

Planning your Pesach Seder: A Thought for Parents

Dear Parents,
I hope everyone is well.

Although all the children are working hard on their learning and preparations for Pesach, this is also a very important time for us, as parents, to make vital preparations. I am not referring only to the cleaning and cooking, but also to the thinking, the learning, and in general **the spiritual aspects** of our preparations that will go some way PG to ensuring our Pesach experience will be really meaningful.

In particular, it is important, if not crucial, that we will not end up sitting down to begin the Seder without having thought through and planned in advance how we envision it running.

The Seder is such a wonderful moment in the year, with enormous potential to become a really powerful shared immersive learning experience for all family and friends gathered around the table. Yet, with all the craziness in the weeks leading up to Pesach, it's too easy to arrive at the Seder simply too tired and too unprepared to create **a magical evening** that will uplift and inspire all present.

In order to help you think these points through a little more, please go to this page on my website,

<https://torahschool.co.uk/torahschool-live/>

and scroll down to "**Planning your Pesach Seder: A Thought for Parents.**"

You can listen to my **audio** (14:02), or print out the **transcript**, or both.

Above that, "**Rabbi Moshe Hauer: My Table is an Embassy of my Father's**" is a really lovely interview which I think you will enjoy, and which contains both inspiration and practical tips for the Seder.

Finally (for now...), here is a direct link to some **Q&A cards** which can be used in all kinds of interesting and fun ways at the Seder:

<https://torahschoolblog.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/seder-qua-cards-for-mfs.pdf>

Just print them out and cut them up.

There are 36 Questions and 36 Answers but you don't have to use them all.

Perhaps use some the first night and others on the second, or different ones next year, etc.

Look at page 5 under "**Ideas for the seder**" for suggestions on how to use these. You are of course free to use them in whichever creative way you wish.

During Lockdown I sent out video lessons explaining these Q&A cards, which you can find here,

<https://torahschool.co.uk/mfs-pesach-seder-q-a-cards/>, if you are interested.

I hope these resources will contribute towards your sederim turning out to be truly wonderful and memorable experiences.

Wishing you a **Pesach Kasher veSameach**, and sederim that will keep you **inspired until next Pesach!**

Best wishes,
 J. Richards