

# MAKE IT A SWINGIN', SINGIN' SEDER!

Jewish Study Center Pre-Passover Workshop

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- ♪ **The Journey Continues: Passover Haggadah in Song**  
by Debbie Friedman, [www.debbiefriedman.com](http://www.debbiefriedman.com)
- ♪ **Pharaoh, Pharaoh** by Mah Tovv (a CD single), [www.mahtovu.com](http://www.mahtovu.com)
- ♪ **Celebrate Passover**, [www.celebrateseries.com](http://www.celebrateseries.com)
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*Be instrumental in making your seder musical this year!*

## *Passover Seder Outline with Song Suggestions*

1. **Kaddeish** (1<sup>st</sup> cup of wine) – sing **Shehecheyanu**
2. **Ur'chatz** (wash hands)
3. **Karpas** (dip vegetable in salt water)
4. **Yachatz** (break middle matzah)
5. **Maggid** (tell the story)
  - **The Four Questions** (sung by youngest child)
  - Read passage about being freed from slavery – sing **Avadim Hayinu** (with percussion)
  - Abraham – sing **L'chi Lach**
  - Slavery in Egypt – sing **Building Cities**
  - Moses goes to Pharaoh – sing **Let My People Go, Oh Listen King Pharaoh, Pharaoh Pharaoh**
  - Ten Plagues – sing **Ten Plagues in Egypt Land** (act out song)
  - Crossing the Sea Sea – **Standing at the Sea** (act out song), **Miriam's Song** (dance with tambourines), **One Small Step, Make Those Waters Part**
  - Sing **Dayeinu**
  - Passover Symbols
  - In Every Generation – sing **L'dor Vador**
  - Songs of Praise – sing **Hal'luyah Ivdu Avdei**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> cup of wine
6. **Rachtzah** (wash hands)
7. **Motzi/Matzah** (blessing for matzah) – sing **Lotsa, Lotsa Matzah** (with hand motions)
8. **Maror** (dip bitter herbs in charosets)
9. **Korech** (eat Hillel sandwich)
10. **Shulchan Orech** (eat dinner) – sing **A Million Matzah Balls**
11. **Tzafun** (Afikomen) – sing **Afikomen Mambo, Gonna Find the Afikomen, Don't Sit on the Afikomen**
12. **Barech** (3<sup>rd</sup> cup of wine) – sing **Eliyahu Hanavi**
13. **Hallel** (sing songs of praise) – sing **Hodu L'Adonai, Adir Hu, Echad Mi Yodea, Chad Gadya**
14. **Nirtzah** (4<sup>th</sup> cup of wine; complete the seder) – sing **L'shana Haba-a** (with percussion)



## Songs for the Seder

### Shehecheyanu by Tzvika Pik

Baruch Ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam  
Shehecheyanu v'kiymanu v'higianu lazman hazeh  
A—men

### Mah Nishtana

by Lisa Baydush, [www.shirsynergy.com](http://www.shirsynergy.com)

Chorus:

Mah nish-tan-a ha-li-lah ha-zeh! (2x)  
Why is this night different from other nights?  
Mah nish-tan-a ha-li-lah ha-zeh!

On other nights, we eat all kinds of bread,  
On other nights, we eat cha-metz u'mat-zah!  
On other nights, we eat whatever we like, but  
it's mat-zah tonight! (2x) (chorus)

On other nights, we eat all kinds of greens,  
On other nights, we eat she-ar yir-a-kot!  
On other nights, we eat whatever we like, but  
it's ma-ror tonight! (2x) (chorus)

On other nights, we eat and never dip once,  
On other nights, not even pa-am echat!  
On other nights, we eat, no dipping at all, but  
We dip twice tonight! (2x) (chorus)

On other nights, we sit any which way,  
On other nights, bein yosh-vein u'ven mis-u-bin!  
On other nights, we sit however we like, but  
We recline tonight! (2x) (chorus)

### Avadim Hayinu

Avadim hayinu, ha-yi-nu,  
Atah b'nei chorin, b'nei chorin,  
A-va-di—m hay—inu,  
Ata (clap, clap) (2x) b'nei chorin,  
A-va-di—m hay—inu,  
Ata, Ata, b'nei chorin, b'nei chorin (2x)

### L'chi Lach

by Debbie Friedman, [www.debbiefriedman.com](http://www.debbiefriedman.com)

L'chi lach, to a land that I will show you.  
Lech l'cha, to a place you do not know.  
L'chi lach, on your journey I will bless you.  
And you shall be a blessing (3x), L'chi lach.

