

Corona Virus Haggadah

Kadesh – Time for the first of four cups of cough syrup. Lean to the left, unless you are sitting next to Aunty Doris who has just returned from Bali, in which case you should lean to the right.

Urchatz – wash hands with hand sanitizer.

Karpas – normally we use horseradish, but this year’s supply is still on a ship stranded in Singapore, so we use potato instead. To remember the bitter times of slavery, through to our contemporary bitter times of not having much of a supply of bottled water.

Maggid – put on a facemask and say: “All who are hungry and not quarantined, let them come eat”

Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we are afflicted only once, but tonight we are afflicted twice.

There were four sons. The wise one stocked enough toilet paper to get by for a week or two. The wicked one hoarded the entire shops supply and has an entire storeroom full. The simple one ran out after two days. The one who didn’t know how to ask resorted to paper towels instead.

We cried out to Hashem who saw our burden and our affliction. One Rabbi bsaid the Coronavirus inflicted on the Egyptians started as equal to four different plagues. Therefore, we conclude that Egypt were struck by 40 cases, and now it is 200.

There were ten plagues: coughing, hoarding, fake news, travel bans, stock market crash, supermarket stampedes, shutting down schools, no toilet paper, cancelled events, death of the first born.

Rabbi Judah coined the acronym COVID-19.

Dayenu:

Had we not been to China, Dayenu

If Costco had not sold out of tissues, Dayenu

If my stockbroker had not mysteriously disappeared, Dayenu

If we could now only choose to fly El Al, Dayenu

If Lemsip was kosher for Passover, Dayenu

If it was only the meme’s that went viral, Dayenu

Moitze Matzah – A small thought on Torah. Why is it called Coronavirus? Why not Heinekenvirus, BudLightvirus, or Goldstarvirus? Because the numerical value of Corona is the same as the name Moses. People, it's written in the Torah Code!

Maror – Fresh Horseradish may have the necessary properties to kill the Coronavirus.

Korech – In the days before the Coronavirus, Hillel used to eat a laffa shwarma on Seder night. To remember the splendour of this we take two pieces of matza, dip them in codliver oil and shake them off, combine them with two Panadol tablets and bind them together with Vicks vaporub.

Shulchan Aruch – Maybe try and give them some chicken soup? Bubbe says that will cure anything.

Tzafon – As the kids search for the Afikomen, make sure they don't accidentally stumble or touch anything with thier fingerprints. Negotiate the trade of the found piece of matzah with the inheritance of your near worthless Government bond certificates.

Barech – Open the door for Elijah, but he may not come as he is in self-isolation. Read: "Pour out your wrath upon the land of China that created this mess in the first place."

Hallel – sing songs of praise that the Corona Virus should Passover our homes.

Nirtzah – that concludes the Seder. No, unfortunately there is no toilet paper. Sorry.

The Holy One, blessed is He, came and overpowered the angel of death, who took out the pandemic, who smote the cruiseship captain, who used up the wifi, that forgot the Zoom code, that stopped the panic, that gripped the supermarket, and used up my last roll of scented 3-ply toilet paper that my father bought for two zuzim. Chag Gadya.

Next Year in Jerusalem. Because we are not seeking to take a cruise.

