

Passover Seder at a Glance and the Shortest Haggadah in the World)

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(light candles)

- 1) Kiddush (*the first cup of wine*)
- 2) Wash hands / Eat greens.
- 3) Maggid – The Telling –

Four Versions –

Told over three matzahs and a cup of wine – pour *second* cup.
Three Matzah's out - Break the middle Matzah (hide the afikomen – the larger half).

Maggid The Telling

– Four Versions

- a) **Maggid version I:** Tell the Story
From **the G'nut le-Shevach** -
Degradation to Praise-worthiness.
Two ways to tell of degradation to
praiseworthiness
(1) The First Way:
Four questions -- why is this
night different?
(a) Answer: We were
slaves and now we
are free

- (2) The Second Way of
Telling Degradation to
Praiseworthiness -
Four Sons – what does all
this mean?
(a) Answer: we were idol
worshippers, now we
worship One God

- b) **Maggid version II:** Give an
interpretation of Deuteronomy
26:5-19 – Arami Over Avi (tell
the story of Passover)
- c) **Maggid version III:** Tell of the
Three Main symbols:
 - i) Pesach
 - ii) Matzah
 - iii) Maror
- d) **Maggid version IV:** See yourself
as having personally come out of
Egypt.
- e) **End of Maggid:** Thank God for
helping get us out.
- f) Drink *second cup of wine*.

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4) Meal:

- a) Say the blessing over the “bread”.
- b) Say the blessing over Matzah.
- c) Eat the Matzah.

- d) Say a blessing and eat bitter herbs.
- e) Eat the sandwich of matzah, bitter herbs and charoset
- f) Eat the meal.

5) After Meal – Epikoman

- a) Find the afikoman and eat from all three matzahs.
- b) Birkat HaMazon - Thank God for the food – *drink third cup.*
- c) Sing songs of redemption

- d) *drink fourth cup.*
- e) Pour a fifth cup, but don't drink it – or do.
- f) More Songs.
- g) Announce the Seder is over – next year in Jerusalem.

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1. Light Candles, say Kiddush (drink first cup)
2. Tell the Story
 - a. Two versions of Degradation to Praiseworthiness, versions one and two (see above)
 - b. Then give a drash on Arami Oved Avi – or other text or just tell the story of the Exodus
 - c. Explain the Symbols – Pesach, Matza, Maror
 - d. Think of yourself as having personally come out of Egypt.

Thank God (drink second cup)

3. Eat the meal
4. Thank God (drink third cup)
5. Sing songs of salvation
6. (Drink fourth cup)
7. Seder's done; next year in J-lem, sing more songs.