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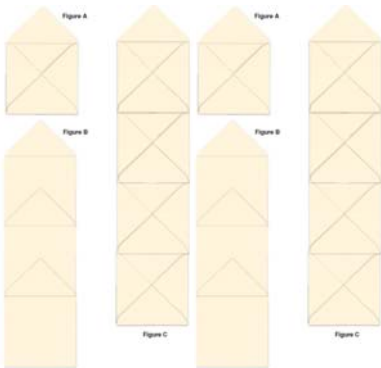
Who Knows Ten Ways to Add Fun to Your Family Seder?!

Start a new tradition . . . Create a Passover Family Scrapbook

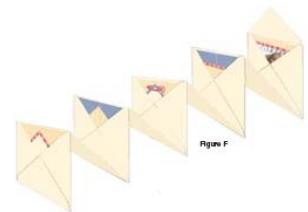
Each year parents and grandparents look for new ways to heighten the fun at the annual family Seder. Now, as families search for Seder activities, they can store Passover memories in a special envelope scrapbook. After completing a scrapbook, include some of the fun suggestions that follow:

PASSOVER ENVELOPE SCRAPBOOK adapted by Ann Miller, Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education Consultant for Early Childhood Education from Sandi Genovese's *Baby Shower Gift Kit* *.

1. Purchase ten envelopes. Fasten the envelopes together in one long strip gluing each envelope flap to the back of the envelope above it. When you attach two envelopes together be sure to leave a narrow channel for folding.



2. Cut a card out of complementary paper to fit inside each envelope. Put details about some portion of Passover preparation on each envelope: recipes, Seder plans, Passover crafts, a Passover bibliography, photos of family preparing for the holiday or leave partially decorated pages for future years. Cards should be decorated on both sides.











3. Slide one card in each envelope. Accordion-fold the envelopes to create your album. Fold the top flap over the envelope book and create another crease to accommodate the width of the accordion album. Design a label and place on the front. Hold the album closed with a ribbon tied in a bow. Enjoy taking each card out for viewing.

*Adapted from the original descriptions can be found at

http://www.diynetwork.com/DIY/mmo/SCB-263/envelope_scrapbook_instructions.pdf

Our Top Ten Seder Scrapbook Suggestions: Include some of these fun ideas in your scrapbook, mixing your families' current Seder traditions with these new ideas.

-  **1. Passover Prizes and Props** - At the dollar store, buy some "visual aids" for talking about the Seder. Throw out a pile of frogs . . . pull out plastic cows and animals, snakes and spiders . . . toss ping pong balls (hail) . . . put on dark sunglasses (darkness), etc. Buy "prizes" to reward the kids when they ask a good question or sing with spirit. These trinkets can help young participants stay focused.
-  **2. The Why Game** - Compose Haggadah-inspired questions and answers. Consider: Why do we eat matzah on Passover? Why do we tell about the Four Children? Why do we drink at the Seder? Why are so many things connected with the number four?
-  **3. The Story Game** - Collect a bag full of small items from around a house: a Duplo® man, plastic animals, a plastic crown, a toy car, an envelope, a cup, a jar of red colored water, pajama trousers or lice shampoo. Pass the bag of items around the table. People should pick out an object (without looking) and connect the item to the Passover story.
-  **4. Pharaoh's Telephone** - Use an object that you can pretend is a phone, and lots of blocks. At any time during the Seder, make a pretend ringing noise. Pick up the phone to talk to Pharaoh. According to your improvised one-sided conversation, all willing children can leave the table and start building a pyramid. Ask the younger children to be the task masters and shout out orders to work faster. Have a competition of who can build the tallest tower/pyramid.
-  **5. Who am I?** - Before the Seder, write out on separate pieces of paper the names of characters or objects associated with Seder night, such as Pharaoh, Elijah the Prophet, the Wise Child, Maror, Haroset, or Wild Beast. During the Seder choose a volunteer. Tie a scarf around his or her forehead and stick a name on the scarf so that everyone else can see it. The volunteer has to ask questions, to which everyone answers "Yes or No" until he or she figures out who the character is.
-  **6. Make a special tactile Haggadah** for the youngest guests. Purchase a special children's Haggadah. Add tactile materials to it where appropriate, e.g., cotton balls on pictures of sheep, sandpaper on pictures of bricks of the pyramids, grape scratch-and-sniff stickers on pictures of the Kiddush cups.
http://www.aish.com/passfamily/passfamilydefault/Haggadah_Coloring_Pages.asp.
-  **7. The Story Game** - Collect a bag full of small items from around the house. As you collect, think about how the item relates to the story of Passover: plastic animals, a toy car, an envelope, a cup, or shampoo. Pass the bag of items around the table. Guests pick an object and connect the item to the story.

 **8. Clothespin Seder Guide** - Make a chart with the steps of the Seder in Hebrew, English and as a picture. Choose a child (if possible, choose a different child for each time) to come up to the chart and move the clothespin to the appropriate step of the Seder. Younger children can point to the picture; older children can tell everyone the step in English and/or Hebrew.

 **9. Get Reading** - Visit the ACAJE website for Passover books to share with the family. <http://acaje.org/assets/pdf/educationalResources/Pesbib06.pdf>.

 **10. FamiLink Passover Guides** - Visit the ACAJE website for previous Passover family guides. <http://acaje.org/content/parents/parents.shtml>.

Please share your unique Passover idea! Send it to ACAJE Early Childhood Consultant, Ann Miller at amiller@acaje.org.



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