Introduction to the Improv Passover Seder

Welcome to an Improv Seder, where we will tell the story by acting it out rather than reading it. The popular Haggadot have a lot of commentary and the story can get lost. The point of the Passover Seder is to tell the story of the Exodus of the Jewish people from being slaves in Egypt. We will tell the story, by acting it out.

We will start with Blessings, present the objects that we brought that represent our personal freedom, have a break to get organized, act out the story, enjoy dinner, and then sing songs and find the Afikomen. It will be a great Seder.

Please pick a character from the story to represent and imagine what it was like to be that person in that situation. What was that person thinking? What challenges did that person face? What strength did that person have to find? You are welcome to come in costume if you like (bonus points for that). Please act your part as best you can. The more you get into it, the more real it will be. Its okay if its unusual for you, or if you don’t think you are an academy award winning actor. Just relax and get into the story.

Please think about presenting your plague of choice and come prepared. It can be funny, serious, informative, experiential, multimedia, whatever. Keep your presentation brief. You will have up to a minute. Here is a link with brief summaries about each plague to help you prepare. http://www.angelfire.com/pa2/passover/thetenplaguesofpassover.html

Please bring an object that represents your personal liberation in this past year (or longer if you choose). What have you broken out of? What have you liberated to? Relationship, issues, career, health, whatever. We will have a time to put these things on an alter and we'll have a chance to talk. explain, declare, whatever you need. Say as much or as little as you choose about our object. Please give other people space to do so.

Most importantly, Please have a wonderful time. Please bring yourself, be present, be your wonderful self, let yourself liberate. I am very happy to do this and I'm looking forward to everyone coming and having a great evening.