

# PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PASSOVER EXPERIENCE

Length of program: 45-50 min. w/o participation; 60-70 min. w/ participation at tables; 2-2-½ hrs w/ participation at tables and meal | **Print/copy the 1-page double-sided Haggadah programs for everyone** | **If a worship leader is available, it is highly recommended to end with *Who You Say I Am* or *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* or *This Is Amazing Grace*.**

The table(s) should be set **at least 1 hour** prior to the program as follows:



## A. **HEAD TABLE** (a 6 or 8ft. rectangular table should be used)

- Note:** If this is being done in a service or for a large group with multiple tables, the head table should be set and used for the speaker only. But if this is being done in your home, the head table should also serve as the table where the guests are seated (unless there is sufficient space to do otherwise)
- Table cover.** White is the traditional color, but you are *strongly* encouraged to replace or accent it with more vibrant colors (see pic at right→). It is also *especially* nice to set out 4 place settings without chairs (2 on the back side & 1 at each end) to make the table appear like it's one that people will be eating at.
  - TWO 10 or 12 inch dripless white or ivory candles, candle holders, and matches**
  - ONE glass/cup filled with drinking water**
  - SIX glass dessert bowls** (preferred for head table) or **clear cocktail cups** (short 9 oz.):
    - One filled with **prepared/ground horseradish** (the hotter, the better!). **Note:** This is sometimes, but not always, found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store. **Do not** get the creamy variety in the non-refrigerated section. If you're doing section "B" below, one jar is sufficient for every 2 tables.
    - One filled with **salted water** (a teaspoon of salt is sufficient)
    - One filled with **charoset\***(recipe below)
    - One filled with long sprigs of **fresh parsley** (try to keep the parsley cool or it will become wilted)
    - One for **UNpeeled hardboiled white or brown egg\*\***(see below)
    - One for a **lamb shank bone**—*Don't worry—Justin has one that he'll bring with him!*
  - ONE wine glass or 9 oz. clear cup with 4-6 oz. of grape juice or kosher wine**
  - ONE Box of Matzah** (aka, Matzoh/Matzos) and a **plate**—available in the Kosher section of your grocery store; non-salted variety is preferred; do not purchase the small matzah (sometimes called Tam Tam) crackers that are similar in size to Ritz crackers). Please don't worry if the box says "NOT FOR PASSOVER."
  - ONE chair** at the end of the table for "Elijah." No other chairs are needed for the head table unless this is being done in someone's home.



## B. **PARTICIPANT TABLES** (Part B should **ONLY** be done if the congregation will be participating. If rectangular tables are being used, position/angle them so that people's backs aren't facing the head table.) **EACH PARTICIPANT TABLE SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- Table cover**, cloth, paper or plastic
- 2 candles (any size), candleholders, and matches** (If this is being done in a facility that has a fire code, you can forego having the candles on the individual tables)
- 1 Seder Plate** (per table): One sturdy plate with same items as #4 (a-e) above. Place items d & e directly on the plate and items a, b & c in short 9 oz. cups and then put the plate in the center of each table. **SEE PIC ABOVE**
- 1 Plate of Matzah** (per table). Enough for everyone at the table to have ½ to 1 slice each.
- 1 Matzah Tosh/Unity Pouch** (per table). Use 2 large paper or cloth dinner napkins (1/4 folded). In the 1<sup>st</sup> napkin, place one slice of matzah in each fold and one in the center (**TOTAL 3 SLICES OF MATZAH**). **SEE PIC→** Then lay the 2<sup>nd</sup> unused (empty) napkin on top of the napkin that has the 3 Matzos in it.

**(Plan on purchasing 1 BOX of Matzah PER TABLE to cover both #4 & #5)**

### **EACH INDIVIDUAL PLACE SETTING AT PARTICIPANT TABLES SHOULD INCLUDE:**

- One **napkin** (no tableware is needed for the Seder)
- One **dessert size plate** (If you're using disposable plates, you might want to use a different color than your table covering to provide some contrast)
- One **glass/cup of water for drinking**
- One **glass/cup of grape juice/kosher wine** (a pitcher/bottle can also be used for people to pour themselves)



**\*charoset** (per table): 1 apple peeled and *finely* chopped (or use a food processor to blend all the ingredients). Blend with approx. 3tbs of grape juice, ¼ tsp of cinnamon, 2tbs of honey and 1tbs *finely* chopped walnuts. You can also use 1-cup of chunky applesauce instead of real apples. Refrigerate and drain excess liquid in strainer before serving.

Questions?

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