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Traditional Seder Plate and Corona Seder Plate for 2020.

The Seder plate has many edible souvenirs of the original Seder in Egypt — *maror*, *matza*, *charoset* and so on. On the same principle you may prepare an additional Corona Seder Plate (as it will be used in 2020) to recall the objects characteristic of the year of the virus: toilet paper, yardstick to measure social distance of two yards, disinfectant wet wipes, Zoom password, and Purell gel.

The Order of the Seder (from Jewish Boston)

Our Seder has several parts, including:

Kadesh: We recite the blessing over a Tequila Sunrise, because our local stores ran out of kosher wine.

Urchatz: We wash hands before opening a jar of Rokeach gefilte fish, since who knows who touched the jar before?

Yachatz: We break the middle *matzah*, then we break more *matzah* and a few dishes, because it feels good to break something.

Rachatz: We wash a second time, because we didn't sing "Happy Birthday" (20 second rule) the first time.

Maror: We eat bitter herbs to remind us that our portfolio declined 30% in the month of March.

Korech: We eat a sandwich of *matzah* and bitter herbs to remind us that our portfolio just declined another 5%.

Beirach: We recite grace, expressing our thanks that Zoom enabled us to stream our Seder live to the grandparents.

Excerpts from a New Coronavirus Haggadah

The Four Questions

Why is this Seder different from all other Seders?

At all other Seders we dip twice using communal bowls. Why on this night do we not dip in a shared bowl even once?

At all other Seders we are crushed around the table. Why on this night are our chairs four feet apart?

At all other Seders Grandpa Artie and Uncle Al *kibitz* and tell old jokes. Why on this night is no one over 60 or with diabetes present?

At all other Seders we wash twice with water. Why on this night do we also use Purell?

Some *Haggadahs* have added a Fifth Question: Who is this “Dr. Fauci,” whose name appears beside Moses’s in passages about redemption?

The Ten Plagues

[Until further notice, the reading of the Ten Plagues, which the Holy One, Blessed Be He/She/It, brought on the Egyptians, is suspended at gatherings of 10 or more.]

The Four Children

The *Torah* speaks of four children: The Wise, The Wicked, The One So Simple He Gets Health Updates from Facebook, and The One So Clueless She Still Can’t Use Zoom.

What does the wise child say?

“What are these statutes, judgments and states of emergency that our government has commanded?”

To this child you will say: “It is because of COVID-19; that’s also why this year’s *afikoman* prize is a roll of toilet paper.”

What does the wicked child say?

“Why do you sheepishly follow shelter-in-place orders?”

This child says “You” and not “We” or even “Us or “Our.” Since she excludes herself from the Jewish people, respond: “Yes, I do this because of what the Lord did for ME in Egypt. If you had been there, you would not have been tested!”

What does the simple child say?

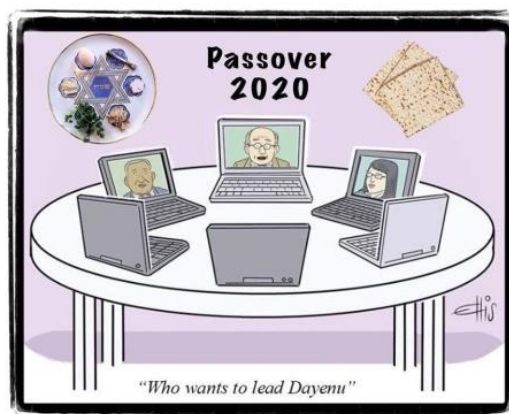
“But I read it on Facebook!”

Interrupt this child, blunt his teeth and remind him: “Tonight we celebrate that the Lord took us from Egypt with a washed hand and an outstretched arm, except when catching a sneeze per CDC sneeze guidelines. Blessed be the Holy Ones, who gave us cough guidelines, too.”

What do you say to the child who is clueless?

To this child say: “Tonight we celebrate our release from captivity. But in accordance with Scripture, we will keep social distance and wear face masks.”

This year’s seder gonna be like



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Can you hear me? Can you see me? Is your video on? Can you mute?