

PASSOVER THE GATHERING



By the JCA BM Class of 2025-2026

BRUCHIM HA'BA'IM! WELCOME!

Today, we are gathering to celebrate the hard work, creativity, and achievement of the B'nai Mitzvah class at JCA Keshet for the 2025-2026 school year.

You will get to participate in the fruits of our class's labor by playing a Pesach-themed cooperative game of Magic the Gathering, complete with cards our class created! This game is designed with *middot*, Jewish characteristics/values of **zerizut** (enthusiasm), **savlanut** (patience), **kinah** (envy), and **achrayut** (responsibility) in mind as we've learned about them this year.

We hope you have fun on this day, which is unlike all other days!

B'shalom,

Nora, Micah, and the B'nai Mitzvah Class

Kadesh - Observe Your Play Area

Dear Creator, thank you for giving us cards to play with and to help us learn middot.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ree hagafen.

We praise G-d, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruit of the vine.

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שֶׁהֵחִינּוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

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she-hechyanu v'key'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

We praise G-d, Ruler of Everything,
who has kept us alive, raised us up, and brought us to this happy moment.
Drink the first glass of wine!

Urchatz - Shuffle Your Deck to Prepare to Play Magic

As a symbolic handwashing, we now pause. We begin to prepare to play our first round by surveying our table setup to ensure that we have everything we need. We shuffle our cards using the following directions.

How to Shuffle

 Do not bridge shuffle because it can bend the cards

 Step 1
Split the deck into 2 even stacks
(They don't need to be perfect)

 Step 2
Push the cards together so they alternate
(It is OK if it is 2 or 3 cards between
And not one)

 Step 3
After repeating steps 1 & 2 several
times have your opponent cut your
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Karpas - Manifesting New Beginnings for Spring

Below are some affirmations written by our class to bring in new beginnings and pray for a good game.

Dear G-d, thank you for creating a space where we can learn new things and grow.

Thank you for my good cards!

Wow, these bosses are really scary. Bless me, G-d, with the power to overcome my fears!

Thank you G-d for these amazing cards that will help me win the game.

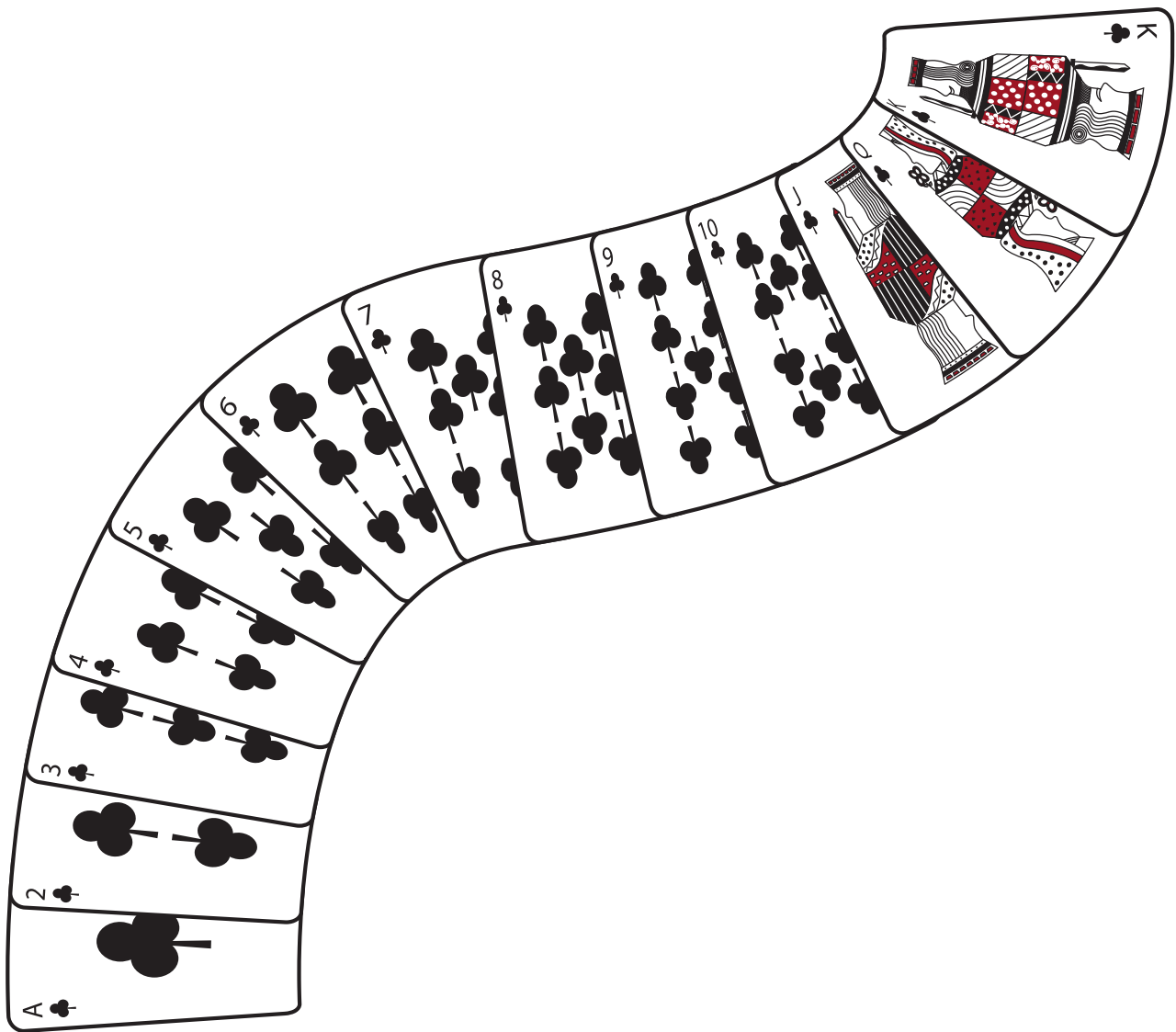
Thank you for making creativity so that people could make Magic the Gathering.

