

The How and Why of the Simanei Haseder According to Minhag HaSefardim

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Grade Level: Elementary, Middle School

Description:

Nicely formatted chart featuring the simanei haseder, how they are performed and a brief explanation for the reasons for each siman. Shiurim for k'zayis and revi'is are also included. Enhanced with clipart. Two versions of these charts are available: The larger size is formatted for A3 paper (similar to legal-size) and fits the entire chart on one page. The smaller size is formatted for A4 paper (similar to letter-size) and can be printed double-sided.

הסדר

לפי מנהג הספרדים

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| <p>1. Drinking the 4 cups of wine is a מצוה to commemorate the 4 expressions of ה' that וְלָקַחְתִּי (4), וְגָאֻלְתִּי (3), וְהִצַּלְתִּי (2), וְהוֹצַאתִי (1) מצרים. said He would take us out of</p> <p>2. Leaning is a sign of freedom</p> | <p>1. Say a ברכה on the wine and have the intention to include the 2nd cup of wine.</p> <p>2. Mention the holiness of פסח</p> <p>3. Drink the 1st cup of wine <u>while leaning</u> to the left.</p> | <p>קדש</p>  |
| <p>This is what one is supposed to do when eating vegetables dipped into liquid.</p> | <p>Wash your hands <u>without</u> a ברכה.</p> | <p>ורחץ</p>  |
| <p>So that the children will ask questions (i.e. why are we dipping? or why are we eating vegetables before making (המוציא)?</p> | <p>Dip a non-bitter vegetable <u>less than a כזית</u> in salt water and eat it.</p> <p>When we say the ברכה of פרי האדמה we have the intention to include the מרור later on.</p> | <p>כרפס</p>  |
| <p>So that the children will ask questions (i.e. why are we breaking the מצה and putting it away – we have not even made the המוציא yet!)</p> | <p>Break the middle מצה and put aside the bigger part for the אפיקומן.</p> <p>Some have the custom to break the מצה in the shape of a ד and a ו.</p> | <p>יחץ</p>  |
| <p>It is a מצוה דאורייתא tell the story of יציאת מצרים. פסח on מצרים.</p> | <p>1. Tell the story of יציאת מצרים</p> <p>2. At the end we drink the 2nd cup of wine <u>while leaning</u>.</p> | <p>מגיד</p>  |
| <p>We wash like any other time when we eat bread or מצה.</p> | <p>Wash our hands, this time <u>with</u> a ברכה על נטילת ידים</p> | <p>רחצה</p>  |
| <p>is the ברכה we usually say before we eat bread or מצה. המוציא</p> | <p>We take all 2½ מצות from the קערה and say the ברכה for eating מצה – המוציא לחם מן הארץ</p> <p>Then drop the bottom מצה and....</p> | <p>מוציא</p>  |
| <p>Eating מצה on the 1st night of פסח is a מצוה דאורייתא</p> | <p>1. Say the ברכה for the מצוה of eating מצה. על אכילת מצה – מצה</p> <p>2. Eat the מצה <u>while leaning</u>. (eat 2 מצה of כזיתים)</p> | <p>מצה</p>  |
















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| To remember the fact that the קרבן פסח was eaten together with מרור and מצה. | Eat the "הלל Sandwich" which includes מצה (1 כזית of מצה) and מרור together (1 כזית of מרור). | כורך  |
| In every יום טוב there is a meal both at night and during the day. | Eat the יום טוב meal. Some have the custom to eat the egg. | שלחן עורך  |
| To remember the קרבן פסח which was eaten as the last part of the meal. | Eat the אפיקומן (eat 1 כזית of מצה, some eat 2 כזיתים of מצה) | צפון  |
| To thank ה' for the food we ate so far. | 1. Say ברכת המזון 2. Say a ברכה on the wine 3 rd cup of wine and drink <u>while leaning</u> and have the intention to include the 4 th cup of wine. | ברך  |
| Singing praises to ה' and drinking the 4 th cup of wine are מצוות דרבנן. | 1. Pour the כוס של אליהו 2. Sing praises to ה' 3. Drink the 4 th cup of wine <u>while leaning</u> . | הלל  |
| We hope and pray that we will be able to offer the קרבן פסח once again very soon. | We hope that ה' finds our סדר acceptable and sing songs of hope that we should be in ירושלים next year. | נרצה  |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> א.נ.ביטון 5779 – ניסן התשע"ט </div> | | |

| שיעורים | |
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