



THE PASSOVER GAME TRIVIA QUESTIONS



QUESTIONS / ITEMS

CATEGORY 1

Each question is worth 1 point
if answered correctly

1. What is the English name for Pesach?
2. Who was sold to Mitzraim (Egypt) by his brothers?
3. What terrible thing happened to Yosef (Joseph)?
4. The Torah forbids the mere possession of *chametz* even if one doesn't eat it. True or False?
5. Even if you miss a tiny crumb you have transgressed. True or False?
6. One may not even eat a tiny crumb. True or False?
7. Areas of the house that you will not be touching only need to be checked for the larger olive-sized pieces.
8. What's the *gematria* (numerology) of the word Pesach in Hebrew?
9. How many days does the Counting of the Omer last?
10. The miracle of hail was frozen hail amidst fire. True or False?
11. What does the salt water remind us of?
12. How many seders do people have in Israel? In the USA?
13. What's the Hebrew date of Pesach?
14. What happened to the waters of Mitzraim (Egypt)?
15. In the morning of Erev Pesach, what do we do with any last pieces of *chametz* that we have to remove?
16. How did Hashem appear to Moshe the 1st time?
17. How many pieces of bread do we put out for *bedikat chametz*?
18. What three items should be used to search for *chametz*?
19. Sing the complete song of *kadesh, urchatz*...
20. How many cups of wine must adults drink on Pesach?



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CATEGORY 2

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1. Recite the 4 Questions by heart in any language
2. If you own a pet, you may not feed them *chametz*. True or False?
3. What do the bitter herbs (*maror*) represent?
4. The song *Chad Gadya* is about which animal?
5. Without looking in the *Haggadah*, name the 4 sons mentioned in the *Haggadah*.
6. *Maot Chitim* is money given to the poor on the holiday before Pesach. That is, Purim. True or False?
7. The Counting of the Omer forms a connection between what two holidays?
8. Which major figure in the Passover story gets only one mention in the *Haggadah*?
9. What number appears most frequently in the *Haggadah*: 4, 15, or 600,00?
10. *Paraoh* (Pharaoh) decreed that every firstborn boy would be drowned. What did he decree about girls?
11. What should we do while we eat at the Seder?
12. What's the Hebrew date of *bedikat chametz*?
13. What's wrong with this statement? Moshe's right hand man, Korach, led the Jews into Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel).
14. The most fundamental premise of Pesach is to ____ ____ (2 words).
15. True or False? The part of the seder in which we eat the *afkoman* is called נרצה. If false, name the correct part.
16. What were the real names of *Shifra* and *Puah*?
17. What was the ninth plague?
18. Where did Moshe flee after killing the *Mitzri* (Egyptian)?
19. Why were frogs chosen as a plague and not dogs or some other animal?
20. For how many days did the plague of *dam*, blood last?



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CATEGORY 3

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1. What two *mitzvot* (commandments) are from the Torah on Pesach?
2. What two *mitzvot* are from the Rabbis?
3. The ritual washing of the hands takes place how many times during the seder?
4. The oldest known complete *Haggadah* manuscript, from Rabbi Saadia Gaon, is from which century?
5. The first time the Jews ate matzah was on which occasion? After leaving Mitzraim (Egypt) in a hurry, the night before the Exodus, or at *krias Yam Suf* (the splitting of the Red Sea)?
6. According to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, how much wine should be drunk at each of the Four Cups? 5 cc (1 teaspoon), 98 cc (3.3 ounces), or 250 cc (8.4 ounces)?
7. Disagreement among rabbis over whether the seder required four or five cups of wine led to which custom?
8. How many chariots of Paroah's (Pharaoh's) army chased *Bnai Yisroel* (the Jewish people)?
9. Name 3 times a man wears a *kittel*.
10. What does the *kittel* symbolize during these three occasions?
11. On what date was the *korban pesach* (Passover offering) sacrificed?
12. What was the name of the place the Jews lived in Mitzraim?
13. What was the name of Moshe's mother and father?
14. What's wrong with this statement? Moshe's wife, Yocheved, bore him 3 children?
15. True or False? Moshe personally carried with him the coffin of Yosef (Joseph).
16. True or False? According to Kabbalah, the reason why in Eretz Yisroel (The land of Israel) we have one less seder than outside of Israel is because of the holiness of the land of Israel.
17. We must eat the sandwich of Hillel within פרס אבילת – How long is that in minutes?
18. How many years were the Israelites supposed to have been enslaved for and how many did they actually do?
19. How many days did darkness cover Mitzraim?
20. How old was Moshe when he first spoke with Paroah?



