

## My Own חמץ בדיקה search

*Think of eight places where you are going to do your careful בדיקה and draw them into the boxes on the two sides of this page.*

*(Do not forget to label your pictures on the line at the foot of each box!)*

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## The Names of Pesach

**Read through the following paragraphs then write explanations in your own words in the correct boxes on the opposite page.**

The festival of passing over. On the first night of Pesach, while Hashem was slaying the first-born of Egypt, He passed over the houses of the Jews, sparing them from death.

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The holiday of spring. This is one of the names of this Yom Tov because Pesach always falls in the spring season. יציאת מצרים (our Exodus from Egypt) and the month of אביב (spring) are found together in the same פסוק a number of times in the Torah.

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The festival of matzot. The festival has this name because of the מצוה to eat מצה on Pesach. Matzah reminds us of how בני ישראל left מצרים in a hurry and did not have time to allow their dough to rise. מצה also reminds us of our lives as slaves because it is known as לחם עוני - poor man's bread.

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The time of our freedom. It was at this time of the year that בני ישראל went out from עבדות - slavery - to חרות - freedom.

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חג המצות

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חג האביב

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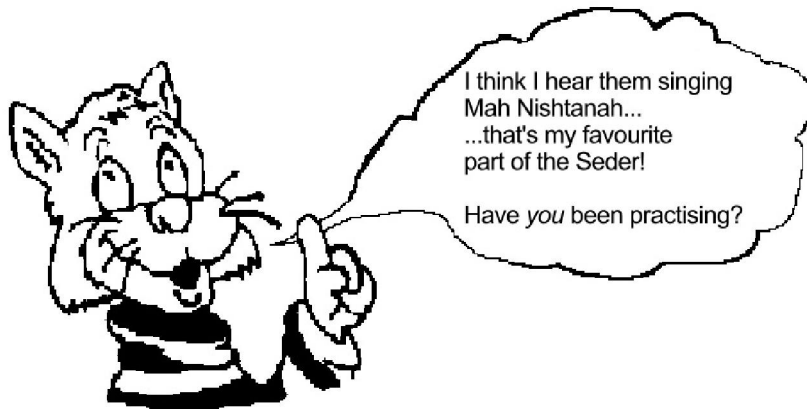
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# מה נשתנה



Do you know the four questions of מה נשתנה ?

*Look at the Hebrew in your הגדה to help you fill in the gaps . . .*

## Why is this night different from all other nights?

On all other nights we may eat \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
but on \_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_ .

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On all other nights we may eat any \_\_\_\_\_ , but  
\_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_ .

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On all \_\_\_\_\_ nights we do not \_\_\_\_\_ even once, but  
on this night we \_\_\_\_\_ .

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On all other nights we eat either \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ , but on this night we all \_\_\_\_\_ .

# מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרַבֵּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר ...



Of Rabbi Eliezer a story is told  
Of Rabbi Yehoshua that scholar of o \_\_\_\_\_  
Elazar Ben A \_\_\_\_\_, Akivah the Sage  
And Tarphon for wisdom renowned in his a \_\_\_\_\_.



In B'nei B'rak they at s \_\_\_\_\_ dined well  
and the whole long n \_\_\_\_\_ through  
The old tale did retell  
How Hashem in His power humbled Egypt's great might  
And brought out our People from d \_\_\_\_\_ to light.



Whilst they were held rapt by this wondrous old s \_\_\_\_\_  
Dark n \_\_\_\_\_ passed away and dawn came in all its glory  
Then entered their pupils: "Our Rabbis!" they say  
'tis time for S \_\_\_\_\_ for behold it is d \_\_\_\_\_!

In this space draw the famous Rabbis around their table...



## Find in your הגדה the questions of the אַרְבָּעָה בְּנֵי - the four sons.

By the way each one asks his question we can learn much about his character. In the boxes below draw pictures of how you imagine each son to look - draw the whole body, not just the face. Think about what clothes they will be wearing and what they might be doing.

<p>רָשָׁע</p>	<p>חָכָם</p>
<p>שְׂאִינוּ יוֹדֵעַ לְשֵׂאוֹל</p>	<p>תָּם</p>

Find these words in your הגדה:

"These are the מכות עֶשֶׂר which the Holy One, blessed be He,  
brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt:"

Draw straight lines to join the words correctly

Blood	עֶרֶב
Frogs	אַרְבֵּה
Lice	בְּרָד
Wild Beasts	שְׁחִין
Animal Disease	דָּם
Boils	חֲשָׂדַי
Hailstones	פְּנִים
Locusts	דָּבָר
Darkness	צַפְרָדַי

מִּפְתַּי בְּכוֹרוֹת

Death of the Firstborn

## Teaching and Understanding the הגדה

Children are a really important part of the סדר! Some people think it is enough for children to stay up until they say מַה נִשְׁתַּנֶּה and then go to bed. However, children will be pleased to know that they should stay up a little longer than that! Why is this?

The תורה teaches us: "וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ" (Shemos: 13,8)- "You shall tell (the story of יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם) to your son." This means that parents have a מִצְוָה to tell the story of our Exodus from Egypt to their children. They should do this at the seder night as an answer to the questions of מַה נִשְׁתַּנֶּה.

With the children not hearing or understanding the *answers* to the questions of מַה נִשְׁתַּנֶּה the father has not fulfilled the mitzvah of סִיפּוּר יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם - the story of the going out from Egypt.

The תלמוד tells us that Rabbi Akiva would only say 'it is time to leave the בֵּית הַמְדָרֶשׁ' on Erev Pesach, in order to ensure the children would go and sleep by day to prepare for being up late to hear the הגדה.

Therefore, when your mum or dad tell you to go up to your room to have a nap so that you will be awake later, don't sit in your room playing a computer game, filling your stickers book, dressing your toys, admiring your stamp collection or e-mailing your friend in Israel!

Get some sleep, you've got a long evening ahead!

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