L'chi lach, and I shall make your name great.  
Lech l'cha, and all shall praise your name.  
L'chi lach, to a place that I will show you.  
L'simchat chayim (3x), L'chi lach.  
And you shall be a blessing (3x), L'chi lach.

### Building Cities

Bang (3x), hold your hammer low.  
Bang (3x), give a heavy blow!

Chorus:

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 (3x), get your shovel deep.  
Dig (3x), there's no time to sleep! (chorus)

Lift (3x), lift that boulder high.  
Lift (3x), 'til you touch the sky! (chorus)

### Let My People Go

When Israel was in Egypt land,  
Let my people go!  
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,  
Let my people go!

Chorus:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,  
Tell ol' Pharaoh, let my people go!

Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,  
Let my people go!  
If not I'll smite your people dead!  
Let my people go! (chorus)

As Israel stood by the water side,  
Let my people go!  
By God's command it did divide,  
Let my people go! (chorus)

### Let My People Go

(to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad")

The Jews were busy building cities  
all the live-long day,  
The Jews were busy building cities  
and they did it Pharaoh's way;  
Moses tried to get them out of Egypt;  
he said, "Let my people go!"  
But stubborn Pharaoh wouldn't listen;  
he kept on saying, "No!"

Chorus:

Let my people go! **No!** (2x)  
Please let my people go-go-go! (repeat)

## Oh, Listen King Pharaoh

Oh listen (3x) King Pharaoh!  
Oh listen (2x) please let my people go!  
They want to go away, they work too hard all day!  
King Pharaoh! (2x) What do you say?  
No, no, no, I will not let them go! (2x)

## Pharaoh, Pharaoh

by Mah Tovv, [www.mahtovu.com](http://www.mahtovu.com)

### *Chorus:*

I said Pharaoh, Pharaoh, ooh baby,  
Let my people go, Huh! Yeah, Yeah, Yeah (repeat)

A burnin' bush told me just the other day  
that I should go to Egypt and say:  
It's time to let my people be free,  
Listen to God if you won't listen to me! (chorus)

Well me and my people goin' to the Red Sea with  
Pharaoh's army comin' after me.  
I took my staff, put it in the sand, and all of God's  
people walked on dry land singin' (chorus)

Well Pharaoh's army was a-comin' too,  
so whad'aya think that God did do?  
Had me take my staff, and clear my throat, and all of  
Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float! (chorus)

Well that's the story of the stubborn goat,  
Pharaoh should have known that chariots don't float!  
The answer is simple, it's easy to find,  
When God says, "GO!" you had better mind! (chorus)

## Ten Plagues in Egypt Land

by Peter and Ellen Allard, [www.peterandellen.com](http://www.peterandellen.com)

### *Chorus:*

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

1. Blood in the water made the river run red;  
Ten plagues in Egypt land!  
Pharaoh shoulda listened to what God said;  
Ten plagues in Egypt land!

2. Frogs were jumping in Pharaoh's hair...  
Pharaoh didn't like it but the frogs didn't care...

3. Creepy, crawly, itchy lice...  
Mess with the Holy One, better think twice...

4. Filthy flies so dirty and vile...  
Not exactly Pharaoh's style...

5. The cattle and the horses and the oxen died...  
I won't give up old Pharaoh cried...

6. Boils and blisters on his skin...  
Give it up Pharaoh you're never gonna win...

7. The hail rained down from the heavens on  
high...Hurt so much made Pharaoh cry...

8. Swarms of locusts ate the crops...  
Hard-hearted Pharaoh just wouldn't stop...

9. Dark descended in the light of the day...  
Pharaoh was lost, couldn't find his way...

10. First-born, the final blow...  
Finally Pharaoh let the people go...

## Standing at the Sea

by Peter and Ellen Allard, [www.peterandellen.com](http://www.peterandellen.com)

Standing at the sea, Mi Chamocha (3x)  
Freedom's on our way.

Singing and dancing...  
They're coming up behind...  
Bound no more...  
The sea she parts...  
Walking through the water...  
On the other side...  
One God...  
Standing at the sea...  
Singing and dancing...

