

PESACH RESOURCES 2024.

As I said in the shiur/class the goal is to enhance the seder and not to replace it! So use these resources to highlight the powerful messages of seder night.

- A. **BREAKING NEWS** – CUT THESE OUT AND NUMBER THEM ON THE OUTSIDE, PRINT THIS LIST BELOW BEFORE CHAG AND ASK FOR THEM AT RELEVANT POINTS OF THE STORY. You can then explain them. (SUGGESTED MOMENTS IN BRACKETS – page references to the Artscroll paperback family Haggada)

For extra effect, the news reader can use frame

1. PHAROAH'S NEW DECREE "NO STRAW FOR BRICKS" BRINGS EXTRA WORK FOR THE HEBREW SLAVES (Avadim hayinu – we were slaves p.26)
2. FATHER OF YOSEF AND FAMILY RELOCATE TO EGYPT – "WE ARE NOT HERE FOR LONG" SAYS YAAKOV (he sojourned there – p 32)
3. "SLAVES ARE LAZY" DECLARES PHAROAH TO MOSES AND AHARON, "THEY MUST WORK HARDER" (the Egyptians did evil to us p. 32)
4. "THE KING IS DEAD" – LONG LIVE THE KING – THE NATION MOURNS THE LOSS OF PHAROAH, NEW PHAROAH READY TO RULE (It happened that the king of Egypt died p.34)
5. PRICES SOAR FOR BLOOD-FREE WATER AS EGYPTIANS PAY TO DRINK (plagues p. 38)
6. LICE ACROSS EGYPT IN NEW PLAGUE WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, MAGICIANS STUMPED BY THIS LATEST ATTACK (plagues)
7. EGYPTIANS FLEE TO HEBREW AREA OF GOSHEN TO ESCAPE THE DANGEROUS ANIMALS – BUT THE ANIMALS COME AFTER THEM (plagues)
8. EXPERTS BAFFLED BY THE OUT-BREAK OF BOILS ON HUMANS AND ANIMALS ACROSS THE REGION (plagues)
9. "WHERE IS MOSHE?" SCREAMS DESPERATE KING RUNNING THROUGH EGYPT IN HIS NIGHTWEAR (plagues)
10. "FOLLOW ME" SHOUTS PHAROAH IN HOT PURSUIT OF ESCAPED SLAVES TOWARDS THE RED SEA (dayeinu p. 40)
11. WAVES CRASH DOWN ON EGYPTIAN TROOPS - EXPERTS DECLARE "THIS IS A TRUE MIRACLE" (dayeinu)
12. "WHAT NEXT FOR THE REGION?" WORRIED CANAANITES AFTER STUNNING HEBREW VICTORY (dayeinu)

- B. KNOCK OUT THE EGYPTIAN GODS!

Cut out these pictures before Pesach. Fold them as instructed and check that they can stand them up or weight them down. (Try this out before Pesach).

This activity can be used in different ways depending on those in the audience. It could simply be a rowdy game for those who need to let off steam. Set up the gods in clear space and use a light ball (Or pre-prepare a scrunched page of newspaper to make a ball) to take it turns to knock out the gods!

Of course, there is a really important educational opportunity here that can be taken at several different levels. The class included the powerful idea that Hashem used 10 plagues

not just 1, to systematically “dismantle” the belief in the different gods of Egypt. Pick a plague and then discuss which gods it disproved only *then* throw the ball.

C. FIND YOUR PHRASE/NAME

This is a simple way to keep attention during the haggada. Pick a number of phrases from the haggada. Print them out before Yom tov. Hand them out around the table. When the person’s phrase comes up in the haggada, they call out/clap...

This can be enhanced in many different ways depending on the age/stage of those around the table. For example, once your phrase comes up, you read it out and explain what it means! Also one can give less well-known phrases to those with more knowledge.

A simpler version of this is find the names: same concept but a list of names, both people and places.

To get you started, here is a sample list of phrases in English. (Note that in English, translations will vary so you can explain that it can a very similar phrase)

- The more one tells about the coming out of Egypt the more he is praiseworthy. (We were slaves p. 26)
- Had he been there, he would not have been redeemed (wicked son p. 28)
- Blessed is Hashem who kept His promise to Israel (p. 30)
- In every generation they rise up against us to destroy us (p. 30)
- And Hashem heard our cry (p. 35)
- Has Hashem ever attempted to take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation (p.37)

How about finding names!

PHAROAH, EGYPT, RABBI AKIVA, RABBI ELAZAR BEN AZARYA, YEHOSHUA, TERACH, YITZCHOK, ESAV, AVRAHAM, LAVAN, YISROEL, RABBI YEHUDA, MOSHE (this is a hard one!), RABBI YOSI HAGLILI, HAR SINAI, RABBAN GAMLIEL, YARDEN, ELIYAHU

Write or print out the names on slips of paper and hand out before the seder.

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