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A Letter from the Principal

Dear CMCH Parents and Students,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the first ever **CMCH Connect** magazine, created by our amazing and talented CMCH students.

You may know that the word "Haggadah" means to relate, tell, or expound, as its main purpose is to help us retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. But did you know that it also comes from the Hebrew root "ח.ל.ח." meaning to bind, join, or connect? By involving our children in the Seder rituals and the reading of the Haggadah, we give them a sense of **connection** to the Jewish people throughout history. This connects them to our past and our future, and makes them active participants in our story. So it's only fitting that our students take the lead in creating "**Connect**," a magazine to honor and celebrate Pesach!

I am proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of our students who have written articles, created art, and put together this beautiful magazine. Their creativity, talent, and enthusiasm are a testament to the power of our school community, and I am honored to share it with you.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Rabbi Dovid Rahmani, who has spearheaded this project and to all the teachers who helped make it happen. We are grateful for their dedication to our students' education and to our school's growth.

I hope that you will appreciate the articles, art, and pictures in this magazine. I wish you all a happy and meaningful Pesach, and I look forward to sharing the continued growth and success of our students with you in the future.

Chag Kasher V'sameach,

Mrs. Leah Sollish

The Pesach Seder

BY: MUSHKA CHARYTAN, GRADE 8

P- Pesach so amazing, especially the Seder,
Being around my family, and going to bed later.

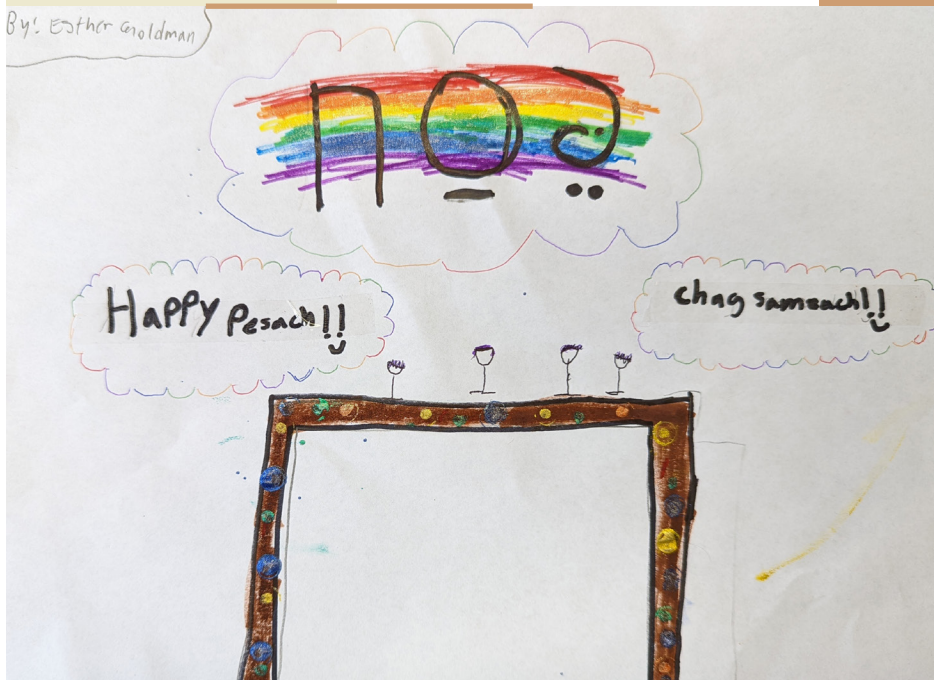
E- Everyone gathers around as we set up the Ka'arah, (Seder Plate)
And soon the children all get up, to say the Ma Nishtana.

S- Sipping the four cups of wine at the Seder table,
I read through my Haggadah for as long as I am able.

A- Awesome Matzah, awful Maror, and the sandwich Korech,
Afikomen for dessert, but first comes Shulchan Orech.

C- Carefully opening the door for Eliyahu, I watch the cup so still,
Hoping he will take a sip, and that it will not spill.

H- Hallel we sing our favorite songs, and all hope for the better,
That next year in Yerushalayim we'll spend Pesach together!



The Pesach of Now

BY: BATSHEVA CHAZANOW, GRADE 8

The Haggadah that we read on Pesach has all the history of our incredible Pesach story and more. One thing it doesn't have, is a mention of Moshe. Besides one reference to him, Moshe isn't mentioned in the Haggadah at all.

This raises the obvious question. Moshe, Hashem's right-hand man, the one person who has everything to do with the story of Yetzias Mitzraim, is not talked about at all. Why is that?

The reason why Moshe is not mentioned is because talking about Moshe indicates that the Pesach story is something of the past, a

story we're just remembering. (Moshe was our leader THEN.) The whole theme of Pesach is our personal freedom; Reliving it everyday anew. Pesach is not a 'then,' it's a 'now'! Every day we are commanded to see ourselves as if we just left egypt. Breaking away from their bonds, AKA breaking away from the things that hold us back in our day to day lives.

So when Pesach rolls around, live with this. Pesach is in the 'now'. It applies to us all day, every day. Everyday we have a new chance to redeem ourselves!



The Rebbe's Piece of Matzah

BY: CHANA WOLF, GRADE 4

Last year Pesach Mrs. Grossbaum, a Shlucha in California, gave birth to a baby girl. A few moments later the doctor checked Mrs. Grossbaum and wheeled her to the emergency room. Then she didn't remember anything for the next week.

Her husband told all Yidden around the world to say Tehillim for Golda Hadas Bas Shterna Sarah. Her friend, Mrs. Shmotkin, knew what was going on and while she was lighting candles for Shvi'i Shel Pesach she remembered that she had a piece of Matzah that her grandfather received from the Rebbe and that Matzah is "the Bread of Healing". But it was Yom Tov and there was nothing she could do about it.

