



# Venture into Passover



## Passover Around the World

In **Gibraltar**, Passover seders feature charoset with actual brick dust in it. Some use the same brick for decades, shaving off little bits of dust with a knife every Passover to put in the charoset.

Some interpretations of the Passover story say that Egyptians gave their precious metal jewelry away to encourage the Jews to leave quickly so the plagues would end. Today, some Jews in **Hungary** lay out all their finest silver and gold on their seder table as a reminder of this part of the story.

Some Jews in **Poland** reenact the crossing of the Red Sea in their living rooms by pouring water on the floor and saying the name of the towns they would pass while making their crossing.

Sephardi Jews originally from **Afghanistan** and **Iran** conjure images of the enslaved Israelites being whipped by actually slinging green onions at each other!

In **Spain**, the seder leader walks around the table three times with the seder plate in hand, tapping it on the head of each guest. The tradition, is said to bless those whose heads are tapped.

Jews in **Ethiopia** break all of their old dishes and cooking utensils and purchase new ones, symbolizing breaking away from the past and getting a fresh start.

In **Yemen**, Jews don't use a dish for their seder plate. Instead, the vegetables are arranged all over the entire table. In the time of the rabbis, food was commonly served on trays that were set on stools to create individual tables for eating.

Jews in **India** add a symbolic cup, called Pharaoh's Cup, out of which wine is poured and into the other glasses. In this way, the power and stubbornness of the cold-hearted Pharaoh is diminished.

