



Passover Traditions: The Seder

The Passover **seeder** is a ritual meal eaten the first night of the Passover holiday. In some traditions, a seder also takes place on the second and eighth nights of Passover. This seder meal is different from any other holiday meal, including special foods, blessings and rules. One person leads the seder, reading from a book called the haggadah, and the others follow along in their own haggadot. The seder includes a retelling and a symbolic reliving of the Israelites' escape from slavery in the land of Egypt. Everyone, adult and child alike, has a part in the seder. Kids have their own special roles. They are responsible for finding the afikomen, the special piece of matzah hidden by the leader at the beginning of the seder. According to tradition, the seder cannot end until the afikomen is found and eaten,

Word scramble!

Unscramble the letters to form the word that completes the sentence.

1. The Hebrew word **seeder** means _____ . ERRDO
2. The youngest child at the seder table is responsible for reading the traditional series of questions called the "Mah _____ ." HNAHNTAIS
3. It is traditional to open the front door during the seder as a symbolic invitation to the Prophet _____ . AHIJEL

In some traditions, the pieces of the afikomen are thought to bring luck. Some people make a wish when they eat it. What would you wish for?