


PASSOVER PLACE CARDS


Welcome your guests to their seats with these trivia placecards, while sharing Passover rituals that highlight diverse and global histories. Repair the World and Be'chol Lashon invite you to explore how the Jewish community, a multiracial and multiethnic people, can examine our past and present journeys from Exodus to freedom. Ask guests to read their place cards aloud and share their own Passover traditions!

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QUESTION Why do Jews from Gibraltar sprinkle a little bit of brick dust into their charoset?

ANSWER To remind them of the bricks that the Israelite slaves were forced to make.



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QUESTION What do Hungarian Jews place on the Seder table to represent the precious gifts given to the Israelites as they departed Egypt?

ANSWER Gold and jewelry




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QUESTION When they read the piece of the Haggadah that begins "We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt" (in Hebrew "Avadim Hayinu"), Jews from this country take a pillowcase filled with heavy objects and carry it on their backs around the table.

ANSWER Syria




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QUESTION Which symbol from the seder plate do the Kavkazi Jews of the Caucasus hide for the children to find instead of the matza?

ANSWER An egg




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QUESTION On Passover, Jews from which country recall the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, as well as their modern-day exodus to Israel via clandestine military airlifts in the 1980s and 90s?

ANSWER Ethiopia




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QUESTION Why do many Middle Eastern Jewish families whip each other with scallions at the Seder table?

ANSWER To mimic the whips of slave drivers in Egypt.



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QUESTION Because Moses floated in the river in this, what item do many Jews of Tunisia decorate with a colored cloth and place on the Seder table?

ANSWER A basket

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QUESTION At Passover, the Abayudaya Jews of what country celebrate the anniversary of the overthrow of the brutal dictator Idi Amin, who outlawed the practice of Judaism?

ANSWER Uganda

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QUESTION At the beginning of the Seder, what do Jews from Morocco pass above their heads three times while reciting "In haste we came out of Egypt"?

ANSWER A Seder Plate

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QUESTION Tunisian Jews place a fish bowl with live fish swimming in it on the Passover table. Which part of the Exodus story does this commemorate?

ANSWER The crossing of the Red Sea

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QUESTION What do Iraqi Jews tie to the back of a small child while telling them to guard it until end of the Seder?

ANSWER The Afikomen

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QUESTION In which country is the Seder "interrupted" by a knock on the door by a member of the family dressed up as a nomad. The leader of the Seder asks: "Where are you coming from?" (Egypt) "Where are you going?" (Jerusalem).

ANSWER Israel

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