

Virtual Broadway Seder 5780

1. Matzah Ball Tonight

(A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum -
Comedy Tonight)

Something historic, something caloric
Something for everyone, a matzah ball tonight.
Tales that are thrilling, food that is filling
Something for everyone, a matzah ball tonight.
Waters that part, great pyramids,
Bring on the yentas, kvetchers and kids.
Something neurotic, something melodic
Singing of Hebrews taking flight!
Matzah brei tomorrow, matzah balls tonight!

2. There's No Seder Like Our Seder

(Annie Get Your Gun – *There's No Business Like Show
Business*)

There's no seder like our seder,
Like no seder we know.
Everything about it is Halachic
Nothing that the Torah won't allow.
Listen how we read the whole Haggadah
It's all in Hebrew
'Cause we know how.

There's no Seder like our seder,
We tell a tale that is swell:
Moses took the people out into the heat
They baked the matzoh
While on their feet.
Now isn't that a story
That just can't be beat?
Let's go on with the show!

3. Kadeish Ur'chatz

(Cats - *Memory*)

Kadeish, urchatz, karpas, yachatz
Maggid, rachtza, motzi, matza
Maror, korech, shulchan orech
Tzafun, barech, hallel, nirtza

This is the order of our seder
A very long ordeal.
Stomach's grumbling
While the rabbi's rumbling
And soon it will be morning...

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Maggid, rachtza, motzi, matza
Maror, korech, shulchan orech
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4. Manischewitz Wine

(Phantom of the Opera - *Music of the Night*)

Bordeaux, Merlot, they are so delicious
But they do not go with Pesach dishes.
Now it's time to savor
A sweet, nostalgic flavor
So when we drink, there's just one bottom line—
Tonight we drink the Manischewitz wine!

Bless it, sip it when you're at your seder.
Save the high priced wine for some time later.
There is no escape
From a cup of Concord grape.
Pour a big one for Elijah and recline—
Tonight he'll drink the Manischewitz wine!

5. Do you wanna wash your hands now?

(Frozen—*Do you wanna build a snowman?*)

Do you want to wash your hands now?
We have no Purell here.
The leader of the seder is asked to wash their hands
Right here every year.
This year is a bit different
With Covid 19 – we wash 20 seconds, oh my...
So go and wash your hands now?
George, go and wash your hands now.
Ok bye...

6. Think of Me

(Phantom of the Opera – *Think of Me*)

Think of me when you explain
Just what the matzah means.
Remember me when you combine
Salt water with your greens.
Think of how your lives would be today
If you were still in slavery.
When you're sitting at your seder,
Spare a thought for me.

**7. Mah nish-tanah ha-lai-lah ha-zeh
mi-kol ha-lay-lot?**
(Mary Poppins – *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*)

CHORUS:

Mah nish-tanah ha-lai-lah ha-zeh mikol ha-lay-loht?
See if you can sing it when each word is on a new note!
With an unexpected tune, the questions never sound
rote.

Mah nish-tanah
ha-lai-lah ha-zeh
mi-kol ha-lay-loht?

Um diddle um diddle um diddle oy
Um diddle um diddle um diddle oy

There is a time when older kids complain
they're too mature.
They do not want to chant the Mah Nishtanah
any more.
But here is something you can do
when older kids complain:
Just try to chant the Mah Nishtanah to a new refrain.

CHORUS

8. Four Children
(Sound of Music – *16 Going on 17*)

I'm the wise child, not the wicked child
I like to know the rules.
Teach me Halacha – I'll say a *bracha*.
All of the Jewish tools.

I'm the wicked child, not the wise child
What's this about to YOU.
The seder decree
Isn't about me
This makes me a lousy Jew

Simple and quiet is this child I,
What is all this I ask?
To me you say, it's Adonai
Who freed us from slav'ry's tasks.

As for the one
Who knows no questions
Tell that child don't fidget.
This is what Adonai did for me
When I went out of Egypt!

9. Maggid
(Hamilton)

How does a young Israelite
Born to Amran and Yocheved
Determine where an entire race is finally headed.
Survive when the Pharaoh orders him to be drown
With the rest of the boys
But somehow living he's found
On the banks of the Nile
In a makeshift ark
Nobody caring for him—
No one saying he'd leave a mark
Til Pharaoh's girl, Queen Nethia, drew him in
Was raised Egyptian royalty
Man, that was a win.
His name was Moses of the Israelites (2x).

