

Setting Your Seder Table

A. **The Seder Plate** (a special ceremonial plate is nice but not essential, any large plate or platter will do)

1. Roasted lamb shankbone (Provided by Shul)
2. Hard boiled egg (shell on, with candle burn spot on end)
3. Bitter herbs (Maror) horseradish cut into small pieces or fresh grated horseradish (or prepared horseradish from a jar – (but not “sauce”) - containing only horseradish & vinegar – beets may also be included – but no mayonnaise or other ingredients.
4. Charoset – apple, cinnamon, honey & wine mixture – recipe provided
5. Karpas – Parsley (sprigs about 2” long with 2-3 leaves)
6. Chazeret – Romaine lettuce or fresh horseradish – optional, used in traditional seders, but is somewhat redundant of other items. EC Haggadah doesn’t include.

B. Other ceremonial items on the seder table

1. **Matzah Tash bag** – containing 3 matzahs (instructions to make a bag are in another file if you don’t already have your own)
2. **Afikomen** – provide a white cloth napkin or fabric square large enough to wrap half a matzah
3. **Wine or Grape Juice** – place bottles or carafes of wine or juice in various places on the table. Provide wine glasses at each place setting
4. **Salt Water** – place several small bowls of salt water on table in easy to reach proximity of all participants. Place a tiny leaf of parsley in salt water to ‘mark’
5. **Cup of Elijah** – Use a large goblet to be filled with wine or juice and place near the center of the table – symbolic of the place setting reserved for Elijah.
6. **Candles** – Passover is a shabbat meal and begins with traditional candle lighting but with special prayers which are included in the haggadah. It is advised to use bobeches under the candles to catch drips if using tapers or regular shabbat candles. Or you may use the short shabbat candles with the glass cups.
7. **Hand washing** – Traditionally this is ceremonial only and we use a bowl with water and towels for ceremonially dipping the fingertips. The assumption is that actual hand washing for sanitary purposes has been done before sitting down at seder table. It would be wise in this current situation to set up as many hand washing stations at actual sinks using soap and water. This will take time. Please allow for this within the seder and think of a way to manage it with our current social distancing needs.