### *Chorus:*

Freedom, Freedom (3x)! Freedom's on our way!

## Miriam's Song

by Debbie Friedman, [www.debbiefriedman.com](http://www.debbiefriedman.com)

### *Chorus:*

And the women dancing with their timbrels  
followed Miriam as she sang her song.  
Sing a song to One whom we've exalted.  
Miriam and the women danced  
and danced the whole night long.

And Miriam was a weaver of unique variety.  
The tapestry she wove was one which sang our history.  
With every thread and every strand she crafted her  
delight, a woman touched with spirit, she dances toward  
the light. (chorus)

As Miriam stood upon the shores and gazed across the  
sea, the wonder of this miracle she soon came to  
believe; Whoever thought the sea would part  
with an outstretched hand, and we would pass to  
freedom, and march to the Promised Land. (chorus)

And Miriam the Prophet took her timbrel in her hand.  
And all the women followed her just as she had  
planned; And Miriam raised her voice with song,  
she sang with praise and might, "We've just lived  
through a miracle; we're going to dance tonight!"  
(chorus)

## One Small Step

by Peri Smilow, [www.perismilow.com](http://www.perismilow.com)

Nachshon ben Aminidav  
was just one face in the crowd  
He was tired and he was hungry  
He was scared but he was proud  
He had walked across the desert  
To escape slavery but now he's  
caught between his taskmasters  
and the waters of the Red Sea

Pharaoh and his armies were  
comin' up fast from behind  
And the Israelites were arguing  
They were of two minds  
Some said we should turn around  
Go back to what we know  
Slavery can't be half as bad as drowning

### *Chorus:*

You gotta take one small step (one small step)  
You gotta take one small step for free—dom (repeat)

The other side, well, they were very few  
Said, "No, this cannot be.  
We can't go back, we've come so far in fleeing slavery.  
If we just stay put, we think you'll find  
That God will make a move  
And a miracle will save us all – just wait." (chorus)

No one noticed Nachshon over by the rippling tide  
He had one foot in the water, his shoes at his side  
He took one step, then another  
Until he barely could breathe—  
And just when the world went dark, the waters parted  
And we were free—! (chorus)

## Make Those Waters Part by Doug Mishkin

Let us retell the story  
of our struggle for the Promised Land.  
Let us remember how freedom is won  
so our children will understand.  
Once we were slaves in Egypt,  
our people and our land were apart,  
But when Moses stood before that troubled sea, he  
could make those waters part!

Once we were slaves in America,  
we were given white men's names.  
They scattered our families,  
they shattered our lives  
while they kept us bound in chains.  
Then we marched strong in Selma,  
we looked the racists right in the heart.  
And when Martin stood before  
that troubled sea, he could  
Make those waters part! (3x)

### *Chorus:*

Somewhere tonight lives a free man,  
somewhere else freedom's just a song of the heart.  
We must find the river flowing between them  
and we must make those waters part.

Now we are slaves in our own time,  
the many at the hands of the few,  
And we who've crossed the sea of slavery before  
must remember what we must do;  
In the name of the falsely imprisoned,  
In the name of all the homeless at heart,  
In the name of all the history that binds us,  
we must make those waters part! (chorus)

Troubled seas rising around us,  
sometimes the Promised Land seems hidden from view,  
so we re-tell these stories, that's how we start  
to make those waters part (3x)

## Dayeinu

Ilu hotzi, hotzi'anu,  
Hotzi'anu mimitzrayim (2x) Dayeinu!

### *Chorus:*

Dai, dai, einu (3x)  
Dayeinu, Dayeinu, dayeinu (repeat)

Ilu natan, natan lanu,  
Natan lanu, et hashabat (2x) Dayeinu!

Ilu natan, natan lanu,  
Natan lanu et hatorah (2x) Dayeinu!

## In Every Generation by Jeff Klepper and Dan Freeland, [www.kolbseder.com](http://www.kolbseder.com)

B'chol dor vador, in every generation, we must look  
upon ourselves as if from slavery we were freed;  
B'chol dor vador, in every generation, we must look  
around and help all the ones who are in need.

