

Creative Seder Plate – Home Scavenger Hunt

For years and years, Jews have used a variety of items on the seder plate in the spaces for *beitzah* (egg), *karpas* (vegetable), *maror* (bitter herbs), *charoset* (sweet paste), and *zaroa* (shank bone). There have always been alternatives, for example, a beet in place of *zaroa* for a shank bone for those vegetarians/vegans, potatoes for *karpas* because that's what was available, and various items added into the *charoset*. This time of isolation is another unprecedented time where we can search for alternatives for our seder plate if we are not able to follow what our family traditionally uses on other years. Below, we have created a seder plate based on the themes for each of the items. We provided examples of things you could use, but the possibilities are endless!

Symbolic meaning: The toughness of the Jews (the hotter you make an egg, the stronger it gets and the same thing with Jews – no matter how much we endure, we get stronger). **Find:** Something that shows strength. **Examples:** Superhero action figure, workout equipment, etc.

Symbolic meaning: God's outstretched arm and God's presence. **Find:** Something that helps you feel comforted. **Examples:** a picture of family, a stuffed animal, something from nature which could represent God. etc.

צְרוּעַ
Shank
Bone

בֵּיתָחָה
Egg

פֶּסַח

מִרְורָה
Bitter
Herbs

כְּרָפֵס
Karpas

חָרוֹסֶת
Charoset

Symbolic Meaning: Hope or Spring **Find:** Something that makes you hopeful or reminds you of new life. **Examples:** Something blooming, baby toy, paper heart, symbol of hugs, picture of your family, etc.

Symbolic Meaning: The sweetness of freedom. **Find:** Something that is sweet that makes you smile. **Examples:** Party hat, happy picture, something that shows love, chocolate, etc.

We can't wait to see what you came up with for your seder plate! Send Temple Beth-El a picture of your creative seder plate (with or without explanations) to temple@beth-elsa.org and/or post it on social media with #BringingtheDomeHome so we can all see it! Chag Pesach Sameach!