

Five Fun Facts

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Five Fun Facts About Passover

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We all know about [Passover](#), that holiday when we Jews whip out our flat, cracker-like matzah, talk about the massive exodus from Egypt, and drink a whole lot of Manischewitz wine. As it happens, though, there are a few other things you might want to know about Passover! Here are some facts about the holiday that you probably never knew:

Passover is an oldie. Judaism celebrates a *lot* of holidays. Some are fairly recent, such as [Yom Ha'atzmaut](#), Israeli Independence Day, founded only 66 years ago when Israel was declared a state. But the oldest of them all? Passover! The very first Passover was celebrated in Egypt itself more than 3,300 years ago and marked the first holiday the Jews ever celebrated.

The world's biggest matzah ball was *really big*. You thought your mother made them well? Well she's up against some competition. [The world largest matzah ball was made in the heart of New York City in 2009](#). Chef Anthony Sylvestry managed to make a matzah ball measuring 22.9" wide and weighing a whopping 267 lbs!

Sometimes there are seven foods on the seder plate. The traditional seder plate is a circular plate with six spots on it, each to hold a different symbolic food to be eaten during the Passover meal. In recent years, a new tradition has begun to form – a seder plate with seven spots instead of six. The new seventh food? An orange. The orange

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