Please G-d, let us play in teams!

Thank you, G-d, for giving me 1,000,000 dollars. Hint, hint.

Yachatz - “Breaking” Your Deck

Birgi: To prepare to start the game, have your opponent cut your deck. Take part of the deck from the top and put it underneath the stack.



Maggid – Magic and its Story

The Four Questions: MTG Remix

On all other days we play as a group of just us kids. Why today do we play with our parents and community?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות
Ma nishtana halaila hazeh mikol haleilot?

On other Saturdays at JCA we go to services AND work as a class. Why on this day do we only work as a class?

On all other nights we eat both leavened bread and matzah. Why, on this night, do we eat only matzah?

שבכל הלילות אנו אוכלין חמץ ומצה הלילה הזה כולו מצה
Shebichol haleilot anu ochlin chameitz u-matzah. Halaila hazeh kulo matzah.

**On all other days we can play any game.
Why on this day do we only play Magic the
Gathering?**

**On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables. Why, on this
night, do we eat bitter herbs?**

שְׁבִיכּוֹל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שִׁאֲרַיִרְקוֹת הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרּוֹר
Shebichol haleilot anu ochlin shi'ar yirakot haleila hazeh maror.

**On all other days we play up in the loft. Why
on this day do we play in a larger space?**

**On all other nights we eat either sitting normally or reclining. Why,
on this night, do we recline?**

שְׁבִיכּוֹל הַלַּיְלוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלֵנוּ מְסֻבִּין
*Shebichol haleilot anu ochlin bein yoshvin uvein m'subin. Halaila hazeh
kulanu m'subin.*

WHO WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS?

The Four Magic Players

The wise player asks: **How do you play your deck?**

The wicked player asks: **How do I defeat your deck?**

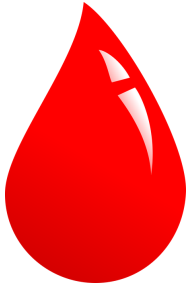
The simple player asks: **How do I play?**

The quiet child is listening for directions.

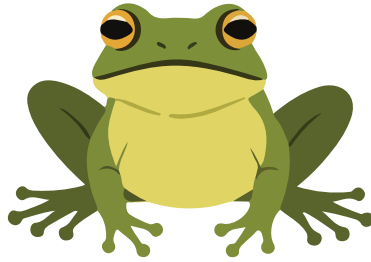
WHICH PLAYER ARE YOU?

The Ten Plagues

Dip a finger or a spoon into your wine glass for a drop for each plague.



