

# Messiah in the Passover

## Preparation Instructions for a Passover Demonstration with Congregational Participation

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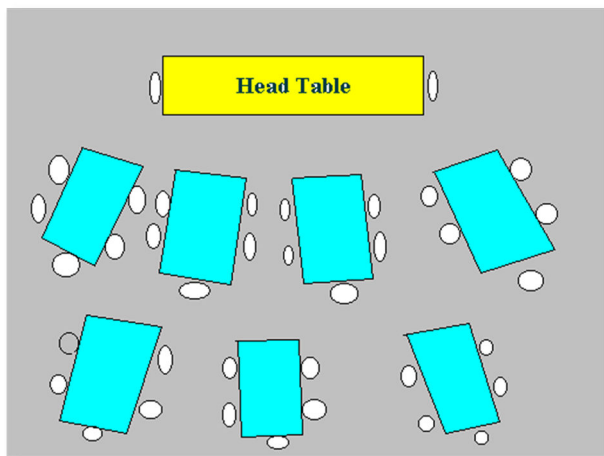


We appreciate that your congregation is doing everything possible to make this an effective and successful presentation. The speaker will arrive 30 to 45 minutes prior to the service to complete the final preparation of the Demonstration Table.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ROOM SHOULD BE COMPLETELY PREPARED BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.** This means that all food and drink items should be on the table before the congregation is permitted to enter the room or is seated.

### A. THE PASSOVER TABLES

The table set-up illustrated below is one which we have found to be the most practical and with which each person has the best view possible.

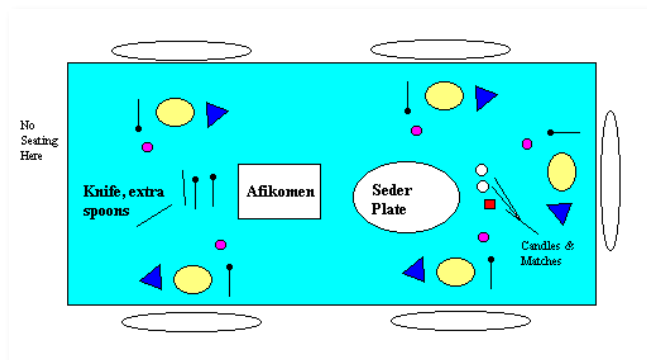


The speaker will do the presentation from a **HEAD or DEMONSTRATION TABLE**, not from a pulpit. This table should be a large banquet or 'Sunday school' table (five to six feet in length).

No one should be seated at the Head Table (unless requested by the speaker). However, for demonstration purposes, there should be **TWO CHAIRS AND COMPLETE PLACE SETTINGS** at either end of the table. One of these chairs should have a **PILLOW** on it (a bed pillow is acceptable).

### B. TABLE SETTINGS

**Each table (including the Demonstration Table)** should be set with the following items as illustrated and listed below:



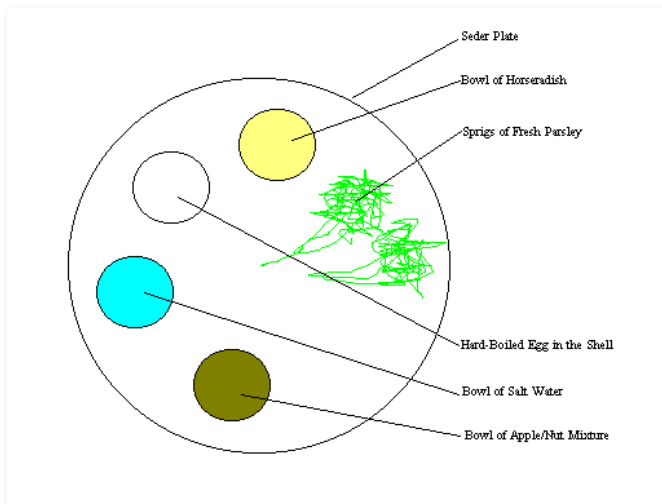
1. A suitable **TABLECLOTH** (although the diagram shows turquoise, white is preferred; paper or plastic is fine).
2. One **SEDER PLATE** (described in detail below).
3. One **AFIKOMEN OR UNITY** (described below).

