

# 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 said He would take us out of מצרים (1) וְהוֹצֵאתִי (2), וְהִצַּלְתִּי (3), וְגֵאלְתִּי (4), וְלִקַּחְתִּי (5)</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 2<sup>nd</sup> cup of wine.</p> <p>2. Mention the holiness of פסח</p> <p>3. Drink the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 בורא 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 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> 
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<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 גטית ידים</p>	<p>רחצה</p> 
<p>is the ברכה we usually say before we eat bread or מצה.</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> 
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## בס"ד
















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To remember the fact that the מצוה קרבן פסח was eaten together with מרור and מצה.	Eat the "הלל Sandwich" which includes מצה (מצה of כזית 1) and מרור together (1 כזית of מרור).	<b>כורך</b> 
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.	<b>שלחן עורך</b> 
To remember the מצוה 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)	<b>צפון</b> 
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Singing praises to ה' and drinking the 4 <sup>th</sup> cup of wine are מצוות דרבנן.	1. Pour the כוס של אליהו 2. Sing praises to ה' 3. Drink the 4 <sup>th</sup> cup of wine <u>while leaning</u> .	<b>הלל</b> 
We hope and pray that we will be able to offer the מצוה 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.	<b>נרצה</b> 

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