By the Mashiach Seudah Mrs. Shmotkin opened the Derher magazine to read

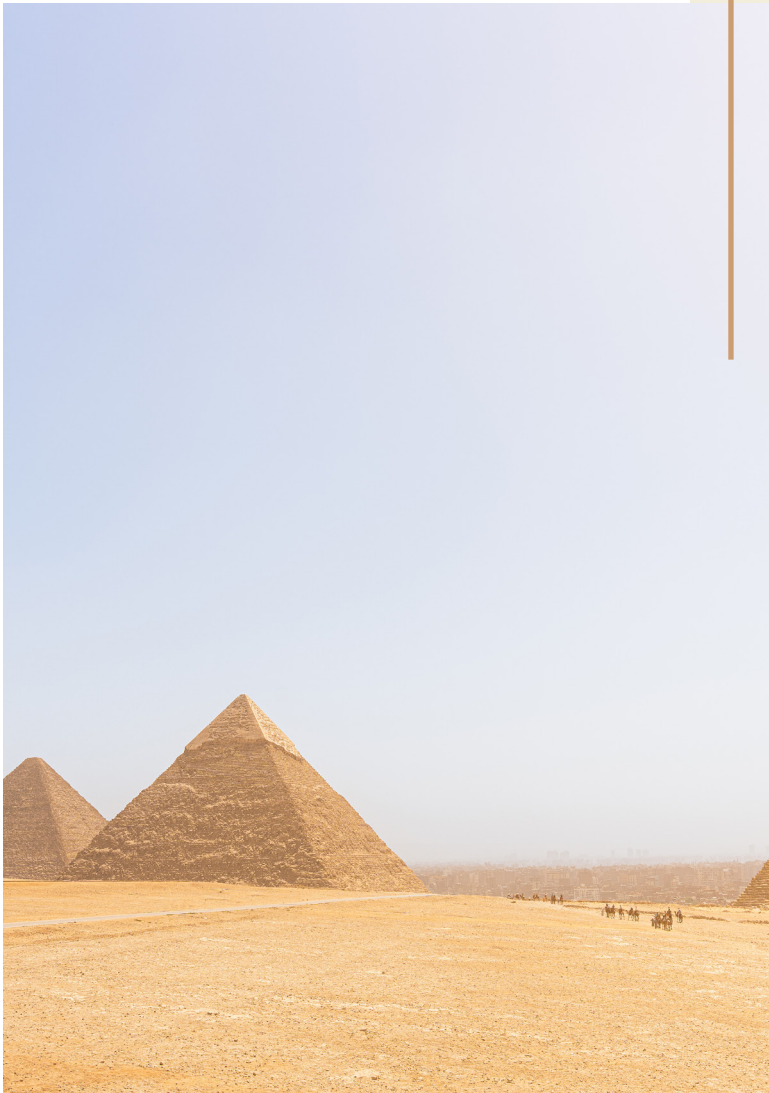
a story to her kids and she looked at a page that had pictures of the Rebbe giving Kos Shel Bracha after Pesach. On that page there was a small caption that said how someone approached the Rebbe to ask for a Bracha for Refuah Shleima. The Rebbe responded that he should go to give a piece of the Rebbe's Matza to the person who was sick. Mrs. Shmotkin knew now that she must go give the piece of Matzah to Mrs. Grossbaum.

After Yom Tov, she headed 2 hours to the hospital and Rabbi Grossbaum took the piece of matzah and mixed it into the puree she was being fed.

The next morning, a miracle happened and Mrs. Grossbaum awoke and was on the road to recovery! Her husband told her that they had a new baby girl Chaya Mushka and all about the Rebbe's Matza that she was fed. It took her a few days and she was discharged from the hospital. A few weeks later, she was completely better. B"H.

What I Think is Special About Passover

BY: YARDEN LIVNAT, GRADE 4



Passover is a special holiday.

The Jewish people got free from Egypt.

All the makos Hashem did to the Egyptians. I think it's amazing what Hashem did for the Jewish people. My favorite maka is barad, the fire and ice how Hashem put both of those together.

I think spending time with your family on Passover is special. I know all the children love staying up until midnight. Going places and traveling and seeing family.

That's why I think Passover is special.

Happy Passover!!!

The Four Sons

BY: ZELIG SHARFSTEIN, GRADE 6

A PESACH DVAR TORAH

The Haggadah says that the Torah talks about 4 different types of people who come to the seder. Those people are the Chacham (wise person), Rasha (evil person), Tam (simpleton) and She'eino Yodea Lishol (one who can't even ask).

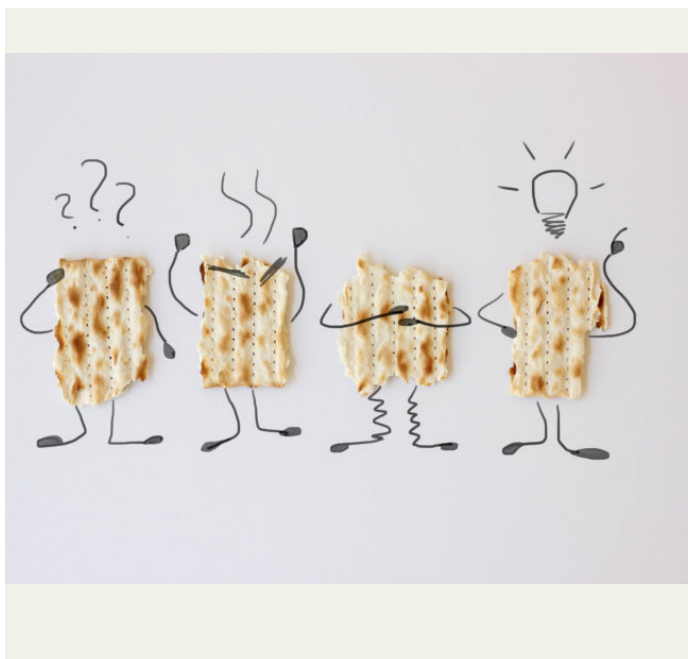
Question:

Why are they listed in this order? Seemingly it should start with Chacham and end with the Rasha. And even more so, why do we even invite the Rasha to the seder in the first place?

Answer:

The Gemara says *אף אל פי שחטא ישראל הוא* - "even though he sinned he is still a Jew." Every Jew, no matter who, has a neshama. It is just that by some people it might be covered up and hidden.

That is what the Haggadah is coming to teach us by putting the Chacham next to the Rasha. It shows that just like the Chacham has a Neshama the Rasha does too, even though he does a lot of sins. And he is also connected to Hashem no less than the other sons.



It says that the Jewish nation is compared to the Torah because the Torah has hundreds of thousands of letters and if even just one letter is missing the whole thing is pasul (not usable). And the same is with us Jews, if even just one of us are missing, the whole nation is incomplete. So by making sure that even the Rasha is by the Seder, all Jews are united and complete.

Additionally, the Haggadah's lesson to the Chacham is that he should see it as his obligation to help and teach the Rasha. And that's not all, the Rebbe introduces a fifth son which is the son that doesn't even come to the Seder cause he doesn't even know about it and it is up to us to bring him to the Seder and to teach him about Hashem and about Torah and Mitzvos.

And through the unity of all the Jews we will have Moshiach speedily in our days and when Moshiach comes, which will be this Pesach, we will merit to celebrate Pesach with the Korban Pesach in the Beis Hamikdash in Yerushalayim!

Adapted from a Sicha of the Rebbe

The Fifth Son

BY: CHANA NEW, GRADE 8



The four sons are very much talked about during the seder on Pesach. What if I told you there was a fifth? The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Reb Menachem Mendel Schneerson, famously spoke about this concept. In the hagaddah, the four sons mentioned are:

1. The "Chacham" – The "Wise" we interpret the "Chacham," the "wise" son, knowing all about pesach and not at all rebellious.
2. The "Rasha" – The Wicked Son ...
3. The "Tam" – The Simple Son ...
4. The "She'Aino Yodea Lishol" – The Son who Doesn't Know Enough to Ask.

The 5th son is the Jew that is lost. With a tiny bit of recollection of who he is or where he came from. The Jew is inching away from forgetting and leaving behind his judaism. Our role as Jews is to care for each other day to day. So, our job as individuals is to set up an extra seat at our seder to try and save that one Jew. We should grab onto that little piece of memory that still remains in the Jew and fully bring him back into the remembrance of who he really is. Every lost Jew that we bring back to the Jewish family can be compared to finding the most precious hidden treasure. Let's all ignite the Jewish spark that we all have within us and share it with the lost ones, to unite us all together.