Blood | dam | דָּם



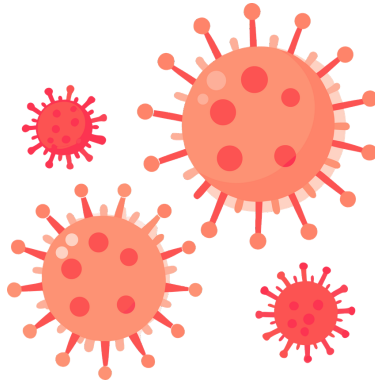
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Lice | kinim | כְּנִים



Beasts |arov| עֲרוֹב



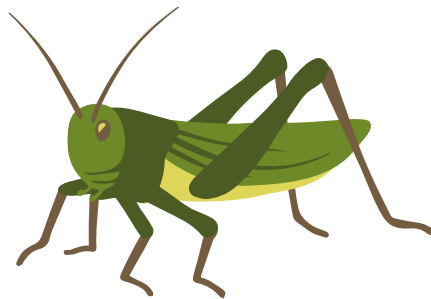
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Boils | sh'chin | שְׁחִין



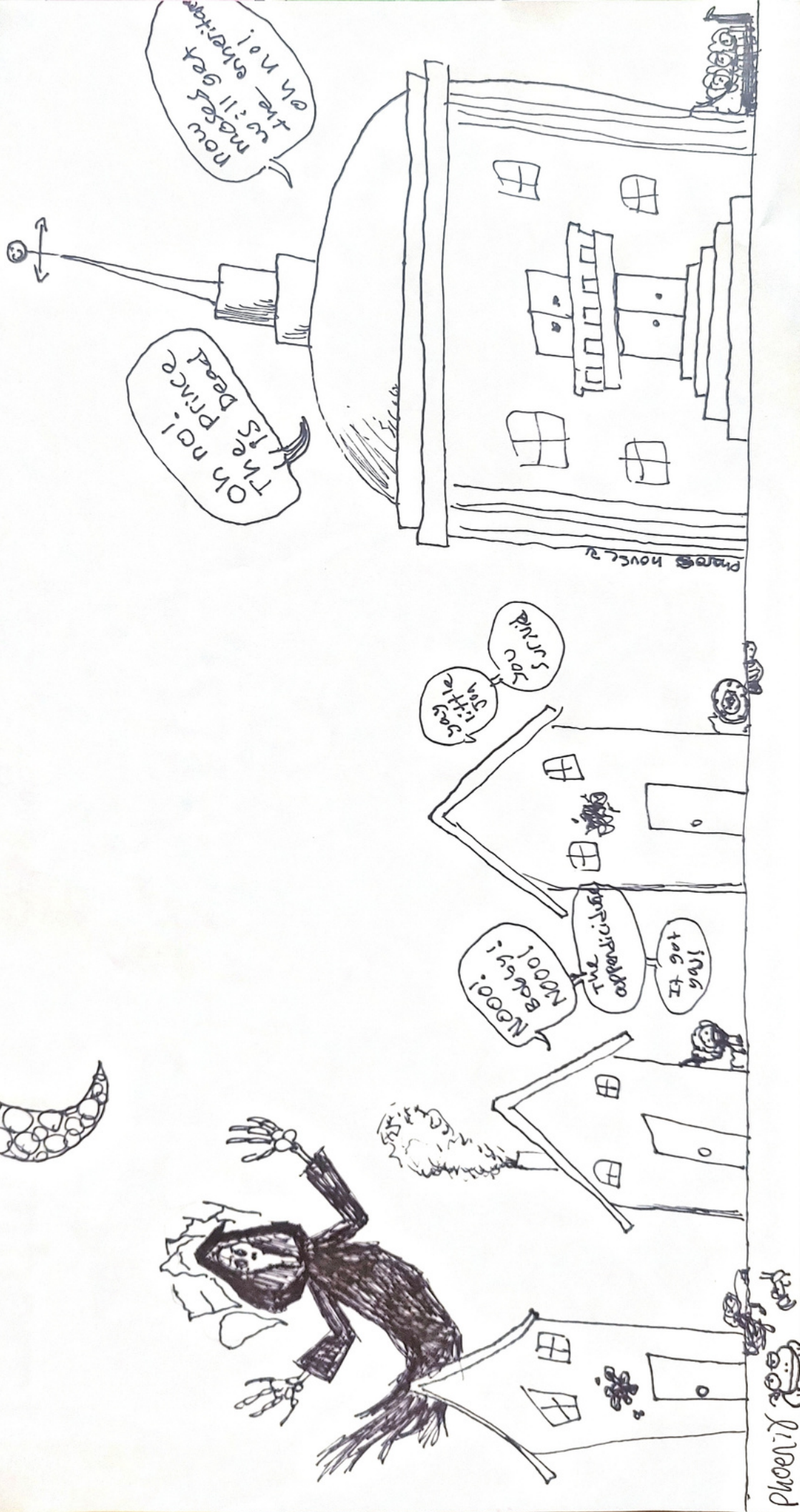
Hail | barad | בָּרָד



Locusts | arbeh | אֲרֵבָה



Darkness | choshech | חֹשֶׁךְ



מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת | makat b'chorot | Death of the Firstborn

Birgi: We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and G-d took us from there with a strong hand and outstretched arm. Had G-d not brought our ancestors out of Egypt, then even today we and our children and our grandchildren would still be slaves.

