

On This Very Day, One Pesach Later: A Passover Reader

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After a year of pandemic, one Pesach later, four Jewish students and thinkers have assembled a Passover Seder companion, filled with reflections on a year of plague and visions of redemption. Raffi Levi, Benji Zoller, Lavi Teitelbaum, and current New Voices Resilient Writing Fellow Sofia Freudenstein have curated a collection containing readings, poetry, and art from young Jewish artists across the

pandemic diaspora (including a comic from New Voices Editor in Chief Rena Yebuda Newman). You can view this printable reader, "On This Very Day: One Pesach Later" [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZkKQN5gMWWXjeCu3lJTMcu2nl0qVMlw/view?fbclid=IwAR2aFkK7oVRy2x7ZozBCVTmHIyZoDBuT5JbGm2BUWtn32Wf39e1wf5GC5gs) (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZkKQN5gMWWXjeCu3lJTMcu2nl0qVMlw/view?fbclid=IwAR2aFkK7oVRy2x7ZozBCVTmHIyZoDBuT5JbGm2BUWtn32Wf39e1wf5GC5gs>).

For the High Holidays beginning 5781, the 4 of us worked on creating a printable compilation to accompany us in a time of isolation. Isolation from communities, from God, maybe even ourselves.

Fast forward to now – the upcoming Pesach 5781. There are glimmers of hope, but still isolation. Maybe even recognition and a feeling of being overwhelmed by the healing we will all need to do. With this intention, we proposed another pitch for submissions for a Pesach Companion to connect us during this time. The hope with this compilation we can orient ourselves to think about what we will tell our future generations of this moment in time: How was Pesach 5781 different? How was it actually pretty similar? What messages of struggle and liberation plague us today?

My Fifteen Step Seder
Benji Zoller

Sung to the tune of the Seder song.

Pesach Seder	Expectations of Zoom Day	Usual Zoom Day	Post-Pandemic Day
1. Kadesh	Wake up	Wake up	Wake up
2. Urchatz	Brush teeth	Snooze alarm	Minyan
3. Karpas	Get dressed	Get up	Without
4. Yachatz	Daven	Bathroom	A mask
5. Magid	Breakfast	Facebook	Breakfast
6. Rachtza	Daily Daf	Daven	With Friends
7. Motzi	Parsha	(In pajamas)	In-person school
8. Matzah	Seder	Ice cream	Learning
9. Maror	Shiur	Zoom Shiur	F'chavruta
10. Korech	Lunch	Netflix	Fresh air
11. Shulchan Orech	Machshava	Twitter	Full days
12. Tzafun	Run	Dinner	Life is all
13. Barch	Dinner	Clubhouse	Figured out
14. Hallel	Clean up	More ice cream	Smiling from
15. Nirtzah	Fall asleep	Pass out	Ear to ear

The list continues below...

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZkKQN5gMWWXjeCu3lJTMcu2nl0qVMiw/view?fbclid=IwAR2aFkK7oVRy2x7ZozBCVTmHIyZoDBuT5JbGm2BUWtn32Wf39e1wf5GC5g5>)

The submissions we received were creative, revelatory, and deeply personal. We hope you enjoy the final product (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZkKQN5gMWWXjeCu3lJTMcu2nl0qVMiw/view?fbclid=IwAR2aFkK7oVRy2x7ZozBCVTmHIyZoDBuT5JbGm2BUWtn32Wf39e1wf5GC5g5>) of pieces from all over the world and a variety of different experiences and perspectives. Redemption is coming.

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