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CATEGORY 4

Each question is worth 4 points
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1. How many words are there in the Haggadah?
2. How many words are there in the Torah?
3. Recite the 4 Questions by heart in Yiddish.
4. How many Jews were living in Egypt, prior to the onset of the plagues? 600,000, 3 million or 15 million?
5. A *Gematria* (numerology): the word קערה (the seder plate)- If you take the next letter that comes after each letter in this word alphabetically, rejumbled becomes what new word?
6. Based on question 5, explain what's the connection to Pesach?
7. Pesach can never fall out on which 3 days of the week?
8. In which town were the 5 Sages of the Haggadah celebrating the seder?
9. Name the 5 Sages mentioned prominently in the Haggadah?
10. What's wrong with this statement? As the Jews traveled through the desert, they were guided by a pillar of fire by night and a company of *malachim* (angels) by day?
11. What's wrong with this statement? As the Jews stood by the *Yam Suf* (Red Sea), Hashem told Moshe to lift up the hem of his garment and the waters would part.
12. What's wrong with this statement? One man was punished for publicly being transgressing the Shabbat by gathering fruit.
13. What are the לשונות מן התורה כנגד ארבע כוסות (The phrases represented by the 4 cups)?
14. At the end of the Seder, we sing בירושלים הבאה לשנה –next year in Jerusalem. This is one of two times that we express this sentiment, the other being at the end of Yom Kippur. What is unique about these two occasions that specifically motivates us to pray that next year we should be celebrating in Jerusalem, more than on any of the other holidays?
15. Hashem instructed Moshe (*Shemos* [Exodus] 12:13) to command the Jewish people to place the blood from their Passover sacrifices on their doorposts to serve as a sign so that He would pass over their houses without harming them. Since Hashem clearly knew who was in each house, why was the blood necessary?
16. After which plague did Hashem harden Paroah's (Pharaoh) heart?
17. True or False? *Matzah ashirah*, matzah made with egg or fruit juice instead of water, may be used during Pesach for the elderly and infirmed, including the seder.
18. Which was the first plague that Pharaoh's sorcerers could not duplicate?
19. Describe how any of the 10 plagues corresponds to the 10 sayings Hashem used to create the world.
20. What secret phrase did Moshe give to the *Zekainim* (the elders) to prove that he was the redeemer of Israel?



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ANSWERS

CATEGORY 1

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1. Passover
2. Yosef (Joseph)
3. Thrown in prison
4. True
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. 148
9. 49
10. True
11. Tears of sadness from slavery
12. 1, 2
13. 15th Nissan
14. Turned into blood
15. We burn them
16. In a burning bush
17. 10
18. Feather, spoon and candle
19. Let's hear those pipes!
20. 4



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ANSWERS

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1. Let's hear you sing!
2. True
3. Bitterness of a slave's life in Mitzraim (Egypt)
4. Goat
5. The Wise Son, The Wicked Son, The Simple Son, and the Son Who Doesn't Know to Ask
6. False
7. Pesach and Shavuot
8. Moshe
9. 4
10. Allowed to keep them alive
11. Lean
12. 14th if Nissan
13. Yehoshua (Contestant must get the name right)
14. Thank Hashem
15. False. צפון
16. Yocheved and Miriam
17. Darkness
18. Midian
19. Because of the loud noise frogs make when there are many of them
20. 7



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1. Eating matzah and talking about the Exodus
2. Drinking 4 cups of wine and eating *maror* (bitter herbs)
3. Twice
4. 10th
5. The night before the Exodus
6. 98 cc (3.3 ounces)
7. כוס אליהו - Elijah's Cup
8. 600,000
9. At the seder, at marriage, on yom kippur
10. It symbolizes Hashem forgiving our sins at those particular times
11. 14th of Nissan
12. Goshen
13. Yocheved and Amram
14. Tzipporah was Moshe's wife (contestant must get the name right)
15. True
16. True
17. 4
18. 400, 210 (Contestant must get both right)
19. 3
20. 80



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ANSWERS

CATEGORY 4

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- 1,820
- 81,404
- You're on your own for this one!
- 15 million (Here's the math: 600,000 Jewish men, between the ages of 20-60, left Egypt at the Exodus. Add all the younger and older males for a total of 1.5 million. Adding the females doubles the total to 3 million. Finally, Rashi (Exodus 13:18, citing the Midrash) says that only 20% of the Jews made it out of Egypt, the remainder having died in the plague of darkness. (Apparently those Jews were unwilling to cast their lot with the Jewish people.) If 3 million represents 20% of the Jews, then the total number of Jews living in Egypt, prior to the onset of the plagues, was 15 million).
- שופר (Shofar)
- The seder has the same power as the Shofar to protect us.
- Friday, Wednesday, Monday (עין ש"ע תבכ ס"א)
- Bnai Brak
- Rabbi Eliezer, Rabbi Yehoshua, Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah, Rabbi Akiva, and Rabbi Tarfon
- By day they were protected by a pillar of cloud.
- He was told to lift up his rod.
- By gathering sticks.
13. והוצאתי, והצלתי, וגאלתי, ולקחתי - Contestant must get all 4
- Pesach and Yom Kippur are unique in that they are the two festivals on which we are presently unable to perform the primary mitzvah associated with them due to the absence of the Beit HaMikdash (the Holy Temple). On Pesach, the central component is the Korban Pesach (Passover Offering), and on Yom Kippur, the focus is supposed to be the service of the *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest) to obtain forgiveness on behalf of the Jewish people. We certainly yearn for the Beit HaMikdash every day of the year, and even more so on every Yom Tov (holiday), but our present inability to serve Hashem in the proper manner is most pronounced on Pesach and Yom Kippur. So we specifically conclude each of them with a prayer that the following year we should merit observing them properly in the rebuilt Jerusalem.
- Rabbeinu Bechaye posits that the blood that the Jewish people placed on their doorposts was not some magical sign that intrinsically protected their homes from the plague. Rather, the blood symbolically demonstrated the Jews' faith that Hashem would redeem them. They trusted Hashem to the point that they were willing to sacrifice one of the deities of their Egyptian masters and publicly display it without any fear of retribution. It was this demonstration of faith that provided the merit for their protection.
- The 6th plague, boils.
- False, not at the seder.
- Kinim, lice
- The firstborn being killed corresponds to the first beginning of creation. When light was created corresponds to the plague of darkness.
- Pakod Pakaditi