

# How Passover Is Celebrated



twinkl

# Passover

What do you already know about Passover?



# What Is Passover?



Passover is one of the most important festivals in the **Jewish** year.

Passover is called Pesach in **Hebrew**.

Click on the words in bold to find out more.

**Jewish** – a person whose religion is **Judaism**

**Hebrew** – an ancient language that is the official language of Israel



# When Is Passover?

Passover is celebrated in spring by Jewish people.



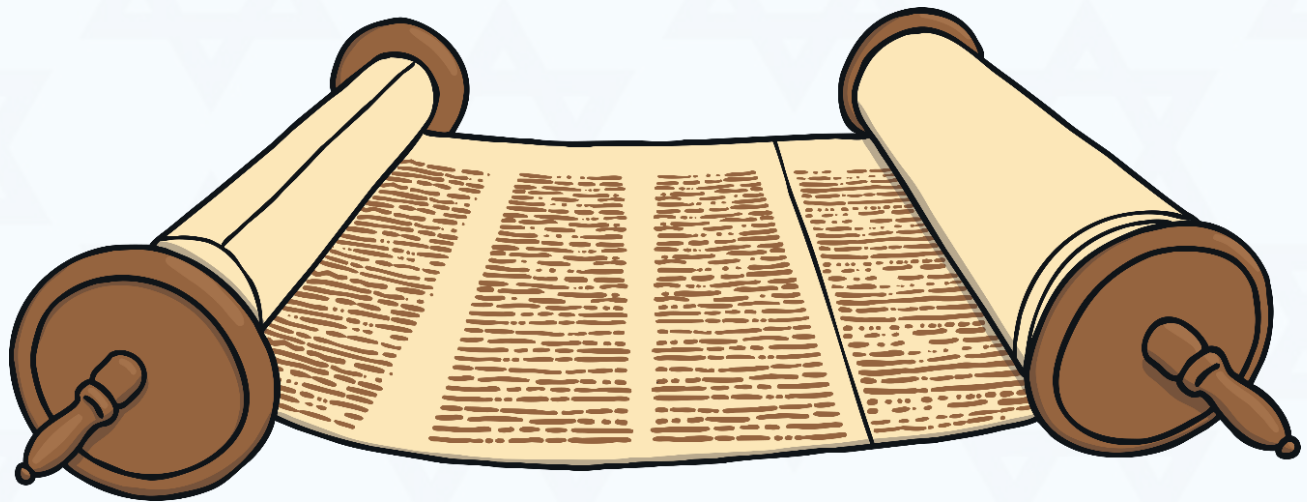
Photo courtesy of danbruell (@flickr.com) - granted under creative commons licence - attribution

# Why Is Passover Celebrated?

Passover is celebrated by Jewish people, who remember how the Israelite people were freed from slavery by Moses over 3000 years ago. The story of Passover is in the **Torah**, the Jewish holy book.

**Torah** – Jewish holy book

Click on the words in bold to find out more.



# How Is Passover Celebrated?

Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days.

On the evening before Passover begins, there is a special service called a **Seder**.

At the Seder meal there is a special **Seder plate** on the table.

Click on the words in bold to find out more.

**Seder** – means 'order' in Hebrew

**Seder plate** – an important part of the Seder meal, this plate has five sections to hold some special Seder foods.

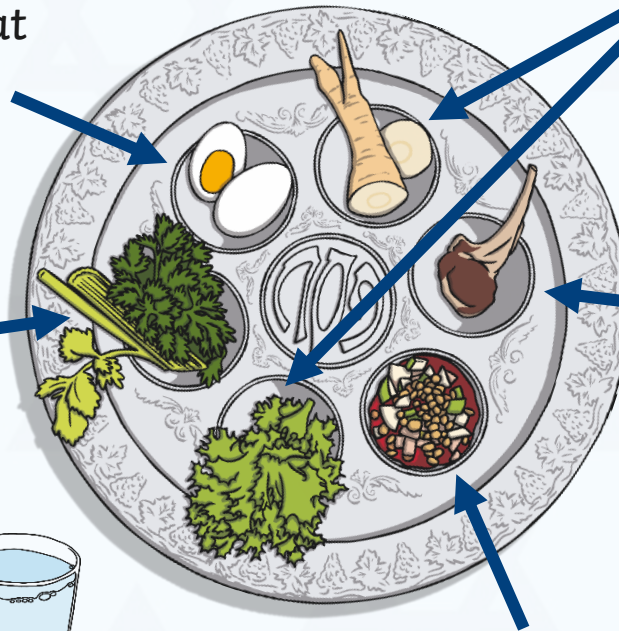
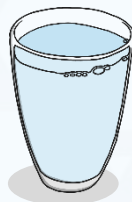


