

TEN WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN HAVE A MORE MEANINGFUL PESACH SEDER

- 1** Make the most of your Seder and best fulfill the mitzvah of V'higadita L'vincha by staying focused on telling the actual story of Yetzias Mitzrayim; concentrate on the events and their lessons.
- 2** Transform Yetzias Mitzrayim from a story into a reality by celebrating the Seder like you celebrate a Simcha in your own family. Speak about it vividly, personally and enthusiastically. . . you'll inspire yourself and your children.
- 3** Prepare for the Seder! Spend time studying books and Midrashim that elaborate specifically on the details of each miracle to help your children appreciate the extent of Hashem's kindness.
- 4** Make Pesach personal and relevant to your children. Use your discussion about the amazing miracles of Yetzias Mitzrayim as a means of opening their eyes to the miracles Hashem performs for us every day.
- 5** Show your children how so much of the Pesach Seder revolves around them, demonstrating how much Hashem cares about every child and values each one as an essential member of Klal Yisroel.
- 6** Involve your children in the Pesach Seder. Prepare stimulating and challenging questions that will guide them to understand the lessons of the Haggadah and be an active participant in the Seder.
- 7** Practice the lesson of the Four Sons during your Seder by making a particular effort to involve each child (and adult!) in a way that best suits his or her unique personality, style and level.
- 8** Take the time to patiently answer your children's questions. If you don't know the answer, create a powerful Chinuch experience by asking a rabbi and exploring the issue. . . together with your child.
- 9** Reinforce their Emunah by explaining that the miracles of Yetzias Mitzrayim irrefutably demonstrated Hashem's complete control over the world to millions of eyewitnesses. We attest to this truth every year at the Seder.
- 10** Inspire yourself by remembering that tonight Jewish parents around the world are passing on a glorious 3,320 year old legacy to their children as their parents and ancestors have done before them. Realize that the Seder that you create for your children will inspire them for the rest of their lives and shape the future Seder that they will make for their children.

THE PESACH SEDER:

A Unique Opportunity to Instill Emunah in Our Children

עיקר מצות הסיפור הוא לבני ולבני ביתו... ועיקר
The Mitzvah of telling the story of Yetzias Mitzrayim is primarily
כונתו יהיה להכניס בלבם האמנה שלימה באלקותו
focused on our children and family. Its main purpose is to instill in
יתברך שמו ויתעלה ובגודל גבורותיו ונפלאותיו.
their hearts the full knowledge of Hashem's sovereignty and the
לכן ראוי להבינם כל סיפור ההגדה על לשון לעז
magnitude of His strength and miracles. One should explain the story
לפרסם להם גודל הניסים וגבורות ונפלאות של
to them in the language that they understand to make them aware
בוראנו יתברך שמו ויתעלה. ולא די לפרש להם
of the extent of the wonders that Hashem performs. It is not sufficient
כלליות הנסים מה שכתוב בהגדה, רק לפרט
to explain just the main points of Yetzias Mitzrayim written in the
ולבאר באר היטב כל נס ונס על פי מה שנמצא
Haggadah. Instead, we should describe all of the miracles vividly as
כתוב בגמרא ומדרשים ובשאר ספרים.
they are depicted in the Gemara, Midrashim and other Seforim.

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