Spread The News

BY: MILA SAGEL AND CHANA GOLDMAN

Happy Pesach one and all here is a story for you all.
Our story begins way back when Paraoh was king in
mitzrayim

Paraoh's decree shocked everyone
With all the baby boys that were sadly gone
But one baby boy was special in a way
He lit up his house with no words to say
His name was Moshe lets clear that out
Not going down a river without a doubt
One day the baby boy was down the river and Batya
the Egyptian stretched her arms as far as she could
to save the day
From her father that was gonna take him away
Then Batya went door to door looking for his mother
But every time baby moshe would not eat and
always bother
But then one door without a bother
Ate the milk from his real mother
When moshe was much older and the leader of the
Jews parho made a decree with all the Jews hard at
work.
Moshe one day went to Paraoh and said "let my
people go"
And Paraoh said no
Moshe tried again and again
and the still Jews in serious pain

Moshe tried again and if Paraoh said no
He would send the ten makos
And Paraoh said no
So Moshe said to Hashem "let the makos go"
So after that the first mako was the water turned into
blood
And Paraoh said "that's enough"
Paraoh said to Moshe "I will let your Jews go
if you stop this makka" Moshe said "yes if you let my
people go"
Paraoh said "sure" but did his let the Jews go?
Absolutely no.
Another 9 happened and by the last one Paraoh was
scared
He went to find Moshe for his life to be spared
I will let your people go but you must go now
Moshe told the people to gather around
Collect all you can from these people so bad
And let us leave this land that is so sad
So the next morning young and old
Left the land with all their gold
There was no time to bake bread
So matza was what they had instead
So now we remember how hashem saved the Jews
And now we can go and spread the news

Chag sameach to all!

The Additional Seder

BY: SHOLOM MENTZ, GRADE 3



Two Bochorim by the name of Levi Mentz and Hershey Shputz were sent on Merkos Shlichus to Destin, Florida for pesach. Their job was to find any Jewish people who live in that area and do not have a planned Seder.

The two bochorim checked into their hotel and asked the lady at the front desk if she was Jewish. "Yes", was the reply. "So come to the Seder!" "What Seder?", asked the lady. The bochorim explained that there was going to be a public Seder in the social hall at the hotel. The lady asked what time it would be, they told her 7:30 pm. "I'm so sorry", the lady said, "but I will not be able to attend". "Why not?" asked the bochorim, "because I do not finish work until 10:00pm." "So maybe you can ask your boss if you can skip a few hours of work", suggested the bochorim. "I'm sorry but that will not work", was the lady's reply.

"But it's Pesach", the Bochorim said. "I'm so sorry but I can not attend", the lady repeated. "Are you sure your boss will say

no?", the bochorim confirmed. "I'm so sorry but I'm afraid that no will be the answer," the lady said.

The Bochorim did not know what to do. This lady was completely Jewish and needed to have a proper Seder with all the mitzvahs: eating matzah, the four cups of wine, the Hillel sandwich etc.

"You know what," Levi and Hershey said, "we will make a whole new Seder just for you!" "Really," the lady said in excitement. "Absolutely!" the bochorim said. "After you finish work, come to the social hall and we will have a whole new Seder!" "Wow, thank you so much."

On the Seder night there was a public Seder for all the jews in the area. Around 10:00 pm the lady came to the social hall for the Seder. Everyone already left and the Bochorim sat her down and had a beautiful Seder. They went through the whole Haggadah again and all the mitzvahs all over again.

This story shows how we always have to be ready to make sure that all Jews are able to do every Mitzvah. Rabbi Levi Mentz now serves as the Shliach to Forsyth County, GA and Rabbi Hirshy Sputz directs Chabad of Fairmount in Center City, Philadelphia.

Elijah's First Seder

BY: SHOLOM SOLLISH, GRADE 8

My name is Elijah and a few days ago I was walking my dog when I saw a building I had never seen before. It said Congregation Beth Teffilah! I wondered what was happening there because there was a very serious looking security guard and I heard singing. It might be a party, I thought, and if it was a party I would love to go! I crept up to the fence and quietly climbed over, hoping no one would see me. I walked through a little forest with some nice flowers till I got to a path. Either the shadows were tricking me or there were a lot of monsters in the forest. The path led me to some stairs that rose to the building. I climbed up the stairs, opened the door, and looked inside.

There were people everywhere! And what was even more strange was that they were all wearing the same types of things! The men were all wearing a black jacket, black hat, and a white shirt underneath. The women were all wearing fancy dresses. Even the kids dressed up like their parents! I heard someone say to his friend, "Why do we have a Haggadah at Passover?" "I don't know," his friend replied, "why?" "So we can Seder right words," He responded. His friend laughed but I didn't get it.

I looked around and I saw a sign that said "Pesach Seder." I had no idea what that was, but it sounded cool. The sign led to a room. I walked in and there were even more people than before! I overheard someone talking about food so I sat down and hoped I would get some too. While I was waiting, I heard someone



say that the man at the head of the table was called a Rabbi. Suddenly everybody stopped talking. I looked up to see what was going on. The Rabbi was wearing a black hat and jacket like everyone else but also had a beard.

He started saying, "Welcome everyone to the Pesach Seder. Pesach commemorates when we were freed from slavery 3000 years ago. To celebrate, we have a Seder. A Seder in Hebrew means an 'order,' so our meal is in an order with different rituals and foods by each step. I hope everyone can feel a greater connection to G-d after our Seder. Thank you, and have a great time." After his speech everyone started clapping.

"We will now start the meal with the blessing of wine," he said. I poured myself a cup, but I wasn't sure why he told us to bless it, maybe it was the wine's birthday. I had to listen to him so I blessed the wine with success in business, happiness, and health. I saw the Rabbi giving his wine blessings in Hebrew. I felt very attached to my cup of wine after that so it was horrifying to see the Rabbi



drink all of his wine after his blessings.

He told us the next step was to wash our hands three times on the right, then three times on the left, and then dip our potatoes into the water bowls on the table. I decided it would be easier to wash my hands normally to make it faster. When I got back to my seat, no one was talking. It was very strange. The Rabbi blessed his potato, dipped it in the water, and ate it. I started getting used to the blessing before eating. I like my potatoes without water so I just ate mine plain. I poured some water from one of the bowls into my cup and drank. It was disgusting! It tasted like ocean water! To everyone else's disgust, I spat it all out on the table!

Next, the Rabbi said we needed to break the middle "Matza" in half and put away the larger piece for later. I had no idea what a "Matza" was, but it sounded like a Mazda. If there are cars for us, I definitely won't break mine in half. I eventually realized that Matza was one of the three flat breads on our plate, and we were breaking it in half to eat later. When I cracked the matza though, it was perfectly in half! I didn't know what to do! I asked the person next to me what to do, and

he didn't know either. I walked up to the Rabbi and asked him for advice. He said to take another one and crack it again. The exact same thing happened! At this point, no one knew what to do. We decided to have someone else break it for me. We figured it all out and were ready for the next part of the Seder. The Rabbi told us this next step was a little boring. At least I think that's what he said but I can't know for sure because I fell asleep in the middle.

When I woke up, I heard the Rabbi saying, "This is the cup of Elijah," pointing at a big gold cup in the middle of the table. "It commemorates Elijah who comes to all of our Seders." I was a little confused because this was my first time here but I still came to the front. After all, he called me by my name. I was confused but I had to listen to the Rabbi. I went right up to the cup and drank it all in one gulp. When I finished, I looked around, satisfied with myself. Everyone was looking at me strangely. I looked to the Rabbi for help, but he was staring at me too. I walked over to him to ask what happened and why he wanted me to drink the cup. He explained to me that Elijah was a holy man in the olden days, and he spiritually came to our Seders to celebrate with us. I walked back to my seat, feeling a little ashamed of myself. He refilled the cup, and we continued the Seder.

