

Ask Me a Seder!

Welcome to Ask Me a Seder! A Passover Trivia Game. For each game, select 2-4 contestants. Provide each with a way of “buzzing in” or have them take turns answering questions.

Six Word Haggadah—Name the character described in the six-word story below (Contestants can alternate or “buzz in”):

1. Like my wisdom? Try my sandwich! (Hillel)
2. Sang pretty notes, got ugly scales (Miriam)
3. Moses’ spokesperson. Also a snake handler (Aaron)
4. Defied Pharaoh to save baby boys (Midwives: Shifra and Puah)
5. Sent my son down the river (Yocheved)
6. Guess I *wasn’t* the sun god (Pharaoh)
7. Raised a Hebrew under Pharaoh’s nose (Batya/Bat-Paroh/Daughter of Pharaoh)
8. Slow of speech. Talked a lot (Moses)
9. Saved my son with midnight circumcision (Tzipporah)
10. Save the last glass for me! (Elijah)

Seders Gonna Plate—Answer these multiple choice questions about Seder traditions around the world (Contestants can alternate or “buzz in”):

1. The custom of putting an orange on the Seder plate can be traced to this Jewish feminist:
 - a) Rabbi Sue Levi-Elwell
 - b) Dr. Susannah Heschel**
 - c) Rabbi Susan Silverman
2. Afghani Jews strike each other with scallions to imitate Egyptian taskmasters during this Seder song:
 - a) Avadim Hayinu
 - b) Chad Gadya
 - c) Dayenu**
3. This is considered the official vegetarian alternative to a shankbone:
 - a) Roasted Beet**
 - b) Paschal Yam
 - c) Celery Stalk
4. During the post-Passover festival of Maimouna, Jews in this country borrow flour from their Muslim neighbors to make *moufleta*, crepes rolled in butter and honey:
 - a) Yemen
 - b) Morocco**
 - c) Iran
5. Jews of Gibraltar add this to their charoset mixture for a more realistic texture:
 - a) Dust from ground-up bricks**
 - b) Ashes leftover from burning their *chametz*
 - c) Glue made from fish bones

6. In this African country, Jews break all of their plates prior to Passover to ensure a “fresh start.”
- a) South Africa
 - b) Egypt
 - c) **Ethiopia**

Eating Matzah Balls With Soup (To the tune of “Eating Chicken Soup with Rice” by Maurice Sendak/Carole King). *Since we can't have Matzah Balls with Rice, we'll have to guess another food to go with it. Be warned, due to the bilingual nature of this game, the answer may not rhyme with the clue.* (Contestants can alternate or “buzz in”. Don't feel like you have to do all of the verses or use them in this order!)

They tell me I'm a sign of spring
And salty water is my thing
You eat me first after dipping
Dippin' once, dippin' twice
Dippin' matzah balls with.... (Karpas-Parsley).

You'll find me on a Florida tree
A symbol of equality
But sadly nothing rhymes with me
Nasty once, nasty twice
Nasty matzah balls with.... (Orange)

In temple times my leg stood for
The blood we swiped across our door
But we don't eat me anymore!
Frozen once, frozen twice,
Frozen matzah balls with... (Zeroah-Shankbone)

The seder surely is my night
To come out dressed in red or white
And give your tastebuds quite a fright!
Bitter once, bitter twice
Bitter matzah balls with... (Maror-Horseradish)

On seder night we must think twice
About our festive sacrifice
So eat me whole or by the slice
Roasted once, roasted twice
Roasted matzah balls with (Beitzah-Hard-boiled Egg)

There's apples in my bag of tricks
With wine and nuts I like to mix
And make a sticky ode to bricks
Mixin' once, mixin' twice
Mixin' matzah balls with... (Charoset)

Four times we raise our glass to bless
Four promises we toast, no less

We always spill, don't mind the mess!
Spillin' once, spillin' twice
Spillin' matzah balls with... (Wine)

When Israelites were on the run
They baked me in the blazing sun
The search for me is tons of fun!
Broken once, broken twice
Broken matzah balls with (Matzah)

If you were swimming in the sea
You'd never find a school of me
I'm more at home in clear jelly
Gellin' once, Gellin' twice
Gellin' matzah balls with... (Gefilte Fish)

Tie-Breakers/Lightning Rounds: These are played "Spelling Bee Style"—Contestants take turns responding. One wrong answer and you're out! (These get progressively harder: know your people!)

1. Name all 6 items on the Seder plate in Hebrew (zeroah/pesach, beitzah, charoset, chazeret, maror, karpas)
2. Name all 10 plagues (blood, frogs, lice, wild beasts, pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn)
3. Name all 10 entities in Chad Gadya (goat, cat, dog, stick, fire, water, ox, butcher, Angel of Death, God)
4. Name all 13 entities in Who Knows One (God, tablets of the covenant, patriarchs, matriarchs, Books of Moses, days of creation, days of the week, lights of Hannukah/days to circumcision, festivals, commandments, stars in Joseph's dream, tribes, attributes of God).
5. Name all 5 grains that are considered *chametz* (wheat, oats, barley, rye, spelt).
6. Name all 15 steps of the seder (kadesh, urchatz, karpas, yachatz, magid, rachtzah, motzi, matzah, maror, korech, shulchan orech, tzafun, barekh, hallel, nirzah)
7. Name all 10 rabbis mentioned in the traditional Haggadah (Eliezar, Joshua, Elazar ben Azarya, Akiba, Tarfon, Ben Zoma, Judah, Yose ha-Glili, Gamliel, Hillel)

Still in Progress: Possible Freedom songs to Parody:

I'm Free from Tommy
Freedom by George Michael
Free Falling by Tom Petty
Me and Bobby McGee
I want to break free by Queen

Four-tunate Son (To the Tune of "Fortunate Son" by Creedence Clearwater Revival): *Name which of the four children is described in each verse.*

(Original Lyrics)

Some folks are born made to wave the flag
Ooh, they're red, white and blue
And when the band plays "Hail to the chief"
Ooh, they point the cannon at you, Lord

It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no senator's son, son
It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, no

Some folks are born silver spoon in hand
Lord, don't they help themselves, oh
But when the taxman comes to the door
Lord, the house looks like a rummage sale, yes
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no millionaire's son, no
It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, no

Yeah, yeah
Some folks inherit star spangled eyes
Ooh, they send you down to war, Lord
And when you ask them, "How much should we give?"
Ooh, they only answer More! more! more! y'all
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no military son, son
It ain't me, it ain't me; I ain't no fortunate one, one
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate one, no no no
It ain't me, it ain't me, I ain't no fortunate son, no no no