### *Chorus:*

B'chol dor vador chayav adam  
Liro et atzmo k'ilu hu yatza mimitzrayim

B'chol dor vador, in every generation, we must lend a  
helping hand to the stranger and the friend;  
B'chol dor vador, in every generation, are the righteous  
of all nations on whom we all depend (chorus)

B'chol dor vador, in every generation, we must learn  
from our mistakes, we must find a better way;  
B'chol dor vador, in every generation, is the hope that  
with tomorrow will come a better day!

B'chol dor vador anu chayavim lirot et atzmeinu  
K'ilu anachnu, anachnu yatzanu mimitzrayim (1st verse)

*End with:* B'chol dor vador, in every generation, we must  
pass the stories down and rejoice that we are free!

## **Hal'luyah Ivdu Avdei** by Julius Grossman

### *Part I:*

Hal'luyah hal'luyah ivdu avdei Adonai.  
Hal'luyah hal'luyah ivdu avdei avdei Adonai.

### *Part II:*

Hal'luyah hal'luyah ivdu avdei Adonai.  
Hal'luyah hal'luyah avdei Adonai (repeat)

### *Part III:*

(Clap) Hal'luyah (3x) ivdu avdei Adonai (repeat)

## **Lotsa, Lotsa Matzah**

by Peter and Ellen Allard, [www.peterandellen.com](http://www.peterandellen.com)

On Pesach we eat matza, lotsa, lotsa matzah!  
It's yummy in the tummy, lotsa, lotsa matzah!  
Doot doot...  
...finger lickin' chicken  
...smelly in the belly gefilte fish  
...rolla, rolla, rolla, rolla matzah balls  
...hot, hot, hot, hot horse radish  
...chop chop charoset... Yay, PESACH!

## **A Million Matzah Balls**

by Dean Friedman, [www.deanfriedman.com](http://www.deanfriedman.com)

My momma loves to cook at least three times a day,  
But every now and then she gets carried away;  
So let me tell you of a time that I recall –  
One day my momma made a million matzah balls!

### *Chorus:*

A million matzah balls! (2x)  
One day my momma made a million matzah balls!  
(repeat)

There were matzah balls in the bedroom,  
There were matzah balls in the hall;  
There were matzah balls in the living room,  
stacked up against the wall!  
There were matzah balls on the table,  
on each and every chair;  
There were matzah balls in the kitchen sink;  
Matazah balls everywhere! (chorus)

There were matzah balls in the toaster,  
There were matzah balls on the grill,  
There were matzah balls in the microwave,  
and on the window sill  
There were matzah balls in the blender,  
in the vacuum cleaner too;  
So many matzah balls I didn't know what to do! (chorus)

There were matzah balls on the piano,  
on the brand new color TV,  
Nothin' else but matzah balls as far as you can see;  
There were matzah balls in the bathtub,  
in the laundry basket too;  
There were matzah balls in my dresser drawers,  
and matzah balls in my shoes! (chorus)

Most of them were average size, but some were really small; Here and there I saw a few as big as a bowling ball! Some were light as feathers, some were hard as rocks, some of them rolled right out the door and bounced for 50 blocks! (chorus)

We ate up all those matzah balls, it took us half a week!  
Our tummies were so full we could barely speak!  
The next day I came home from school without a care at all... to find my momma had made another million matzah balls! (chorus)

## **Afikomen Mambo**

by Rabbi Joe Black, [www.rabbijoeblack.com](http://www.rabbijoeblack.com)

Every year at Pesach time,  
we eat the matzah and we drink the wine.  
We ask four questions, one by one,  
but before the seder's done...

### *Chorus:*

I'm gonna find it (clap, clap) (2x) I'm gonna find it,  
I'm a-gonna find, gonna find the Afikomen!

We eat charoset and we dip karpas,  
We tell the story of the Exodus.  
The bitter herbs, they make my eyes go cross,  
but when I find the Afikomen I'm the boss! (chorus)

Everyone knows the Seder's not done  
until we taste the Afikomen;  
And when I find it, I'll articulate  
the terms on which we shall negotiate! (chorus)

## **Gonna Find the Afikomen**

by Peter and Ellen Allard, [www.peterandellen.com](http://www.peterandellen.com)

### *Chorus:*

Lookin' all around, lookin' here, lookin' there;  
Lookin' up, lookin' down, lookin' everywhere!  
Gonna, gonna, gonna, gonna find the Afikomen!  
Gonna, gonna, gonna, gonna find the Afikomen!

