



Passover Guide

2021 / 5781

Chag Sameach!

from Rabbi Ari Isenberg

One of the many symbolic rituals of the Passover Seder is the breaking of the middle matzah into two pieces. This will be the second successive Passover when many of us feel a real sense of that brokenness due to the lingering pandemic. Remaining safe and healthy must be our priority, and together we are journeying toward a better day -- a day of liberation, a day of inoculation, a day of health. The Passover story reminds us that the brokenness is as much a part of the story as is liberation. It's ok to acknowledge it and to feel it.

Still, there is much to celebrate this Passover -- the blessing of family and friends, even those from whom we remain physically apart. The blessing of technology that allows us to remain connected in unexpectedly meaningful ways. The blessing of health, at a time when so many are suffering. The blessing of being part of a Jewish tradition that constantly reshapes itself to fit the ever-changing realities of the moment.

In this guide, you'll find details about the many programs that our clergy and education teams are holding on and around Passover. Please take a few minutes to read through this guide and click on the various linked resources.

A personal plug: Gila and I invite you to join us for the 2nd Seder. We'll be hosting the *seder* online and you are welcome to attend. See inside for more info.

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Rabbi Isenberg's Top 5 Haggadah Picks of 2021

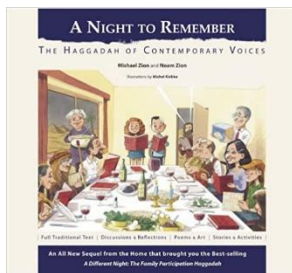
Interested in a new Haggadah this year? Check out these options:



[Haggadot.com](https://www.haggadot.com) is an incredible resource filled with make-your-own and ready-made versions of the Haggadah, including Seder for *Young Children*, *A Comedy Haggadah*, and *A Haggadah for Justice*. Have fun with this resource!



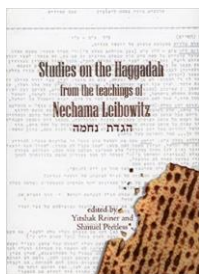
[The Kveller Haggadah](#) is a Haggadah for curious kids and their parents. It's fresh and fun!



[A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices](#) by Mishael and Noam Zion. This is widely available, including on [Amazon](#).



[The Haggadah Collective](#) A mother-daughter duo created a traditional Haggadah and infused it with relevant questions for families. Check them out!



[Studies on the Haggadah from the Teachings of Nechama Leibowitz](#) remains one of my favorite Haggadah companions, delving into the Rabbinic tradition's commentary on our many Pesach rituals. You can purchase it on [Amazon](#).

Passover University
A Day of Passover Learning on Zoom
Tuesday, March 23



12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Haggadah Hits with Cantor Wallach

Meeting ID: 879 5947 2410 // Passcode: CBI

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teen Tichon Passover Edition with Rabbi Isenberg

Contact [Rabbi Julie](#) for Zoom Link



After Evening Minyan

Three Teachers = Three Topics

Meeting ID: 859 9170 3328 // Passcode: CBI

8:15 - 8:40 p.m.

The Symbolism of *Chametz* in Rabbinic Literature

with Rabbi Isenberg

8:40 - 9:05 p.m.

Pesach for Young Children

How to Keep Your Kids and Grandkids Engaged During the Seder

with Rabbi Julie

9:05 - 9:30 p.m.

Haggadah Hits

with Cantor Wallach

Selling Chametz *Mechirat Chametz*

A 2-Step Process for 2021

Step 1

Given the lingering logistical obstacles with individuals selling chametz in person to their rabbis and with rabbis selling chametz in person to their buyers due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Rabbinical Assembly is making it easier for its rabbis to organize the selling of chametz this year. Collectively, the Rabbinical Assembly has deputized Rabbi Mordy Schwartz to serve as agent for our entire Conservative Movement in the sale of chametz.

You can sell your *chametz* online easily and conveniently here:

<https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/webform/sale-hametz>

Deadline is 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 26.

If you don't have access to the internet, please leave a voicemail for Joi Noel in the Clergy Office at 973-379-3811 (ext. 120) including your full name, the address where your chametz is located, and your phone number, and Rabbi Isenberg will secure the sale on your behalf.

Step 2

It is customary to give ***Ma'ot Chittim***, charity for the Passover needs of the poor. Especially given the enduring pandemic and the financial hardships that have resulted, we urge anyone who is able to be especially generous this year to consider making a contribution. Donations can be made to the **CBI Rabbi's Discretionary Fund** for this purpose.

Online donations can be made at <https://cbi-nj.org/online-tribute-form/>

Please select the option "Rabbi's Discretionary Fund" and write "*Ma'ot Chittim*" in the description box.