We were now up to "Hallel," the second to last step in the Seder. I didn't understand what everyone else was doing so I started looking for things to do. I realized I had a piece of bread in my pocket so I took it out. The person next to me looked hungry so I also offered him a piece. I don't know why, but he freaked out and they kicked me out of the Seder room. Now I am outside with no car and I just realized I have no idea where my dog is.

Happy Pesach!



Last Year Pesach

BY: ELI SOLLISH, GRADE 3

Last Pesach was amazing, there was so much food and fun. I think out of my family I hid the Afikomen the best. Guess where I hid it? Inside my piano!

When it was time for the Maror I didn't want any. After the whole Seder was over it was about 2:00 in the morning I was very tired, and wanted to go to sleep, so I did.

The next morning I woke up, and I thought to myself, "Oh yeah there's another Seder today, I should get some good sleep this time." Afterwards, I went back to sleep. I woke up again with great energy, and was wide awake.

Later that day...

"This is going to be so fun!" I said, "it's about to be the Seder"

When it was time for the Afikomen, guess where I hid it? Inside my pillow!

"Time for the Maror" I said, "this is going to be amazing, I'm going to eat it this time!"

After the whole Seder which lasted till about 2:00 in the morning, I went to sleep and in a matter of minutes I fell asleep.





My Zeida's Haggadah

BY: CHAYA NEW, GRADE 4

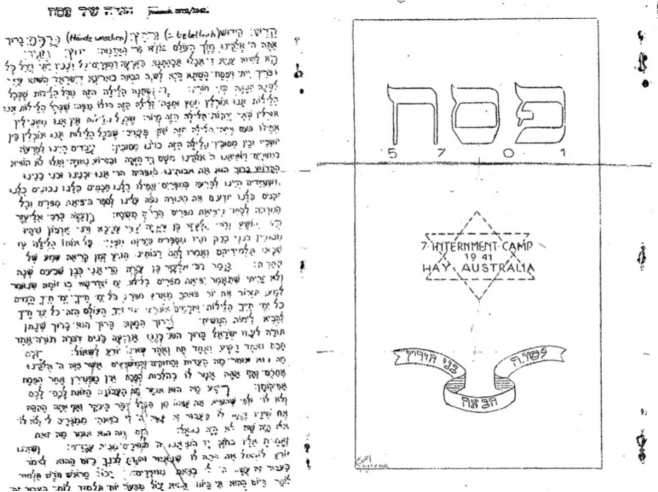
In Germany right before the war broke out, my great grandfather and his family escaped to England. When they arrived in England, the English thought they were German spies and put them on a ship to Australia.

The Ship was called the Denira and the people on the ship were treated terribly. They had horrible conditions and many of their things were thrown overboard. When they arrived in Australia they were put in an internment camp (which was kind of like a prison) in a town called Hay. Once at the camp my Zaide realized it was almost Pesach and he really wanted to have a seder and to say the whole Haggadah. However there was no Haggadahs in the camp. My zaide was only 20 years old at the time, but managed to write the entire haggadah by heart. The other "prisoners" were able to copy it and together they held a seder in the internment camp in 1941.

Eventually my Great Grandfather was allowed to leave the camp because the Jewish community in Melbourne needed a shochet and my zaide was one; so they secured his release. I am not sure of the haggadahs exact journey at this point, but what I do

know is that years later the Haggadah ended up on display in the Jewish Museum in Melbourne, Australia. It remains there today for everyone to see my zaide's amazing memory and commitment to Torah and Mitzvos even during really difficult times.

Below you can see the front cover and one of the pages of the Haggadah:





Open the Door for Eliyahu Hanavi

AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK ON JEWISH CONTINUITY

BY: LUBA LIPSKIER, GRADE 8

Tradition has it that the prophet Eliyahu visits every Jewish family at the Pesach seder. Tradition also has it that he appears at every circumcision where a special chair is reserved specifically for him.

Why is it specifically Eliyahu and no other prophet?

Well here's one reason. The Torah tells us in melachim, that after Eliyahu defeated the priests of Baal along with a lot of Jews that converted to paganism, he fled from Queen Izevel. She was outraged with him for humiliating her priests and wanted him killed. Eliyahu fled to the desert to hide.

During this time, he cries out to Hashem saying:

"The Jews have forsaken your covenant" -

עזבו בריתך בני ישראל

"They have destroyed your alter" -

את מזבחתך הראשו

"I am the only Jewish monotheist left" -

ויבשר אני ליבדו

Eliyahu was depressed, and he wondered deeply about the certainty of Jewish survival.

He felt that all the years of hard work spent inspiring the Jews, amounted to nothing for they

had forsaken Hashem.

So Hashem responded "No Eliyahu. Your efforts have not been in vain. In the future you will visit every seder and circumcision, and are therefore destined to bear constant witness of the Jews eternity.

Because you said *בריתך עזבו* you will witness the circumcision of a male Jew entering the covenant, in fact you will be known as Eliyahu Malchus Habris! Eliyahu the gatekeeper of the bris.

And because you said *את מזבחתך הראשו* you will represent when every Jewish family sits a round a table and celebrates the seder, when their tables are transformed into Hashem's alters.

And because you said *ויבשר אני ליבדו* I am the only Jew left. Not true! You will crash many more Jewish Simchot than anyone in history.

Through all this Hashem is teaching Eliyahu and us on how to look positively at the Jewish people; we must never despair, and must constantly continue to build, doing so guarantees that ultimately we will behold a glorious future.

The Baal Shem Tov's Attempted Journey To Eretz Yisroel

BY: LUNA ZAKON, GRADE 4

My Zaidy is a 10th generation descendant of the Baal Shemtov. Every year at the Moshiach Seudah my Zaidy tells us this story that the Baal Shemtov asked his children to share for 10 generations....

The Besht really wanted to go to Eretz Yisroel. One year he packed up his belongings and, together with his daughter and son-in-law, began the long journey to Eretz Yisroel. As they were passing through Constantinople they were robbed. All their possessions were taken except for the clothing on their backs. It was Erev Pesach, and Udel, the Besht's daughter was sitting on the bank of the Bosphorus River crying. A Jewish man was passing by and saw this scene. He called out to Udel "why are you crying?" to which she replied, "My father is a great and holy



Rabbi and we have nothing and nowhere to celebrate Pesach." The man generously offered them that they could stay with him for Pesach and have the Seders with him and his wife.

That night at the seder the Baal Shem Tov asked his host if there is anything he could bless him with. The man responded that Thank G-d Hashem had blessed them with wealth but sadly no child. The Besht blessed them with a child. A voice came down from heaven saying that this couple was not supposed to have a child and so the Baal Shem Tov lost his place in olam haba. The Baal Shemtov responded with excitement that now he can serve HASHEM with no ulterior motive. In response another voice came down from heaven saying you just earned your olam haba back plus another portion. (continued on page 20)

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Next, the Besht threw back his head, went into a trance, and became pale. The host started to panic until Udel reassured him that this was a common occurrence. The Besht stood like that for a couple of hours and came out of his trance at about dawn, pointed to the window where you were able to see the president of the local Jewish community walking by and said "Le'osei Niflaot Gedolot".

