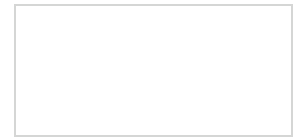


# From Plates To Plagues

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**Wear it and cook from it: The ingenious**

*wear it and look from it. The ingenious Matzah Brie apron*

From the asking of the Four Questions to the search for the afikoman, Passover is undoubtedly a holiday geared toward children. So this Passover, choose a gift for the host that will delight the children at the table. Attending an adult-only seder? These children-friendly gifts will bring out the curious kid in all of us.

### Children's Books

"There are so many children's books focusing on Passover, you'd be amazed," says Sara Gaum, owner of the Los Angeles-based event planning company VendorBar.com. For little ones, take a look at Jacqueline Jules' new book, "Going On a Hametz Hunt" (Kar-Ben Publishing; \$5.95). This board book reinforces counting skills while describing the hunt for chametz traditionally conducted at nightfall on the evening of the fourteenth of Nissan. For children ages 4 to 8, consider "Nachshon, Who Was Afraid to Swim" by Deborah Bodin Cohen (Kar-Ben; \$8.95), which won the 2009 Sydney Taylor Honor Award.

### Share Seder Stories

Feeling nostalgic for the seder of your youth? Flip through "Seder Stories" by Nancy Rips (Cumberland House Publishing, \$14.95). "Seder Stories" features 101 seder memories from the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Alan Dershowitz and Rabbi Harold Kushner, plus many lesser-known names. Share your favorite with those seated at the table, and then ask your fellow guests to share their own favorite Passover memories.

### Ask Questions

The holiday of Passover is all about embracing the lost art of asking thought-provoking questions. Stimulate conversation at your seder table by bringing "The Passover Box Of Questions," (Ediblegiftsplus.com; \$21.50). These matzah-shaped cards are suitable for those of all ages. Examples of questions include: "To what are you personally a slave? What would set you free?"; "If the prophet Elijah walked through the door and sat down in his chair, what would be the first thing you would ask him?"; and "What are our modern-day plagues?" The gift comes with design-you-own place cards, complete with holiday-themed stickers.

### Bring On The Frogs

Little kids (and big kids, too) love frogs. Embrace the frogs from the second plague by bringing a "ribbit"-themed gift. Artist Sandy Weiner handcrafts ceramic saltwater bowls with a frog at the bottom (e-mail [Sandy@abiggerpond.com](mailto:Sandy@abiggerpond.com) (<mailto:Sandy@abiggerpond.com>) for details). Or purchase a bag of plastic frogs (\$3.99; ChaiKids.com) and hide a few in the saltwater bowl and around the table.

### The Seder Plate

This Passover, Inspiration Gallery, a Judaic gallery in New Rochelle, has added artist Melanie Dankowicz's work to its collection. While not necessarily kid-friendly, the glass and metal Melanie Seder Plate (\$209.99; [www.inspirationgallery.com](http://www.inspirationgallery.com) (<http://www.inspirationgallery.com/>)), as well as a grapevine-inspired trivet (\$62) that can be used year-round, are sure to delight hosts and guests alike.

### Just for Laughs

Does just the thought of eating all that matzah make you sick? Laugh your pants off

with a matzah-themed "Let My People Go Toilet Seat Cover" (Popjudaica.com; \$20). You'll want to keep it on all year-round, just for the laughs.

**For the Chocolate Lover**

Need a bite of something sweet to get you through the second half of the seder? Try the Passover Chocolate Ten Plagues ([www.illinoisnut.com](http://www.illinoisnut.com); <http://www.illinoisnut.com/>; \$19.95). Each of the 10 chocolates in the box depicts one of the plagues. Another tasty option: the Chocolate Seder Plate ([raisingthecandybar.com](http://raisingthecandybar.com); \$18).

**The Matzah Brie Apron**

Think matzah-themed aprons are cute? This Passover, give your favorite host a matzah apron ([www.davidaaprons.com](http://www.davidaaprons.com); <http://www.davidaaprons.com/>; \$18) with the recipe for Matzah Brie printed upside down, allowing him or her to wear it and cook at the same time. And get the kids at the table adorable matzah-themed baby bibs ([www.davidaaprons.com](http://www.davidaaprons.com); <http://www.davidaaprons.com/>; \$15).

**Passover Plagues Bag**

Re-enact the Ten Plagues right at your seder table with this sack-like bag filled with toys representing each of the plagues. (<http://shop.thejewishmuseum.org>; <http://shop.thejewishmuseum.org/>; \$15.95). The Passover Plagues Bag also comes with puppets of Moses and Pharaoh and a booklet explaining the story of the plagues. For younger kids, opt for the Plush Passover Plagues in Pouch ([oytoys.com](http://oytoys.com); \$19.95), which features a plush frog, cow and locust, among other animals — all stored in a handy yellow drawstring bag.

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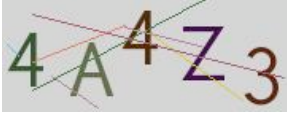
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