# How Is Passover Celebrated?

**Beitzah** – a roasted, hard-boiled egg that represents sacrifice but also new life

**Karpas** – a fresh green vegetable, often parsley, which symbolises the freshness of spring

**Salt water** – symbolizes the tears and sweat of enslavement



**Maror and chazeret** – Two types of bitter herbs, reminding people of the bitterness of slavery

**Zeroa** – A roasted lamb or chicken bone to symbolises offerings made to God

**Charoset** – a mixture of ground apples, nuts, ginger, cinnamon and wine, which symbolises the mortar used by the Israelites when they were forced to make bricks

# How Is Passover Celebrated?

At the Seder meal, three **matzot** breads are placed on top of each other. The middle matzah is broken and the biggest piece is hidden. Children hunt for the matzah and to win a prize.

**Matzot** – an unleavened bread

Click on the words in bold to find out more.





# How Is Passover Celebrated?

Four small glasses of wine are drunk. People have different ideas about what this symbolizes.

Some people think that the wine is a symbol of freedom. They believe that the four cups represent four promises made by God to save and protect the Israelites.

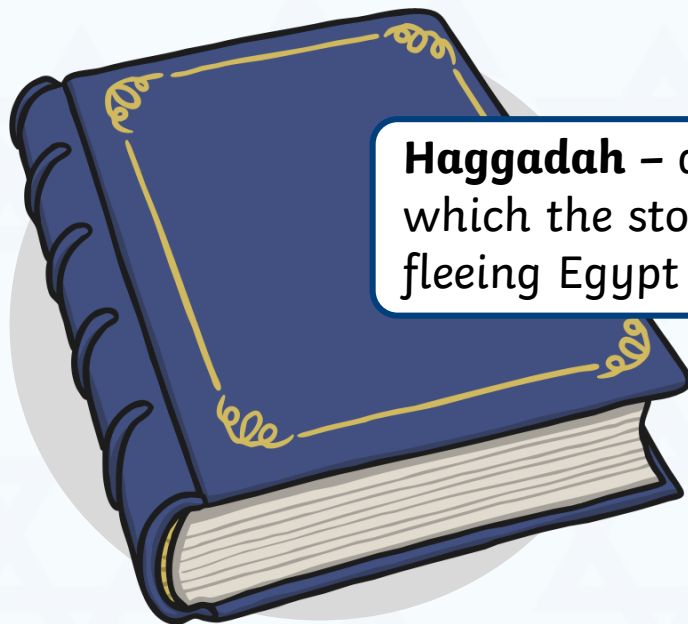


# How Is Passover Celebrated?

The story of how the Israelites fled from Egypt is retold at Passover. It is read from a book called the **Haggadah**.

Click on the words in bold to find out more.

