

## Passover Activities

**Coloring Pages** Plenty of studies demonstrate the effectiveness of art therapy in reducing stress, and coloring seems to offer some similar benefits.



Coloring can be a way to achieve relaxation and mindfulness. Introduce your residents to coloring with these printable [Passover coloring pages](#).

**The Big Clean** To prepare for Passover, families who keep kosher remove all [Chametz](#) from their home. Before Passover begins, enlist help from your residents to make sure your community is thoroughly cleaned of all traces of Chametz.



**Make Matzah** Matzah is an important part of the Seder meal and the Passover story. Instead of buying boxed Matzah, try making your own with this [Matzah recipe](#).

**Passover Bingo** Everyone loves to play bingo. Make it special for Passover by playing Passover bingo. Purchase an inexpensive pre-made game or make your own bingo cards using Passover words and symbols.



**Passover Films** Some interesting and entertaining films retell the Passover story. Show a film for those familiar or unfamiliar with the story. Some suggestions are *The Ten Commandments*, *Prince of Egypt*, *Out of Egypt*, and *Exodus*.

**Story Bag Game** Collect a bag full of small items -- almost anything will do. For example: plastic animals, a toy car, an envelope, flowers, a coin, socks, a cup, shampoo, scissors, etc. Pass the bag filled with the items around the table and get people to pick out an object without looking. The person has to connect the item in their hand to the Passover story. This is a chance to be creative.



**Build a Pyramid** Divide the players into teams of 2 or 3. Give each team a large pile of blocks. Set the timer. Teams must try to build the tallest pyramid or tower. The team with the tallest tower wins.

**Who or What Am I** On separate pieces of paper, write out the names of characters or objects associated with Passover: Pharaoh, Elijah, The Wise Son, Maror, Charoset, Matzah, Chametz, Frog, Wild Beast, etc. Choose one player. Pick a card and show it to all the other players. Do not let the chosen player see what is written on the card. Now he has to ask questions about himself, to which everyone answers Yes/No until he figures out who or what he is.

**Passover Charades** Choose different verses from the Haggadah and write them on paper. Each participant randomly chooses a card. They then have to silently act out the sentence and the rest of the players have to guess the passage. This game can be adapted by using simpler words connected to the Passover story.

**Moses Says...** Moses Says is a variation on the popular kid's game, Simon Says. You can come up with your own Moses Says commands, but here's a starter list of Passover-themed commands: Moses says step over the Red Sea; Moses says build a pyramid; Moses says eat some matzah; Moses says pretend to open a door for Elijah.





**Passover Gift Basket** Here is great opportunity for your community to give back to others. Suggest to your residents that they put together kosher gift baskets for children (or adults) who are spending Passover in the hospital. Include small gifts, treats, and especially a personalized note.

**Prepare a Seder Plate** Using items found in the kitchen, prepare a proper **Seder Plate** to be used as a centerpiece or during the Passover meal.

Encourage people unfamiliar with the Passover traditions to ask questions and learn the significance of each item on the plate.



## **Build a Matzo House**

### **Materials:**

Matzo

Chocolate for melting

Ziploc baggies

Canned, ready-to-spread frosting

Assorted candies like licorice, fruit roll ups, marshmallows, jelly beans

Cookie sheets or trays

Wax paper and foil



### **Directions:**

Follow the directions to melt chocolate. Cool slightly and spoon into a ziplock baggie with a corner snip. Lay matzo on sheets of wax paper on a cookie sheet. Pipe chocolate to create a door and windows. Decorate 4 sheets for the sides of the house. Use chocolate as “glue” to attach candies or marshmallows. Let dry and harden.

Cover a tray or cookie sheet with foil to use as the base for your house. Use ready to spread frosting on the edges of each matzo sheet. Press sheets together to make a cube and attach with more icing to the foil tray. Add a roof from 2 more sheets of matzo. Use frosting and candies to decorate the house and “yard.”

## Makot Matching Game

### Materials:

3 (8½"x11") sheets white construction paper  
3 (12"x12") sheets colored cardstock  
scissors  
markers  
glue stick



### Directions:

Fold 1 sheet of white paper in half. Then fold the paper in half and then in half again. Unfold the paper. The folds will have divided the paper into 8 equal rectangles.

Repeat step 1 with the other 2 papers. Cut out the rectangles; you will only need 20, so there will be 4 extra. Draw a picture of a different Makah on 10 of the rectangles or download a clip art picture from your computer and glue to rectangles. Write or print the Hebrew and English names of each Makah on the other 10 rectangles.

Fold the 12" x 12" papers in the same manner that you did the white paper. Cut out the colored rectangles. Glue 1 white rectangle on each colored one, centering the white rectangles so that a colored border is visible. Place the cards face down. Take turns trying to match the pictures with the names.