Later they all found out about the great miracle that had occurred; The Turkish Sultan was a great friend of the Jews and treated them well. When this Sultan passed away his young son took over. The new ruler had an advisor that did not like the Yidden and was intent on finding a way to take them down. One day The young Sultan was riding through the Jewish quarter with his advisor when he was invited by the Jews to attend their seder. Excitedly the young sultan

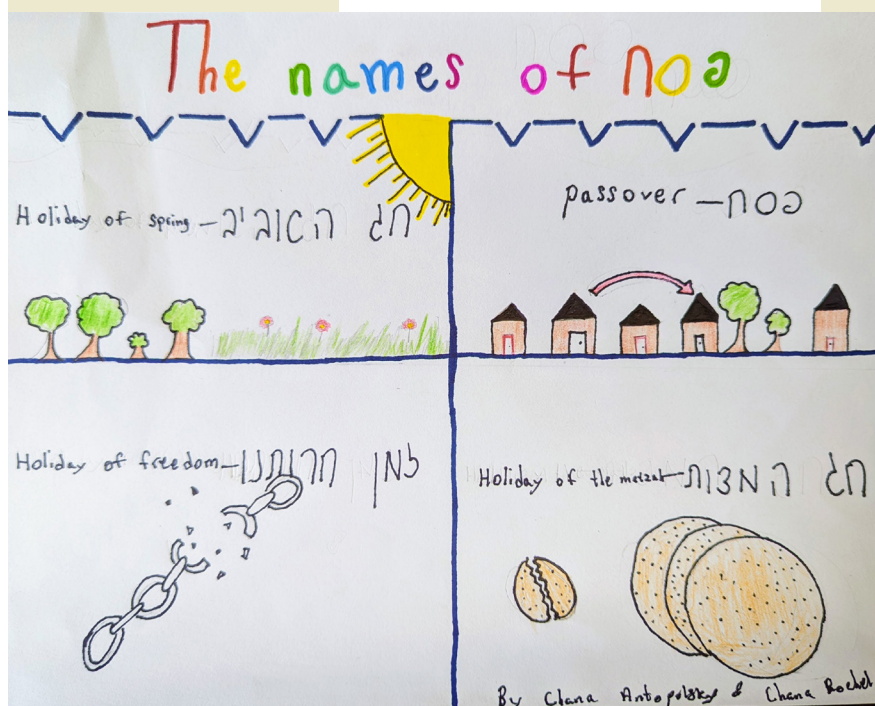
joined. At the end of his visit, he was gifted with the highest regard one of the precious matzahs which he excitedly accepted. On their way back to the palace, the king's advisor mocked" Look how the Jews make fun of you and only give you a cracker as a gift". The king being young and naive believed his advisor and decided to make the Jews of his country suffer.

That night he couldn't sleep. His mother heard him tossing and turning and came in to see what was bothering her child. He admitted to her that he's started up with the Jews to which she vehemently protested. They called the Rabbi and he helped save the day.

After Yom Tov, the Baal Shem Tov, his family, and scribe boarded another ship headed straight to Israel. During the trip there was a wild storm that almost caused the ship to tip over. The people on the ship drew lots and threw The Beshts son in law into the sea. The storm still went strong, so The Baal Shem Tov threw his holy papers into the water and the seas became calm. The ship stopped at an island. The Besht and his scribe ended up being captured by cannibals. They escaped by burning through the ropes with their passionate recitation of the Aleph Beis.

By the time they made it back to the port the only ship there was a ship heading away from Eretz Yisroel and back to Constantinople. In Turkey they met up with The Beshts son in law who had been saved by a sailor they believed to be Eliyahu Hanavi. The Besht realized that Hashem did not want him going to Eretz Yisroel and they headed back to Mezhibuzh.





The Names of Pesach

BY: LEBA FRIEDMAN, GRADE 7

Pesach has three names: חג המצות, זמן חרותנו, and פסח. The one most commonly referred to by us is Pesach, but if you look into any Haggadah it will almost always say Chag Hamatzos. So why do we use a different name than Hashem for this yomtov?

We get the name Chag Hamatzos from when the Jews were leaving Egypt and they didn't have any time for their bread to rise. The Torah shows us a different perspective and tells us that it was not that the Jews didn't have any time for the bread to rise, but they were just too eager to get to Matan Torah that they didn't want to waste time on their bread rising.

We get the name Pesach/Passover from when Hashem came around with the last makkah of מכת and passed over all of us Jews, sparing us from being harmed.

We use the name pesach as a thanks to Hashem for passing over us. The same goes for Hashem's name for this holiday. He calls it Chag Hamatzos in a thanks to us for being so ready and excited for the receiving of the Torah that we didn't want the small things to distract us.

What we can take from this is a new way of defining our relationships with others. We can look at this and learn from Hashem and the Yidden that the unconditional love and gratitude is always there. We have such a deep and loving connection with Hashem and we can take that and broadcast it into our real-life relationships. No, you should not base the love you have for a friend on the things that you do, yet you should constantly strive to be grateful for the effort your friend brings to the table.



This is Your Story

BY: YAFFA ANTOPOLSKY, GRADE 8

Every person has a Mitzrayim, a Pharaoh, a Moshe, and Yetzias Mitzrayim. Mitzrayim is the place inside of you that stops you from spiritually changing and growing. Pharaoh, is the voice that makes fun of you, "Why should you try something if you can't do it? Aren't you already good enough?" Moshe, is the force deep inside of you to pull through any struggle you may have. This year we have the chance to break through our "Mitzrayim" and our "Pharaoh" and spread light to the world.



The Unexpected Pesach

BY: ELI LIPSKIER, GRADE 3

A long time ago in the city of Prague there lived a very holy Rav whose name was Reb Yechezkel Landau. He lived in the country of Czechoslovakia. All the people who had questions came to him.

One day Reb Yechezkel was on a walk and all of a sudden he heard a boy crying, so he came over and said what's wrong "I have bread that I need to sell and if I don't my father will beat me up." So Reb Yechezkel asked, "how much does it cost?" 100 dollars. Reb Yechezkel gave him the money and the boy was so happy.

A long time passed and the people of the city were in the shul davening on pesach after the first Seder and suddenly the back door of the shul opened up and a 20 year old non Jewish boy comes in and goes straight to Reb Yechezkel. "Rabbi come out I need to talk to you urgently", he said. "Could you wait till after praying is over?", asked the Rabbi. "No it's so urgent." Then Reb Yechezkel said fine. "Do you remember me. Reb Yechezkel." Reb Yechezkel said "no." "I'm the boy you that was crying and then you gave money to me in the marketplace." "Oh but why are you here." "Im here to pay you back. My father is a baker and last night I heard that they are poisoning the matzahs

because all you jews buy from the non jewish bakers after passover so thats why i'm here." "Ok, thank you. You could leave now."

Now Reb Yechezkel knew a plan that you will read in a second.

"Ok everybody quiet down Reb Yechezkel is speaking," the Gabbai of the shul announced.

"Fellow yidden," Reb Yechezkel said, "I made a mistake. The calendar says the first seder was meant to be yesterday and the second seder is meant to be today but today is the first seder."