10. Miriam's Prayer
(Les Miserables - *Bring Him Home*)

God on High – hear my prayer
In my need you have always been there.
He is young – in the Nile
Keep him safe – from a crocodile.
Bring him home! Bring him home! Bring him home.

He's my brother I want to know
Since God had mother bear a son.
The Pharaoh tries to torture us.
How hard our lives and our tzurrus
And we just want to be free.

Bring him home, (3x) – L'Shalom!

11. Can't Take My Whips Off of You
(Jersey Boys – *Can't Take My Eyes Off of You*)

You're such a hard working Jew.
Can't take my whips off of you.
Go eat some leaven for lunch.
You Jews are such an odd bunch!
Your first born sons can't survive.
But I thank gods you're alive.
You're just a hard working Jew.
Can't take my whips off you.

I own you Hebrews, and if it's quite alright
I need you Hebrews, to work all day and night.
I own you Hebrews. Trust in me when I say.
Hard working Hebrews, no matter how you pray,
The God you pray to won't let you run away.
Oh, let me own you, Hebrews,
Let me own you.
You're such a hard working Jew.

12. Moses

(Jersey Boys - Sherry)

Moses, Moses baby (2x)
Mo-o-oses baby (Moses baby)
Moses, you must clear out tonight.
(Clear, clear, clear out tonight)
Mo-o-oses baby (Moses, baby)
Moses, you must clear out tonight.
Why don't you clear out (clear out) in a boat.
Clear out (clear out) down the Nile you'll float.
Clear out you'll drift the night away.
And God will make you fi-yi-yi-yine.

Mo-o-oses baby (Moses baby)
Moses, won't you clear out tonight.

13. I Just Can't Go to the King

(Lion King - *I Can't Wait to be King*)

(Moses)

I'm gonna see a mighty king.
I'm feeling mighty scared.

(Aaron)

Well, Moses, I'll be there with you
So you'll be well prepared.

(Moses)

I've never been too good with words.
I stutter and I squeak.
My hands are wet, my throat is dry
Each time I try to speak.

(Aaron)

Well, Moses, don't be scared about a thing.

(Moses)

Oh, I just can't go to the king!
I'll be saying, "Do this."
I'll be saying, "See them."
I'll be saying, "Stop that."
I'll be saying, "Free them."
Free them all to leave today.
Free them all to live God's way."

14. Ode to Adonai

(Beauty and the Beast - Gaston)

No one sees like our God,
No one frees like our God,
No one issues almighty decrees like our God

God is better than brawny and brainy.
Perfect, a pure paragon.
God can make any dry desert rainy
And can topple the throne Pharaoh's sitting upon.

God can make a cow sick,
Make the lice come real quick.
God can make a big snake come from Moses' stick.
God's especially good at emancipating!
Three cheers for God, Adonai!

15. Frogs

(Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah)

CHORUS— Frogs on his nose now
Frogs in his hair.
My oh my
There were frogs everywhere.
Plenty of jumping all 'round his bed
Pharaoh was feeling frogs 'round his head.

Mister bullfrog on his shoulder
It's the truth - it's frightnin'
All these plagues are knuckle whitenin'.

(Repeat chorus)

16. Let Us Go

(Frozen—*Let It Go*)

The Jews smear blood on their doorposts tonight
This is the final straw
Nine plagues haven't softened Pharaoh's heart
This is the final one.
Things are about to change, the Jews will survive
Hurry up and pack, we'll run for our lives.

So, one more time, Moses asks Pharaoh
Will you let my people finally go?
We've worked for years, we've done your tasks
And now, I ask (Will you)

Let us go, let us go
We won't work for Pharaoh anymore
Let us go, let us go
It's time for us to soar
We don't know
Where we're going to go
But we have faith
We're sick of building pyramids anyway.

It makes no sense how all these plagues wouldn't
change your mind

And now we're leaving fast, there is so little time
It's time for all the Jews to flee
To follow Moses to the Sea
It's right, not wrong for you and me
'Cause now we're free!

Let us go! Let us go!
Even though our bread won't rise
Let us go! Let us go!
On our way to Mt. Sinai
History is being made
The story lives on....