The Ten Plagues of Magic the Gathering

1. Card sleeves are sharp and they hurt.
2. Shuffling is annoying.
3. Cards that look cool but aren't good/helpful.
4. No land in hand.
5. Mulligans.
6. Your partner not knowing how to play.
7. Having no creatures.
8. Only drawing land cards.
9. Forgetting to shuffle.
10. Forgetting to draw.

Urchatz - Shuffling part 2



Take all your cards and shuffle them. Put them on the slot marked "library."

Then draw 7 cards.

Take a die and put it to 20.

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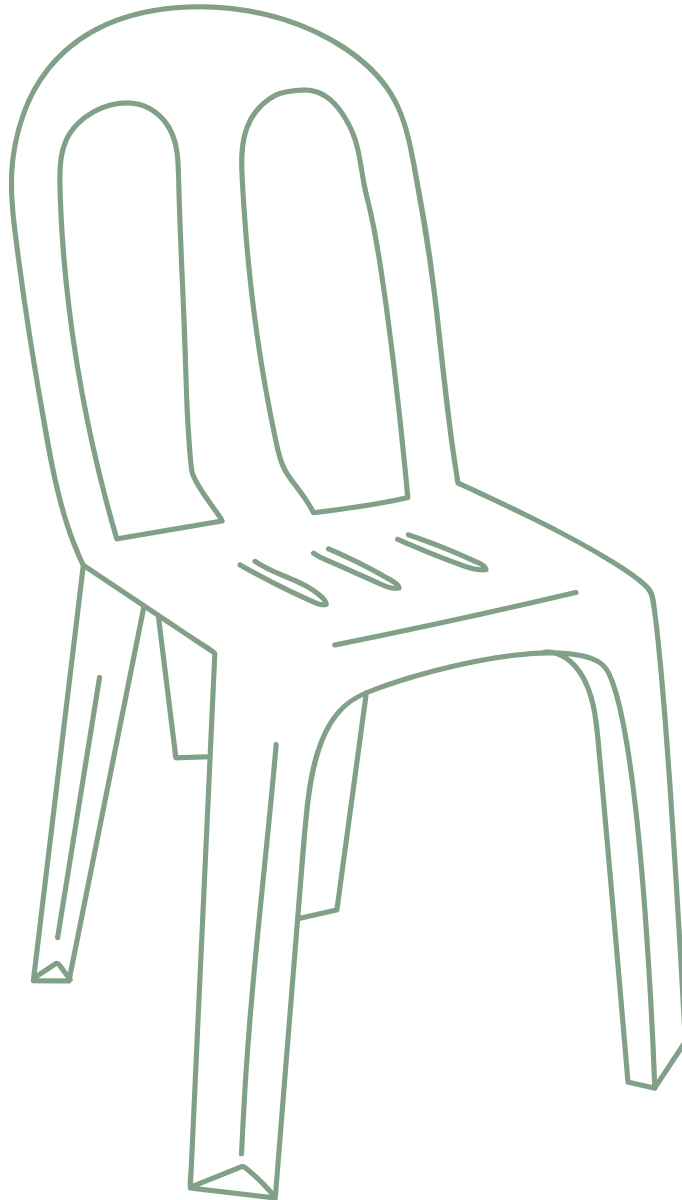
Shulchan Oreich — Finally, we play!

Enjoy! Remember to play fairly, be a good team member, and have fun!



Birgi, the god of storytelling (our Seder leader!)

Look under your chair!



This envelope and these cards are yours to keep to remember your hard work and join your friends in a cooperative game where you CAN scream “Judaism!!”

Nirtzah - The End!

The Seder is finished. You did it!

Chag Sameach – Happy Passover. Thank you for being here.

efraim tessa nora jacob jonah eloise
naomi sam gavahn
micah phoenix milo deshawn
max august judah johanna