

MACHAR, WASHINGTON-AREA CONGREGATION FOR
SECULAR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM.

PASSOVER SEDER 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is Machar having a Passover Seder this year?

A. Yes! We will be holding it by video but very much alive and lively!

Q. When?

A. **Sunday, March 28, from 5 – 6:30 p.m.**

Q. Will there be a fee to attend?

A. No fee! But we're very grateful for donations via the website or by mail.

Q. Do I have to register or sign up?

A. No registration or sign-up needed. Our Congregational Administrator, Tara Newhouse, will email the link to all members before the Seder.

Q. Can nonmembers attend the Passover Seder?

A. Yes! Attendance is open to everyone, everywhere! This is one of the advantages of a video Seder – people can attend no matter where they are physically.

Non-members just need to email our Congregational Administrator, Tara Newhouse to ask for the link: administrator@machar.org.

Q. Who will be leading the Seder?

A. Our own Rabbi Jeremy Kridel will lead the Seder.

Q. Will it be appropriate for children?

A. Yes!

Q. Will there be a Haggadah?

A. As last year, we'll be using a Machar Haggadah. For those who want to print it or review it in advance, a link to download it in advance will be made available along with the link to the Seder itself. In addition, the Haggadah will

be displayed through Zoom during the Seder.

Q: What do I need to have for the Seder?"

A: Whatever you have is more than good enough — you need only bring yourself! It might feel more like a Passover Seder if you have some of your own items — matzah, horseradish, some romaine lettuce, and some salt water are particularly helpful. But Passover's story is in part one of making due with what we have, and *you* are the most important part of that. As well, Rabbi Jeremy will have a full setup for Passover at his home and will make sure all items are made visible during the Seder so that even if you don't have an item, you'll be able to see it as you would during a regular Seder.

Q. Will the Seder be child-friendly?

A. We expect it will be child-friendly for older children.

Q. Machar is a Secular Humanistic Jewish congregation. What's Machar's perspective on the Passover story?

A. Passover is the great spring festival of the Jewish people. For Humanistic Jews, the biblical exodus story, although powerful, is historically dubious as well as theologically unacceptable. Instead, we see Passover as a celebration of freedom and unity.

Please send any other questions about the Passover Seder to Nadine Wettstein at nwettstein@nwettstein.com. We will revise and add to this FAQ as needed.