The yidden were confused but said if Reb Yechezkel said so it's true. On motzei pesach, when Pesach was supposed to have ended, all of the non jewish bakers were waiting for the jew's to come. "Hah those jews when they come they will buy the bread and die har har har."

Meanwhile by the jews' side they were still having their last fake day of pesach. The next day Reb Yechezkel told the police about the non jewish bakers plan " "Open up in the name of the law" ok ok i'm coming. Oh police why are you here." "Im here to check your food. Is there any poison in it." Ur... no" "ok now give the bread to the dog. If you don't you will go to jail" "so the baker gave the dog the bread and the dog died and he did that for all the bakers and that's how Reb Yechezkel saved the jewish people of Prague.

Theres a lesson we can learn whenever we do a mitzvah hashem will always pay us back.

Have A Good Pesach!



What Does Pesach Mean?

BY: MENUCHA SHARFSTEIN, GRADE 8

Pesach is the holiday when we celebrate the fact that we are free. It's a holiday when we don't eat chametz and have a seder. But what does pesach really mean? In the year 2448 (1313 BCE) on the 15th of Nissan, the tenth and last plague happened. The tenth plague was when the firstborn children died. In Egypt, Hashem played a game of hopscotch. He skipped over, or passed over, the Jewish houses. Their firstborns had a harmless night, unless they ate too much matzah. That's why this holiday is called pesach. Pesach in English means to pass over. Each year, we remember that we were not chosen! Isn't it great not to be chosen sometimes?

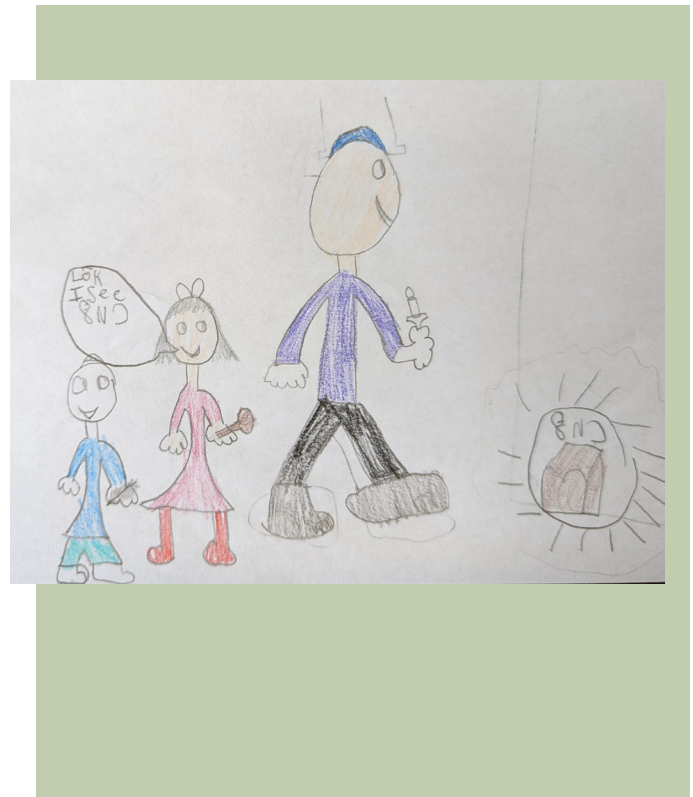
A Scary Discovery

BY: AHARON MOSHE MEYEROWITZ, GRADE 3

Last year Passover I was looking for the Afikomen. I looked behind some furniture and I found some silver foil, it was some chometz from the night of Bedikas Chometz!

I told my mother that I found Chometz! She said, "That is impossible, we found all 10 pieces already"! So I went to the kitchen and threw it out, and continued looking for the Afikomen.

I found the Afikomen and we had a great rest of Passover.



A Pesach Miracle

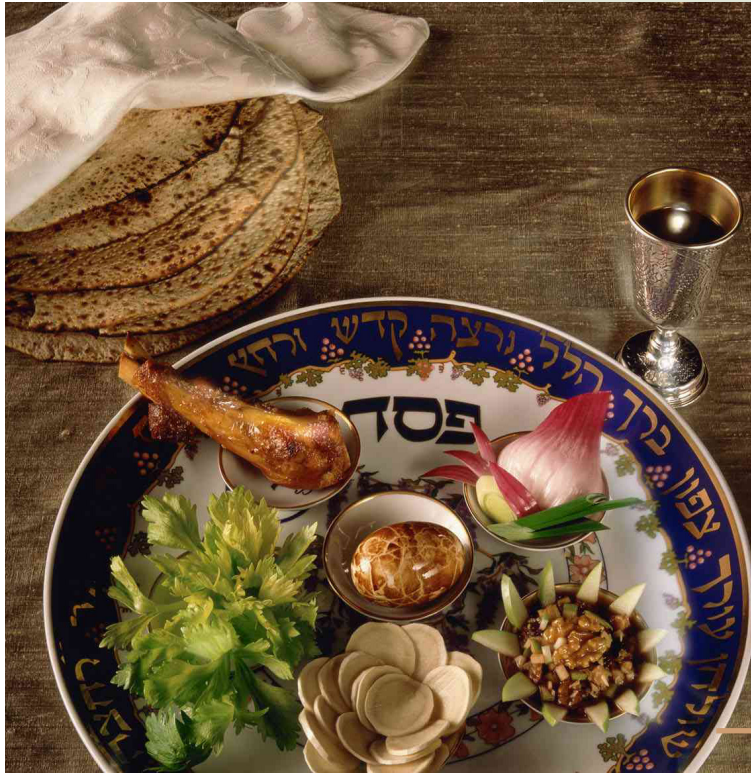
BY: MENDEL SLAVATICKI, GRADE 3

During the holocaust when my great-grandfather Avraham Shmuel was running away from the Nazis, they went on a boat and got stranded on a deserted island.

On pesach there was a ship leaving from the island. He chose not to go on it because it was pesach. They then heard that the ship was hit by a German U-boat bomb and sunk!

He managed to escape the holocaust at the age of 11 and without parents! He moved to America and established a large frum family who live around the world, learning Torah and doing Mitzvos.





Pesach is Our Favorite Holiday!