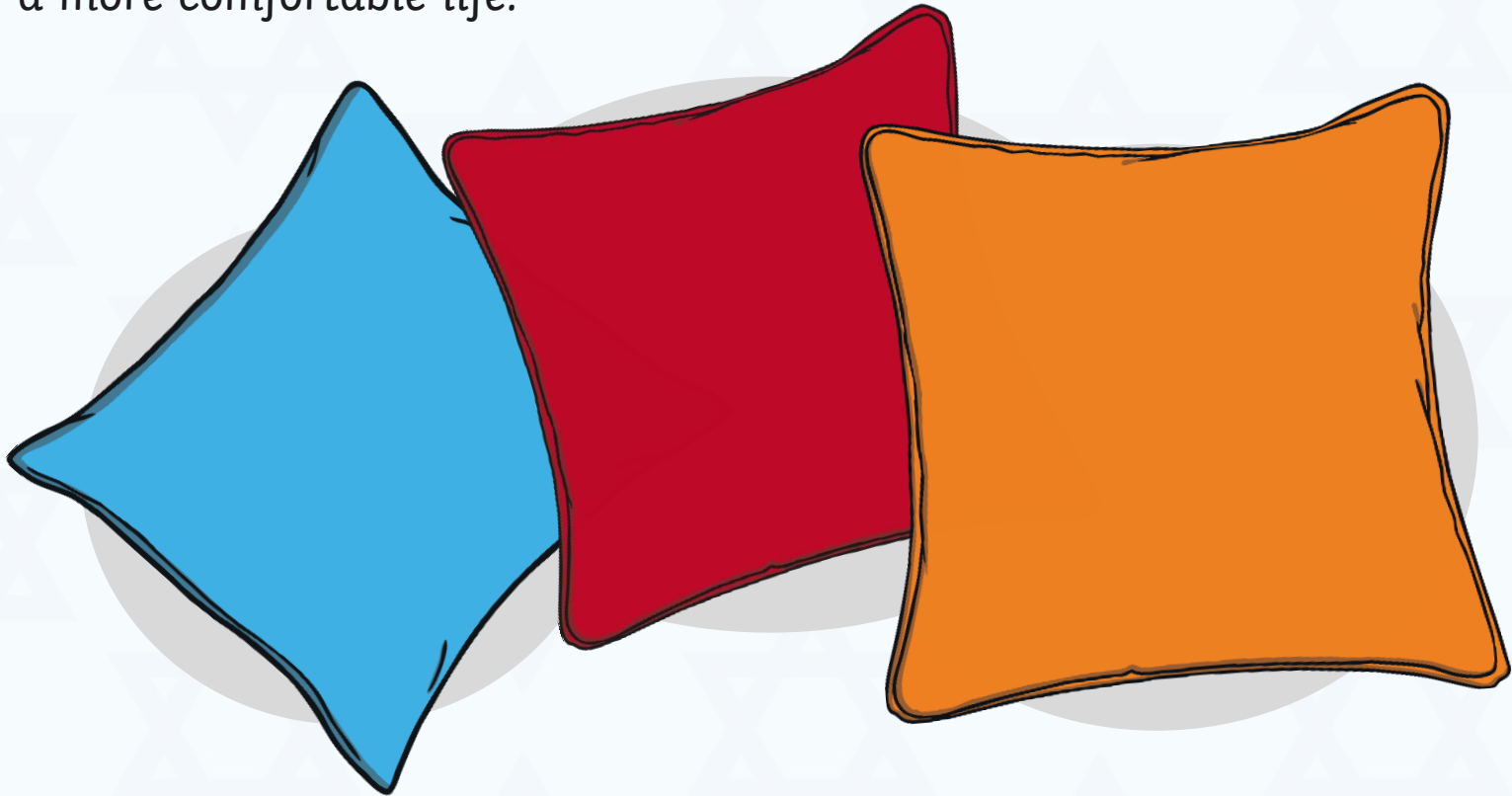
**Haggadah** – a special book from which the story of the Israelites fleeing Egypt is read.



# How Is Passover Celebrated?

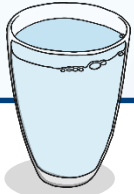
Everyone at the Seder has a cushion to lean on.

This is to remind them that the Israelites were freed from slavery to live a more comfortable life.



# Try It!

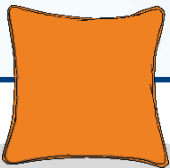
Match the Pesach **symbols** to the descriptions.



Salt water



Maror



Cushion

A symbol of the freedom and comfort of the Israelites when they were released from slavery

A symbol of the bitterness of slavery

A symbol of the sweat and tears shed during slavery

# Glossary

**Haggadah** – a special book from which the story of the Israelites fleeing Egypt is read

**Hebrew** – an ancient language that is the official language of Israel

**Jewish** – a person whose religion is Judaism

**Judaism** – one of the world's oldest religions

**Maror** – a bitter herb eaten as part of the Seder meal

**Matzot** – an unleavened bread

**Seder** – means 'order' in Hebrew.

**Seder plate** – an important part of the Seder meal, this plate has five sections to hold some special Seder foods

**Symbol** – something that represents or reminds you of something else

**Torah** – Jewish holy book



twinkl