

Passover – The Family Guide to Spritual Celebration.  
By Dr. Ron Wolfson with Joel Lurie Grishaver.  
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Ron Wolfson is a master educator, and Passover, The Family Guide to Spritual Celebration, shows him at his best. This volume, the third in a series which will hopefully one day include all the major festivals – and how desperately we need one for Shavuot! – is also the second written with the inimitable Joel Lurie Grishaver.

This volume, part of a series sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and the University of Judaism, is a perfect text to support those whose familiarity with the festival of Passover is less than their desire to enjoy its richness and message. Wolfson takes the reader through every stage of Pesach, but focuses primarily on the Seder meal, prayer by prayer, symbol by symbol. Leaving no detail unmentioned or unexplained, Wolfson enables his reader to celebrate Pesach practically, emotionally, spiritually and correctly, and to have a great time while doing so.

There are interviews with friends about their observance of Pesach, recipes, instructions on searching for and disposing of leaven, and suggestions for getting the most out of favourite Seder songs.

Wolfson is informative but never patronising, and even those who think they know everything there is to know about Pesach will find something in the pages of this book that will enhance their Seder this year, and for many years to come.

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