

## Suggestions to run a סדר

1. The most important thing is to relax and be patient. This is also a great lesson in Emuna, as this teaches us to be relaxed and patient with the plan of 'ה. Patience is the best way to show that 'ה runs the world.
2. **You have to be very flexible**, if something is not going well, even if you put a lot of effort into, if it is not going, DROP IT.
3. You have to be the most chilled, more than the rest of the year, which is hard facing all the pressure, anything goes, there is not one negative חינוך statement the whole night, **everything is positive**, that will transfer to the kids, you can say in the beginning of the סדר, tonight is a night of being friendly to everyone.
4. Running a סדר is not a show, you need to keep everyone involved.
5. The goal is not to get it over as quick as possible, you want to be efficient with time and don't want to have a lot of down time.
6. The one running the סדר should sit in the middle of the table, this will allow him to focus on more people.
7. Start off the סדר with a joke to lighten the crowd.
8. Tell each child that you want to hear everything from the הגדה, but for the סדר, it is late at night.
9. Come armed and dangerous with information.
10. Key to success is שלא לשמח, LOTS OF IT, coins (סדר dollars etc...) are awarded throughout סדר, coins are awarded freely, any question, good or bad, if they are mivater, compliment,

gets two coins, any question on another דבר תורה gets at least one coin, if they do their job, they get a coin.

11. Have a reward system. IE give out coins (you can get a bag of fake coins at party city or online), or סדר cards. Dont tell them the value (meaning how much they can redeem it for) of each card until it is all over. You decide in your mind, how much it is worth it to you to have your kids involved in the סדר, and then act accordingly.
12. Offer rewards for asking questions, more reward if it is their own question.
13. Whatever your reward system is, make sure to pay the kids ASAP. This way they will remember this for the next year and you wont forget to reward them.
14. Introduce themes that you want to focus on throughout סדר, an example of עבודות or חירות, etc... anytime a דבר תורה or topic is mentioned about the chosen topic, have a עבודות cup and חירות cup, the cup gets a coin and person gets a coin. Examples of things that מצפה לישועה , or זכר לחורבן . The master cup of coins gets divided amongst children
15. At יחץ, there is a vote to see which half is bigger
16. Before each מצוה (cup of wine etc...), we say this is what you have to eat, not a bit less or more,
17. The parts of the הגדה that kids are not reading, SPEED READ.
18. It is important for kids to follow along the סדר, you can make a סדר meter, move it along with different parts of מגיד
19. In order to keep the kids the interested, say the story wrong.

20. If you have a game to play (IE head bands), the best time to play that would be when you feel people are getting edgy.
21. Prepare questions that are thought provoking of the point of the סדר go around the table and ask, IE, what is bitter in your life? There are no wrong answers to these questions. Each person, on their own level, will have an understanding of Freedom....
22. Ask fun questions, IE, which מכות affected which senses?