

Adas Yoshuron Synagogue

Passover 2021



Dear Adas Yoshuron Community,

I am looking forward to celebrating Passover with you this year! I know that many of us believed optimistically that we would be in-person by now, and I want to encourage you to hold tight to that optimism. Our hope and determination echoes the story of Passover: when our ancestors were slaves in Egypt they didn't know what each new day would bring, but their resilience kept them alive and their hope sustained them until they were liberated. In this moment let us keep the flame of hope kindled until we are reunited with our families, friends, and community once again.

Remember this time last year we all thought, A Passover seder on Zoom, sounds crazy, no?! But over the past year our community has found new and creative ways to connect with one another, and welcome both new and old friends from beyond Maine. Please take a moment to appreciate just how much we have learned in this short time.

I warmly invite you to join us once again for an online Passover seder. We will read the haggadah, sing songs, share stories, and celebrate freedom together. And God willing, *Ishanah habaah byachad* next year we will be together.

Please read on for information about how we will celebrate Passover in the Adas Yoshuron community this year.

Bshalom,
Rabbi Solochek

Community Zoom Seder Sunday, March 28, 5 p.m.

Our Community Seder will convene on Zoom. Rabbi Solochek and members of the community will lead us through the Seder. We will take an hour break for

dinner at 6 p.m. (or stay and eat with friends on camera!) and then reconvene at 7 p.m. for closing blessings and songs.

Let us know if you need support connecting to Zoom before Passover, and we will help you in advance so that you are ready to join the evening of the Seder.

Please reach out to either Rabbi Solochek: rabbi@adasyoshuron.org, or the synagogue office: 207-594-4523 or info@adasyoshuron.org if you have any questions. We look forward to celebrating the Passover festival with you!

[**Click Here to Sign Up for the Community Seder**](#)

Passover Gift Bags

Tuesday, March 23 and Wednesday, March 24

Adas Yoshuron is providing Passover Gift Bags (including a box of matzah and some Passover treats) to members of our community. If you would like a gift bag please stop by the synagogue on Tuesday, March 23, 2-5 p.m. or Wednesday, March 24, 2-5 p.m. If you are unable to come during those times, please arrange an alternative pick-up time by contacting the office: 207-594-4523 or info@adasyoshuron.org.

Sale of Chametz

Jewish tradition teaches that we should eat, give away, or destroy all chametz (grain, leavening, etc.) before Passover. Because this often becomes a financial hardship, there is a practice to pack away our chametz in our own homes and arrange to sell it for the duration of the holiday. The rabbi or community leader sells the community's chametz on their behalf, and the sale ends at the end of Passover, at which time the chametz returns to its original owner. It is traditional to make a contribution when selling chametz to help provide food for those in need. You are not obligated to contribute, but donations in any amount are welcome.

Would you like to participate in this custom?

[**Click Here to Fill Out the Chametz Sale Form**](#)

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