4. Two white, dripless 10- or 12-inch **CANDLES** in simple **HOLDERS** and with **MATCHES**.
5. Individual **PLACE SETTINGS**, i.e., for each person seated at the table, as well as the two place settings at the Demonstration Table (described below).
6. One extra **KNIFE** and two extra **SPOONS**.

### C. THE SEDER PLATE

Each table (including the Head Table) should be set with one Seder Plate.

A Seder Plate is simply a **dinner plate** which holds the ceremonial foods used during the Passover service. Each Seder Plate should provide enough for every person at the table to sample the ceremonial foods. As indicated, it is helpful to place some of the foods in small dessert bowls.



The specific content of each Seder Plate should be as follows:

1. Betzah -- one hard-boiled **EGG** in the shell
2. Karpas -- several sprigs of **FRESH PARSLEY** (one sprig per person)
3. Maror -- one dessert bowl of **HORSERADISH**, bottled variety, white or red, but not horseradish mustard (½ teaspoon per person)
4. Salt Water -- one dessert bowl containing 1 cup of heavily **SALTED WATER**
5. Charoset -- one dessert bowl containing an **APPLE/NUT MIXTURE** (1 tablespoon per person). See recipe below.

#### CHAROSET RECIPE

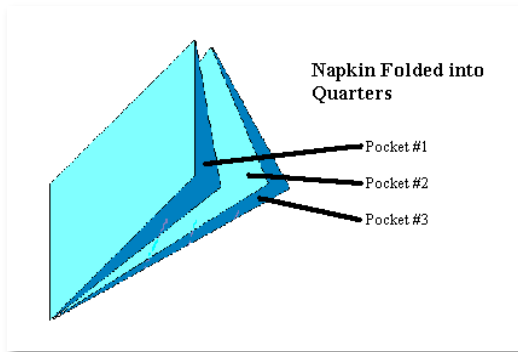
1 cup	finely chopped, peeled apples (allow them to turn brown)
¼ cup	chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon	honey
1 teaspoon	cinnamon
2 tablespoon	grape juice

Using a food processor, chop the apples. Mix all ingredients. Add enough grape juice to blend the mixture. Approximate yield: 20 servings of 1 tablespoon each. This mixture is so tasty you may want to make a little extra.

If nut allergies are an issue, just leave out the walnuts.

### D. THE AFIKOMEN (OR UNITY)

**This item is of major importance in the Seder Service.** There should be one Unity on each table. Each Unity consists of:



1. Two dinner-sized **napkins or serviettes**.
2. Three unbroken slices of **matzoh** (not pita bread).

Fold one dinner napkin into quarters. Notice that this folding creates three 'pockets' in the napkin. Place one slice of matzoh in each pocket. The second napkin is left unfolded and is placed over the matzoh and first napkin.

## E. INDIVIDUAL PLACE SETTINGS

**Each individual place setting (i.e., for each person)** should include:

1. One glass FILLED with red **GRAPE JUICE** (to be used ONLY during the service as directed by the speaker; it will not be refilled)
2. One small **PLATE** (bread-and-butter or luncheon size)
3. One **NAPKIN OR SERVIETTE**
4. One ordinary **TEASPOON**

### Most common preparation errors:

- ✧ Preparing one egg per person instead of one egg per seder plate.
- ✧ Breaking the matzoh to make it go farther. The matzoh is very important; three full, unbroken slices must be at each table.
- ✧ Preparing one seder plate per person instead of one seder plate per table.
- ✧ Not shopping for matzoh until the last minute and, therefore, not finding it. See box on the right.
- ✧ Not having the room completely prepared before the service begins.

**Do you still have questions?**

**Call your speaker or our Toronto office for answers.**

### ***“I Can’t Find Matzoh! What Do I Do?”***

If you live in a city or a Jewish community, boxes of matzo slices (not matzo meal) will be readily available at the local grocery store. If matzo is not usually stocked at your store:

- Ask the grocery store manager to order boxes for you. Common brand names are Streit's, Manischewitz and Horowitz Margareten.  
Or,
- Ask a local Jewish deli or synagogue where you can purchase some.

**It is essential that matzoh be available for the demonstration;** if, after following the above suggestion you are still unable to obtain matzoh in your area, please advise the speaker at least one day prior to the meeting.