You can also donate by mailing a check to:

Congregation B'nai Israel
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund // *Ma'ot Chittim*
160 Millburn Avenue
Millburn, NJ 07041

Burning Your *Chametz*



Join Rabbi Isenberg & Cantor Wallach for the special mitzvah of burning your *chametz*.

When? Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Where? CBI Parking Lot

What? Bring a symbolic amount of *chametz* and drop it into our firepit. We'll then recite a special *beracha* and wish you a *Chag Sameach!*



Additional Online Resources

[Rabbinical Assembly's Complete Passover Guide for 2021](#)

[Passover/Pesach Resources for Home Learning](#)

The Passover Seders



First Seder

Saturday, March 27

Whether your seder is in-person or online, do you have room to welcome guests?

Would you like to host or be matched up with a host?

Please contact Joi Noel in the Clergy Office and we'll do our best to match you up.

jnoel@cbi-nj.org or 973-379-3811 (ext. 120)

Second Seder

Sunday, March 28 at 7:300 p.m.

Rabbi Ari and Gila Isenberg invite you **(yes, you!)** to join them online, as they conduct the Second Seder from their dining room table.

Join our Rabbi & Rebbetzin on Zoom for the Second Seder. Whether you're setting a table for 1 or for 10, Rabbi Ari & Gila will be leading the seder from their home and would be honored to have you join them online.

Great for adults, families, and all.

Please RSVP by contacting Joi Noel, our Clergy Administrator:

jnoel@cbi-nj.org

973-379-3811 (ext. 120)





Services for Passover

Yontif Services

Service	Date/ Time	Location
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, March 26 5:30 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 348 098 365 Passcode: CBI
Shabbat Morning	Saturday, March 27 9:30 a.m.	Zoom, YouTube & In Person Meeting ID: 861 1042 1793 Passcode: CBI
Pesach Day 1	Sunday, March 28 9:30 a.m.	Zoom, YouTube & In Person Meeting ID: 863 2106 5597 Passcode: CBI
Pesach Day 2	Monday, March 29 9:30 a.m.	Zoom, YouTube & In Person Meeting ID: 892 7425 4617 Passcode: CBI
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, April 2 6:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 348 098 365 Passcode: CBI
Pesach Day 7 & Shabbat	Saturday, April 3 9:30 a.m.	Zoom, YouTube & In Person Meeting ID: 861 1042 1793 Passcode: CBI
Pesach Day 8 & Yizkor	Sunday, April 4 9:30 a.m.	Zoom, YouTube & In Person Meeting ID: 827 9004 9011 Passcode: CBI

Chol Ha'Moed Services

Service	Date/ Time	Location
Morning Minyan	Tuesday, March 30 7:30 a.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 874 4644 3071 Passcode: CBI
Evening Minyan	Tuesday, March 30 8:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 859 9170 3328 Password: CBI
Morning Minyan	Wednesday, March 31 7:30 a.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 831 7054 2258 Passcode: CBI
Evening Minyan	Wednesday, March 31 8:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 859 9170 3328 Password: CBI
Morning Minyan	Thursday, April 1 7:30 a.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 892 7425 4617 Password: CBI
Evening Minyan	Thursday, April 1 8:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 817 9084 6042 Passcode: CBI



Overview of Passover Programs

Event	Date/ Time	Location
Journeyers Minyan: How to Create a Zeder (Zoom Seder)	Sunday, March 14 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Zoom Meeting ID 852 6220 8574 Passcode 314385
Haggadah Hits Musical Preparation for Pesach with Cantor Wallach	Tuesday, March 16 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 879 5947 2410 Passcode: CBI
Chanting Circle Passover Edition with Len Hausman	Sunday, March 21 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting ID: 826 8891 1549
Passover University A Day of Passover Learning for the CBI Community	Tuesday, March 23	See Details in this Guide!
Siyyum for Firstborns Join the greater Conservative Movement for a special <i>siyyum</i> program	Thursday, March 25 8:00 a.m. after minyan	Zoom Meeting ID: 865 3809 6154 Passcode: 923752
Biur Chametz Chametz Fire Pit	Thursday, March 25 6:00 p.m.	CBI Parking Lot Drive up and participate in the mitzvah of burning your <i>chametz</i>
Passover's 1st Seder Matching Program	Saturday, March 27	See Details in this Guide!
Passover's 2nd Seder with Rabbi Ari & Gila Isenberg	Sunday, March 28 7:30 p.m.	Zoom RSVP with Joi at jnoel@cbi-nj.org See Details in this Guide!

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of Congregation Bnai Israel
wish you and your loved ones a "Ziessen Pesach."***