BY: MIKI FRIEDMAN, GRADE 5
AND DEVORAH NEW, GRADE 4

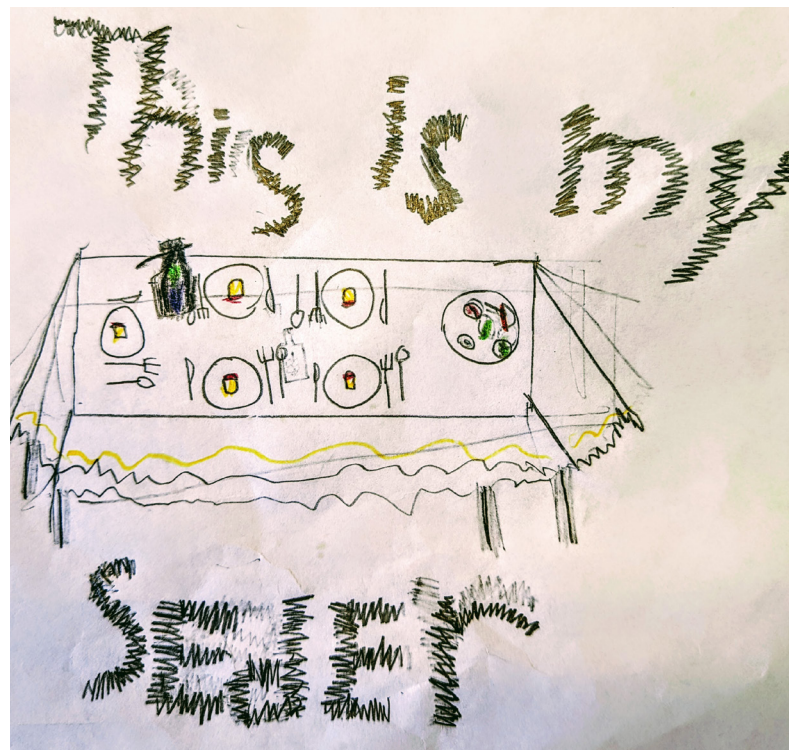
One of the main highlights of Pesach is the Seder, when we read from the Haggadah and participate in all the unique steps. It's so cool to have this special Yom Tov that we celebrate with specific steps that we don't do the rest of the year. We eat special foods like matzah, and we sing songs together. It's really fun!

We also love spending time with our extended family during Pesach. Most of our cousins live out of town and it feels like pretty much every Pesach we get to spend it with cousins that we never get to see. We get to chill together and talk about our lives and what we're grateful for. I feel so close to them during this holiday.

Pesach is also a time when we remember how Hashem saved the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. It reminds me of how important freedom is and how we should never take it for granted.

Overall, Pesach is a very meaningful and special holiday for us. It brings our family and us closer together, and it reminds us to appreciate the freedom we have in our life.

Also, who doesn't love Pesach cake and unlimited Chocolate Lebens? Amirite?



A Seder in My Home

BY: CHANA GRONER, GRADE 6



A Seder in my home goes something like this:

Most of my family goes to my grandmother's house where we all prepare for a community seder. It's a big seder with usually 70-80 people.

We all check the lettuce and peel the eggs and set up the table and make the salad etc.

At around 7:00 guests start arriving, people socialize then everyone sits down and we make kiddush and do the first few steps.

My Grandfather speaks and asks everyone questions, we might play a game or two.

When it's time for Ma Nishtana all the little kids get up and sing it.

We continue the steps until the Seder is over.

A Seder in my home is warm and cozy with everyone enjoying themselves.

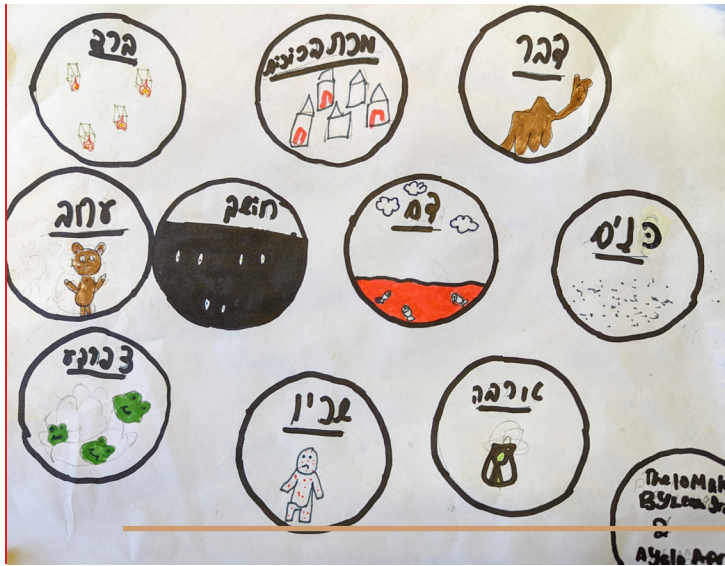
It's very meaningful to be a role model for all the people in my grandparents community, and to teach them all about pesach.



Pesach is Here

BY: ADERET AFRAH, GRADE 6

As the warm spring air bounces in and the bees start buzzing in when the flowers start blooming finally Pesach is here. Family is arriving cleaning is starting and the smell of yummy Pesach food is making its way through the house. Yay Pesach is on its way.



The Deeper Dimension of the Makkos

BY: AHUVA LEAH EDELSON, GRADE 5

Hashem did not just give each makka for no reason; rather, he paid back the Egyptians, Midda K'negged Midda.

Here is the list of the Makkos & why Hashem gave each one.

Dam/Blood - The Yidden were forced to carry water for the Egyptians but not allowed to use the water they carried. Hashem sent Makkas Dam to all of Egypt except for the Jewish people.

Tzfardeya/Frogs - The Egyptians disturbed the Yidden day & night not allowing them any peace. Hashem sent frogs, which make loud croaking noises, to disturb the Egyptians.

Kinim/Lice - The Yidden suffered from lice & vermin as they were forced to clean unsanitary places & filthy streets. In return, the Egyptians were plagued with lice, which had them itching all over.

Arov/Wild Animals - The Egyptians forced the Yidden to hunt dangerous animals. Hashem paid back the Egyptians by sending wild animals against them.

Dever/Domestic Animals Die - The Yidden were forced to tend to the Egyptians cattle. Therefore, the Egyptians domestic cattle & sheep died.

Shechin/Boils - The Egyptian slave drivers beat the Jews until their backs were covered in blisters & sores. The Egyptians were plagued with boils & sores which oozed pus.

Barad/Hail - The Egyptians threw huge stones at their Jewish slaves. Hashem then made the Makka of hail, which was a big ball of fire & ice.

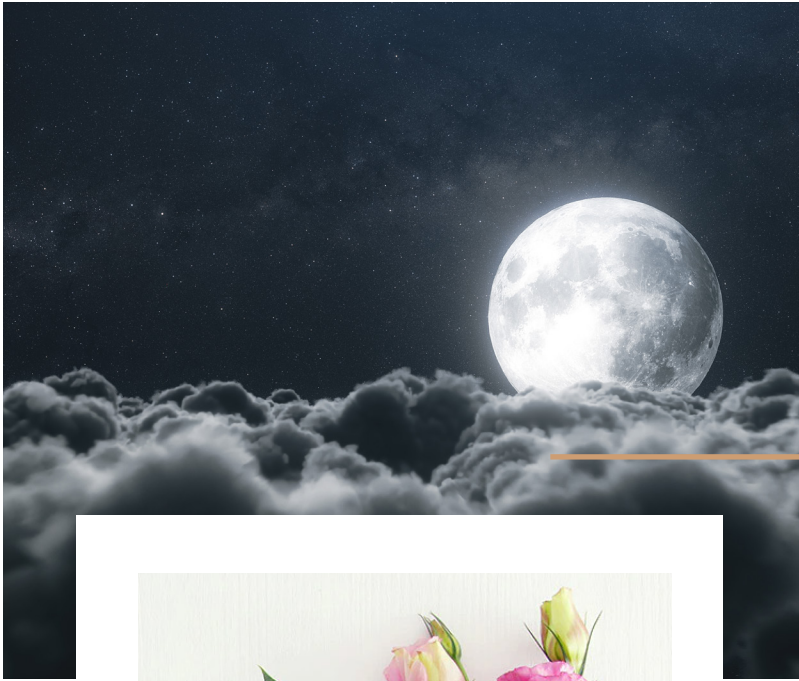
Arbeh/Grasshoppers - The Yidden were forced to plant all the Egyptians' produce. The grasshoppers ate all the produce, fruit, veggies, & grain.

