

# A SEDER TO REMEMBER

## Omahans share favorite Passover stories

Jewish families will gather for Seder services and meals this week, handing down the memory of their ancestors' exodus from slavery in Egypt.

Although a religious holiday, Passover also is a time for family and friends to gather and enjoy each others' fellowship. And with any family gathering, there are fond memories of good times, good food and even a humorous event or two.

The World-Herald asked several Omahans about a special Passover in their lives. Here are their stories.

### Grandfather's wise words

Many of us carry and pass on warm childhood memories of family and friends at a Passover Pesach table. I myself have memories of many years with my grandparents and parents.



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My brother and I sang the songs. The Seder

It was Pesach, some 30 years ago. We were celebrating the Seder with our family, and my grandfather conducted it — reading the Haggadah, just as he did every year.

was unfolding in a joyful manner with its ritual steps, symbols and songs.

At one point, my grandfather said to me, "Look well at how everything is done, because I am not going to live forever." I did not dare to reply. I only nodded my head. Some months later, my grandfather passed away.

I always remembered his words. They taught me that it is the responsibility of the younger generation to continue the tradition. I still hear the voice of my grandfather, and I now answer him with words I did not dare say at that time.

"Don't worry. I looked well at how everything was done, and I shall do it. What you transmitted, I shall transmit."

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