

Pesach food maven!

Test your Pesach food knowledge with these fun trivia questions

Ingber is a traditional Ashkenazi Pesach sweet made from vegetables, often carrots, and flavoured with which spice?

Ginger

In 1945, the National Jewish Welfare Board produced matza for shipment to Jewish military personnel to use for their for Passover seders. In what shape was the matza made?

V for victory

True or false? After developing automated matza making machines in the mid 19th century, the Manischewitz company patented the conveyor-belt oven which is still used in commercial bakeries today.

True

Which symbolic Pesach food has varieties that include banana, pears, peanuts, quinces, pomegranate juice, vinegar, dried pears, cherry preserves, and honey among their ingredients?

Charoset

True or false? In the 1930s, Maxwell House coffee hired an advertising firm to market to a Jewish demographic. The agency hired a rabbi to research coffee, who determined that the coffee bean is more like a berry than a bean, and thus not kitniot and kosher for Pesach.

True

Matza is usually made from wheat flour, but five grains are acceptable for matza making. What are they?

Wheat, spelt, barley, oats, and rye

According to Jewish law, Jews may not own or derive benefit from chametz during Pesach, and since Israel's zoos are Jewish-owned, all bread and crackers are dropped from the animals' food for the duration of the festival, and replaced with matza. But which animals don't eat matza? Is it:

- A. Elephants
- B. Gorillas
- C. Buffalo

A. Elephants can't eat grains

True or false? Kosher for Pesach Coca-Cola sold in America has a different formulation than the Coca-Cola sold there during the rest of the year?

True – it uses sugar not high fructose corn syrup, which may be considered kitniot

Where is the largest seder in the world held?

- A. Tel Aviv
- B. Buenos Aires
- C. Kathmandu

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True or false? In Poland during World War I, wine was in such short supply that people used four cups of sweet tea instead of wine during the Seder.

True

True or False? Participants at a Persian Passover Seder will hold bunches of celery, chives, leeks or spring onions and use them to lightly beat each other on the back and shoulders while simultaneously singing "Dayenu". This is said to symbolize the stinging whips of the Egyptian taskmasters.

True

True or false? The largest matzah ball ever made weighed 121.1 kg (267 lb) and was made by Noah's Ark Original Deli in New York, USA, on 6 August 2009.

True.

The matzah ball measured 74.16 cm (29.2 in) in diameter. It was comprised of 1,000 eggs, 36.28 kg (80 lb) margarine, 9.07 kg (20 lb) chicken base and 90.71 kg (200 lb) matzo meal

True or false? During Pesach 2011, Rakusen's sold so many boxes of matza in the UK, it was the equivalent of a piece of matza for every man, woman and child living in the country.

False

In the children's book *The Matza Ball Fairy*, seder guests float up to the ceiling after eating the magically lighter-than-air matza balls. What heavy food does the fairy suggest to bring them down to earth?

- A. Bubbe Rose's Pesach sponge cake
- B. Aunt Freida's potato kugel
- C. Uncle Solly's tsimmes

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True or false? In Morocco it was traditional for Muslims to bring their Jewish neighbours some of their sourdough starter the evening after Pesach ended.

True

True or false? In 1998 Manishevitz was sued by the L'Oreal corporation for a series of adverts for their Passover products that featured the tagline "Because you're worth it!" The suit was ultimately settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

False

True or False? In an unusual Sephardi custom, the leader of the seder dips his fingers into the charoset and makes an impression with his wine-soaked hand just under the mezuzah in the doorway to create a 'charoset hamsa' which protects the family against evil.

True

True or false? Palwin kiddush wine was once advertised in the Jewish Chronicle with the slogan "Let your Seder Table help the Jewish Colonists by insisting upon Palwin!"

True

Georgian *khenaghi* are Pesach dumplings, usually served in chicken or lamb soup, or cold with a pomegranate sauce. They made from matza meal and what kind of nuts?

- A. Peanuts
- B. Pistachios
- C. Walnuts

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According to the Spanish Inquisition, the preparation of the popular Pesach dish *quajado* was a sign of practicing Judaism, and could lead to imprisonment. What ingredients distinguish quajado?

Eggs and vegetables, often with cheese and soaked crumbled matza

A popular Italian Pesach dish, *Scacchi* consists of layers of matza with alternating fillings of leek, spinach, artichoke and meat. But what does scacchi actually mean?

- A. 'Chess' - because the matza is said to look like a chess board
- B. 'Spring' - because that is when the dish is eaten
- C. 'Scratchy' - because the broken matza has rough edges

A. Chess

True or false? In *An Essay on Food*, Sigmund Freud once wrote, “Knaidlach have a magical power. They can bring either the greatest happiness or deepest despair... They are capable of arousing the strongest emotions.”

False

True or false? During chol hamoed, Jews in Khazakstan enjoy a traditional spiced apple soup to celebrate the *alma güli* (apple blossom) festival.

False

Traditionally eaten by Moroccans at the Mimouna festival immediately following Pesach, what is moufletta?

A layered pancake

The name of which common Pesach treat was first coined by French satirist Rabelais in 1552 in his comedy Gargantua and Pantagruel?

Macaroon

Sephardic *ashuplados*, widely eaten on Pesach, are better known as what?

Meringues

Which of the following foods failed to make it onto the Washington Post’s 2014 list of “The 10 least awful Passover foods”. Was it...

- A. Gefen tomato ketchup
- B. Kosher for Pesach Coca-Cola
- C. Oppenheimer chocolate covered orange peel

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True or false? Some vegetarians and vegans replace the shank bone on the seder plate with a roasted sweet potato or “Paschal Yam”.

True

Falsche fish, or ‘false fish’ is served by some Chasidim on Pesach in place of gefilte fish. What is used to make it?

Chicken or turkey meat