

Seder around the world



Teacher The following is a text to be read in class. Each time there is a bold word, it's a sign that the students should search for the word on their bingo cards.



Two thousand years ago, the **Temple** stood in **Jerusalem**, and the Jewish people would visit it three times a year: on Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

Pesach was a special festival: Jews from all over Israel and various diasporas saved money all year long so they could travel to Jerusalem to celebrate **Pesach**.

Sometimes the journey to Jerusalem was long and lasted many weeks. People made the journey on foot and had **donkeys** that carried their equipment. On the way, they slept in **tents** that they set up or simply under the open **sky**.

The pilgrims would walk in groups, and people from towns and **villages** along the way would join them.

On their way to Jerusalem, they sang songs, played **flutes**, beat **drums**, and approached the city in a large, joyful procession.

The people of Jerusalem would leave the city to meet those arriving, greet them, and open their **homes** before them.

At that time, it was customary not to charge accommodation fees in Jerusalem, so the multitudes of pilgrims were hosted for free, and guests would leave the hosts a **gift**.

Before going to the Temple, they would purify themselves and dress in **white clothes**. In the Temple, they would hear the **Levites** singing and see the **Kohanim** doing their work.

They would celebrate the Seder night together in groups. The adults would tell the story of the **Exodus from Egypt** to the children, they would eat the Passover sacrifice, and would stand on the rooftops of the city to sing the Hallel songs.

