

Need a seder in the Bay Area this year? We've got you covered.

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Many synagogues and JCCs in the Bay Area are opening their doors for Passover seders, bringing people together to celebrate the Festival of Freedom in community. From traditional seders to gourmet feasts, here's a selection of this year's offerings. It is advisable to make reservations even if not required. A number of Chabad seders are listed here; for more see Chabad.org. Passover is from March 31-April 7, with the first seder held on Friday, March 30 (though many organizations are offering earlier seders as well).

San Francisco

Monday, March 26

"San Francisco Multicultural Passover Freedom Seder." The 22nd annual interfaith Passover seder, hosted by JCRC, JCCSF and Congregation Emanu-El. At JCCSF, 3200 California St., S.F. 6:30 p.m. \$10 and up.

Friday, March 30

Chabad of SF. Community seder. Reserve a spot by March 28; last year it sold out. At Covo coworking space, 981 Mission St., S.F. 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$30-\$60, subsidized tickets available, RSVP required.

JCC of San Francisco. First-night community seder, led by Rabbi Batshir Torchio and songleader Jonathan Bayer. Traditional, kosher meal. At JCC, 3200 California St., S.F. \$44-\$79.

"Seder at the CJM." Wise Sons Jewish Deli hosts two seders at its museum location. Gourmet menu with vegetarian option. At Contemporary Jewish Museum, 736 Mission St., S.F. 7 p.m. \$75. Also 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31.

Chabad of Cole Valley. Seder followed by four-course dinner, with vegetarian options available. At 1336 Willard St., Apt. D, S.F. 7:30 p.m.; dinner at 9:15 p.m. Also Saturday, March 31 at 7:45 p.m. \$20-\$36.

Saturday, March 31

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. The "homemade seder" returns for a 13th year. Roast salmon entree; bring a side dish (kitniyot allowed). At the synagogue, 290 Dolores St., S.F. 6-8 p.m. \$20-\$40; children under 12 free.

Congregation Emanu-El. Three seders: family seder at 4:30 p.m., adult seder at 6 p.m., and a young adult (20s and 30s) seder at 6:30 p.m. At the synagogue, 2 Lake St, S.F. Free; RSVP required.

Wednesday, April 4

Older Adult Passover seder lunch. A condensed seder for the 60-and-older crowd led by Rabbi Batshir Torchio and Maggid Jhos Singer. At JCCSF, 3200 California St., S.F. 11:30 a.m. \$5-\$10.

Peninsula & South Bay

Thursday, March 22

Women's seder for Hebrew speakers. At Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 8-10 p.m. \$18-\$20.

Sunday, March 25

"Peninsula Freedom Seder." Interfaith seder hosted by JCRC and the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition. At Congregational Church, 751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. 4 p.m. \$15-\$20.

Monday, March 26

"Telling Our Own Exodus Story." Women's seder for English speakers facilitated by Tova Birnbaum. At Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$18-\$20.

Interfaith Passover seder. Using the Passover story of strangers and powerlessness in foreign lands to explore issues faced by immigrants today. Co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley and JCRC. At Most Holy Trinity Church, 2040 Nassau Drive, San Jose. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free.

Friday, March 30

Chabad of San Jose. Traditional seder. At Addison-Penzak JCC, 14855 Oka Road, Los Gatos. 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$45.

Chabad of Santa Clara. Four-course meal with Argentine brisket; vegetarian options available. At 50 Saratoga Ave., Santa Clara. 6:45-9:30 p.m. \$18-\$45.

Oshman Family JCC. Family seder with menu based on Ashkenazi classics. At JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$18-\$20.

Chabad of Sunnyvale. Traditional seder. RSVP by March 23. At 585 Fort Laramie Drive, Sunnyvale. 8 p.m. \$30-40.

Saturday, March 31

Congregation Beth Am. Community seder and multicourse meal. RSVP by March 26. At the synagogue, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. 5 p.m. \$29-\$49.

Peninsula JCC. Family-friendly seder with catering by Wise Sons Deli. At the JCC, 800 Foster City Blvd., Foster City. 5-7 p.m. \$10-\$20; RSVP required.

Congregation Beth Jacob. Gourmet kosher seder. Separate children's mini-seder. All ages and backgrounds invited. RSVP by March 23. At the synagogue, 1550 Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City. 5:30-9:30 p.m. \$10-\$65.

East Bay

Friday, March 30

Chabad of Castro Valley. A four-course gourmet meal and seder with Hebrew and English haggadot. At Chabad, 20912B Redwood Road, Castro Valley. 6:45 p.m. Free, RSVP required; sponsor a person for \$36 or a table for \$300.

JCC East Bay family seder in Berkeley. A buffet-style seder for families with children 7 and under. At JCC, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 5-6:15 p.m. \$18-\$32; children 2 and under free.