17. Goodbye, Goodbye, Mitzrayim!
(Fiddler on the Roof - *To Life*)

Goodbye, goodbye, Mitzrayim!
Mitzrayim, Mitzrayim, goodbye!
We're sick of building the pyramids,
Losing our first born kids.
So Mitzrayim, goodbye to us
And our good fortune!
To Moses and to Adonai!
Say adios to the overseer.
We're getting out of here.
So Mitzrayim, goodbye!

God told Moses, "There's a simple message
That the Pharaoh really needs to know.
Take your rod and take your brother Aaron.
Tell the Pharaoh, 'Let my people go.'"

To us and our good fortune!
To Moses and to Adonai!
Say adios to the overseer.
We're getting out of here.
So Mitzrayim, goodbye!

18. We'll Cross the Sea
(The Little Mermaid - *Under the Sea*)

You think that we all are stuck here
You think that we have no choice
We work in the sand and muck here
But what if we raise our voice?
Just trust that our God will save us
And we can run far away
Where nobody will enslave us
So come with me, don't delay!

(Chorus)

We'll cross the sea
We'll cross the sea

Life will be better
They will get wetter
Than you and me
Back on this side we'll slave away
But over there we all can play
So if you dare-o
Run from this pharaoh
We'll cross the sea.

19. Do You Hear Our People Sing?
(Les Miserables - *Do You Hear the People Sing?*)

(Chorus)

Do you hear our people sing?
Singing "Dayeinu" and "Amen"?
Telling the story of a people
Who will not be slaves again!
From the shank bone to the wine
Down to the final matzah crumbs,
There is a night about to start
When the seder comes!

We're glad you joined our seder now
Have a matzo ball with me?
We told the tale of how
We all got out of slavery.
We're happy tonight
That we all have the right to be free!

(Repeat Chorus)

20. We've Got Matzah
(Girl Crazy - *Got Rhythm*)

We've got matzah.
We've got maror.
We've got shank bones.
Who could ask for anything more?

We've got manna
In the desert.
We've got Moses.
Who could ask for anything more?

Old man Pharaoh, he's behind us.
You won't find us at his door.

We've got freedom.
We've got Torah.
We've got our God.
Who could ask for anything more?
Who could ask for anything more?

21. Just a Tad of Charoset

(Mary Poppins - *Spoon Full of Sugar*)

Oh, back in Egypt long ago,
The Jews were slaves under Pharaoh —
They sweated and toiled and labored through the day
So when we gather pesach night,
We do what we think right
Maror, we chew, to feel what they went through
Just a tad of charoset helps the bitter herbs go down,
The bitter herbs go down; the bitter herbs go down
Just a tad of charoset helps the bitter herbs go down,
In the most disguising way!

22. Tzafun Afikomen

(Mamma Mia)

I've been looking for you, all over the den.
It's the thing I must find, yet it's almost ten.
Look under there, you hid it so well?
I don't know where, but I certainly know the goal —
I can feel that I'm on a roll.

One more look and I can find the whole thing
One more look and it's the matzah I'll bring,

O-o-o-oh Afikomen, let me look again —
Oy oy, how it is I've missed ya?
Afikomen, found by Josh again,
Oy oy, once again I've missed ya!

Yes, it was broken dad said
Searching's what I dread
Why, why though I'm looking high and low?

Afikomen, now I'm just too slow,
Oy oy, thus I never get the dough.

23. Ode to Elijah

(Beauty and the Beast - *Be Our Guest*)

Be our guest! Be our guest!
Put our seder to the test!
All you have to do is come on in
And we'll provide the rest.

Here's some wine in a cup!
Just recline and drink it up!
It will be your favorite flavor
If it's Concord grape you favor!

Life is sweet! Life is good!
When you're in our neighborhood!
And when you're here,

Elijah, we are blessed!

Just park your golden chariot.
You don't need a Marriot!
Be our guest! Be our guest! Be our guest!

24. One

(A Chorus Line)

One singular sensation,
God's the only God for me.
One author of creation
Op'ning up the Red Sea.
One God who's always been there to take care of us.
One God who's guiding us all through the Exodus!

One thing that we have learned is
God is not a golden cow.
When we stop to think of I and thou, Wow!

One God! We are always loyal.
We will even use the mohel.
God's the one!