Choshech/Darkness - The Yidden were treated so badly by the Egyptians that they could not see any light. Again, Hashem sent another Makka, Choshech. It got so dark that not only could they not see, they couldn't move either.

Makkas Bechoros/Dying of Firstborn - The Egyptians killed the baby boys, so Hashem made the important Egyptian family members, namely, the firstborns, die.

A Special Spark

BY: ABIGAIL TEYTEL, GRADE 6



It's getting dark and I feel a special spark,
Pesach is coming soon,
I start to see the moon.
My family is getting ready while humming a
cheerful tune.
The table is all set,
Are you excited yet?
My sister is putting away her toys,
And the house is filled with noise.
Guests will come,
And we will all have fun!
Pesach is coming soon,
I start to see the moon.

Jokes

BY: GRADE 4/5 BOYS

A Rabbi was once given the honor of being knighted. He was told that when the queen tapped his shoulders with a sword, he was supposed to recite a Latin line. He practiced and practiced his line.

Then, as he kneeled in front of the queen to be knighted, his mind went blank. He could not remember what he was supposed to say. He tried and tried, but couldn't remember.

As the sword tapped him, he mumbled the first thing that popped into his head: "Mah Nishtanah Halaila Hazeh Mikol Halailos."

The queen looked around confused. "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

A rabbi comes to a man and says: "What's the last day of Sukkos?"

"How shou' I know Rabbah!"

Why do we tell actors to break a leg?

Because every play has a cast!

Fun Pages

A blind man was once invited to a Seder for the first time. He was handed a cup, some marror, and some matzah. He rubbed his hand over the matzah and gasped. "This is the strangest book I've ever read!"

What is a lion's favorite part of the Seder?
Mah-Roar!

What's green, hungry, and rides the wind?

A locust!

What is flat, brown, and tastes like cardboard?

Cardboard!



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Afikomen

Eliyahu

Hanavi

Matzah

Wine

Chametz

Haggadah

Lean

Omer

Chazeres

Hallel

Marror

Pesach

Jokes & Word Search

BY: CHANCHY AND PEARL CHARYTAN

Q: Why do we have an Haggadah on Pesach?

A: So we can Seder right words.

Q: What kind of cheese do we eat on Pesach?

A: Matzo-rella

Knock, Knock

Who's there?

EliYa

EliYa who?

EliYaHu HaNavi

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Word Bank:

Pesach
Pyramids
Matza
Seder
Chametz
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Freedom
Moshe
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Marror
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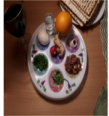
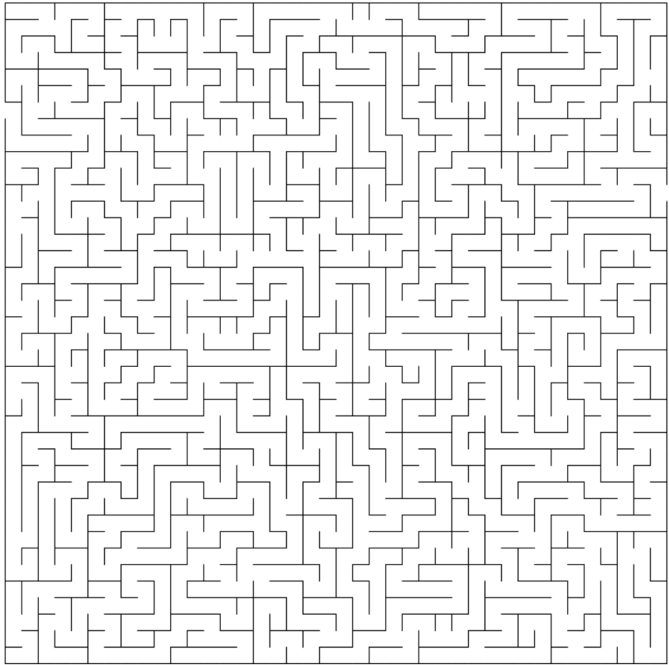
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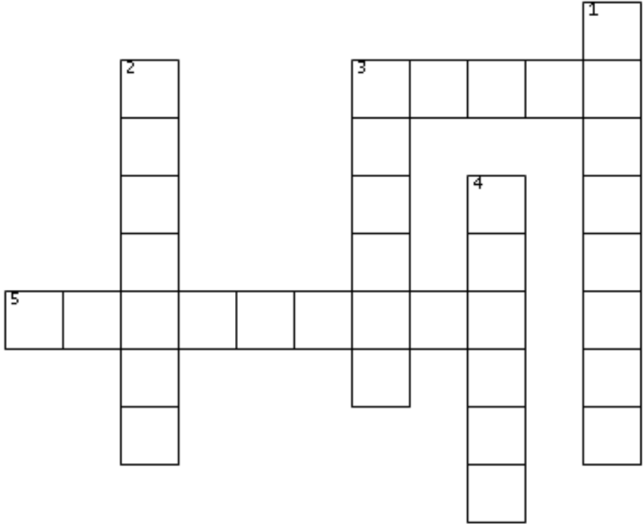
BY: SHAYA SOLLISH, GRADE 4



Help Mendel get to the Seder:



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 k s o e a r i m j r v q c o s
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 c m t q z d s o n s h s e p h
 o g z c u i a y p j w w d i k
 i m i o m z q j a u x x v d f



- ACROSS
- 3. crunchy food we eat on pesach
 - 5. the kids ask this
- DOWN
- 1. we read this at the seder
 - 2. we don't eat this on pesach
 - 3. bitter food we eat at the seder
 - 4. this yom tov is called _____

Charoses dip egg haggada lean lettuce
 marror matza pesach questions
 seder sons

Use the clues to fill in the words above.
 Words can go across or down.
 Letters are shared when the words intersect.

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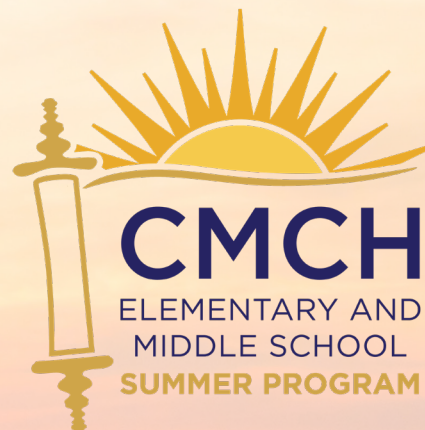
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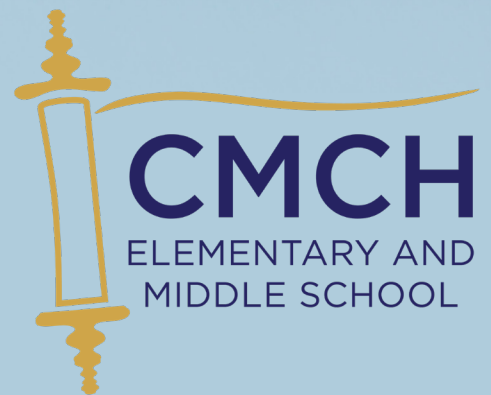


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