JCC East Bay community seder in Berkeley. All-ages, first-night seder with live music by Eric Schoen. At JCC, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$18-\$72; children 2 and under free.

JCC East Bay seder in Oakland. A social justice-themed first-night seder led by musicians Kiki Lipsett and Isaac Zones. At East Bay Community Space, 507 55th St., Oakland. \$18-\$72; children 2 and under free.

Chabad of Contra Costa. A traditional seder with handmade shmurah matzah. At Civic Park, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. 7:15 p.m. \$30-\$45.

Chabad of East Bay. At Redwood Gardens, 2951 Derby St., Berkeley. 7-11 p.m. \$18 and up.

Chabad of Oakland. Traditional seder. Location sent with RSVP. 7:15 p.m. \$25-\$40.

Congregation B'nai Shalom. Family-friendly meal with rosemary chicken or veggie entrée. At the synagogue, 74 Eckley Lane, Santa Rosa. 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$10-\$63.

Temple Isaiah. Potluck seder. Bring kosher-for-Passover and nondairy dishes. At the synagogue, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette. 5:30 p.m. Free with RSVP.

Saturday, March 31

"Spiritual Audacity and Social Resistance Seder." Led by Cantor Linda Hirschhorn and Rev. Ken Chambers of Interfaith Council of Alameda County. Scent-free. At Kehilla Community Synagogue, 1300 Grand Ave., Piedmont. 4:45 p.m. \$32-\$65.

Kol Hadash. The local outpost for Humanistic Judaism hosts a part-catered, part-potluck vegetarian seder dinner. At Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. 6 p.m. \$15 and up.

Temple Beth Hillel. A family-friendly, congregational seder led by Rabbi Dean Kertesz and Cantor Fran Burgess. Vegan option. At the synagogue, 801 Park Central, Richmond. 6:30 p.m. \$8-\$35.

Tri-Valley Cultural Jews. A one-hour service followed by a potluck dinner; dishes need not be kosher-for-Passover. Family-friendly but not child-centric. Reserve by March 26. At Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore. 5 p.m. \$25.

Tuesday, April 3

"A Mystical Passover Seder." Hosted by Urban Adamah, facilitated by ritual leaders Hadar Cohen and Yosef Rosen. With kosher and vegetarian food. At Urban Adamah, 1151 Sixth St., Berkeley. 7-10 p.m. \$36-\$72.

North Bay

Saturday, March 24

Makor Marin. Outdoor storytelling and ecological seder; walk to Muir Beach.. At Green Gulch Farm, 1601 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free with RSVP.

Friday, March 30

Chabad of Petaluma. A traditional seder with handmade shmurah matzah. At Chabad, 205 Keller St., Suite 101, Petaluma. 7:15 p.m. \$10-\$36.

Sonoma County Chabad. Promising "fine food and wine." "uplifting messages" and "great company." At Flamingo Resort Hotel, 2777 Fourth St., Santa Rosa. 7:30 p.m. \$20 and up, discounts for families, children free.

Chabad of Novato. Hebrew- and English-friendly seder with brisket, tsimmes and cake. At Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Ave., Novato. 7-10 p.m. \$18-\$36.

Saturday, March 31

Congregation Beth Ami. All-ages, interfaith- and LGBT-friendly pescatarian meal. RSVP by March 26 at noon with any dietary restrictions. At the synagogue, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa. 7:30 p.m. \$14-\$80.

Congregation Shomrei Torah. A community seder in the sanctuary with limited seating. Vegetarian option. At synagogue, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. 6 p.m. \$18-\$36 for members, \$23-\$46 for others, RSVP required.

"From the Narrows." Congregation Ner Shalom hosts a community, Sephardic-style,

pescatarian seder with rice and legumes (kitniyot). Featuring the Good Shabbos Band. Buy tickets by March 28. At the synagogue, 85 La Plaza, Cotati. 6-9:30 p.m. \$24 and up.

Sunday, April 1

Special-needs seder. Congregation Ner Shalom hosts seder lunch for children with special needs and their parents. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. E-mail Mary Ann Malinak (mamalinak@comcast.net) or Jennifer Lorvick (jlorvick@rti.org) for location.

Thursday, April 5

Russian River Jewish Community seder. Potluck with music by Jubilee Klezmer Ensemble. At Monte Rio Community Center, 20488 Highway 116, Monte Rio. 5 pm. \$12-\$18.

Northern California

Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31

Congregation Beth Shalom in Modesto. Three seders: traditional first-night seder March 30 at 7:30 p.m.; family seder Saturday, March 31 at 4:30 p.m., followed by musical seder at 7 p.m. At the synagogue, 1705 Sherwood Ave., Modesto. \$10-\$36 per seder; additional \$10 after March 27.