Well, we've come to the part of the seder, it's the part  
that I love best: Get up from the table, and my mama  
says, "Go! Go find the Afikomen!" (chorus)

Well I look to my left and I look to my right,  
don't see what I'm searchin' for  
Check the living room, the bathroom, the kitchen,  
and the hall, gonna find the Afikomen (chorus)

Then I remembered a hiding place  
in the study with the big bookshelves  
I climbed up the ladder and in front of my nose,  
I found the Afikomen! (chorus)

Then I ran into the dining room where the grownups  
were drinking their tea; With a smile on my face and a  
sparkle in my eyes, I said, "Hey everybody!  
I found the Afikomen!" (chorus)

## Don't Sit on the Afikomen

(to the tune of Glory, Glory Halleluyah)

My dad at every seder breaks a matzah piece in two,  
and hides the Afikomen half, a game for me and you.  
Find it, hold it ransom for the seder isn't through  
'til the Afikomen's gone.

*Chorus:*

Don't sit on the Afikomen (3x)  
or the meal will last all night!

One year Daddy hid it 'neath a pillow on a chair,  
but just as I raced over, my Aunt Sophie sat down there.  
She threw herself upon it, awful crunching filled the air,  
and crumbs flew all around! (chorus)

There were lotsa matzah crumbs, it was a messy sight!  
We swept up all the pieces though it took us half the  
night. So if you want your seder ending sooner than  
dawn's light, don't sit on the Afikomen! (chorus)

## Eliyahu Hanavi

(rockin' alternative melody by Tracy Friend,  
[www.tracyfriendmusic.com](http://www.tracyfriendmusic.com))

Ei-li-ya-hu ha-na-vi  
Ei-li-ya-hu ha-tish-bi  
Ei-li-ya-hu (3x) ha-gil-a-di

Bim-hei-rah v'-ya'mei'nu ya-vo ei-lei-nu  
Im ma-shi-ach ben Da-vid (2x)

## Hodu L'Adonai

by Steve Dropkin, [www.stevedropkin.com](http://www.stevedropkin.com)

*Chorus:*

Hodu l'adonai, l'adonai ki tov  
Ki l'olam, l'olam chasdo (repeat)  
(repeat last line of chorus to end song)

Oh, we give thanks to You,  
For Your love is never ending  
Ki l'olam chasdo!  
And we give thanks to You,  
For the world is now depending on  
Ki l'olam chasdo! (chorus)

*Bridge:*

With all of our hearts, we will pray  
for peace everlasting each day,  
When we who are Israel will know  
Ki l'olam, l'olam chasdo! (chorus)

## L'shana Haba'a by M. Nathanson

L'shana haba'a (3x) bi y'-ru-sha-la-yim.

## Pesach-Bamba (to the tune of La Bamba adapted by Shira Kline and Lisa Baydush)

*Chorus:*

Pesach, Pesach (4x)

We're gonna eat lots of matzah  
Crunchy, crunchy, crunchy matzah on Pesach  
You know it's time for some matzah  
Lotsa, lotsa, lotsa matzah on Pesach (chorus)

We're gonna ask the Four Questions  
We got a whole lot of questions on Pe—sach  
1-2-3-4 questions  
Ma-ma-ma-ma nishtana on Pesach (chorus)

And there's the four cups of wine  
Oooh, four cups of wine on Pesach!  
And don't forget Elijah  
He visits every year on Pesach! (chorus)

It's all in the Haggadah  
We're going to tell the story on Pesach  
The story of our freedom  
That's why we're celebratin' on Pesach (chorus)

Before the seder's over  
We gotta find the Afikomen on Pesach  
You know you'll get a cool prize  
Afi-ki-ki-ki komen on Pesach (chorus)

Ah-ah-ah-ah Pesach!  
Our favorite holiday is Pesach!  
Oooo we love, love, love, love Pesach!  
Just couldn't live without Pesach! (chorus 2x)

## Hey Banana-Manna by Shirley Grossman

Hey banana-manna,  
Yeah banana-manna,  
Moses and the Hebrew children ate it every day!  
Yell banana-manna,  
Spell banana-manna...  
B-a-n-a-n-a-m-a-n-n-a!