led the Jews in (with dancing and timbrals) after reaching freedom across the Red Sea.

**Oznayim** - Hebrew for ears.

**Pharaoh** - The ruler in ancient Egypt.

**Rachtzah** - The second ritual hand washing during the seder, this time, WITH a blessing.

**Seder** - Hebrew for "order", it is a ritual gathering to retell the story of Passover and use symbolic items to remember what it was like for our ancestors in Egypt. After a seder, we have more appreciation for our freedoms and more understanding of what our ancestors went through to get us here today!

**Shankbone** - An animal bone put on the Seder plate, to represent the sacrificial lamb that used to be offered at the Temple. This can be substituted with a beet for a plant-based Seder plate.

**Urchatz** - The first ritual hand washing during the seder, without a blessing.

Yadayim - Hebrew for hands