

What is Pesach on a Budget

Pesach on a Budget is a new concept in Pesach Getaways geared towards making it more affordable for families to go away to a hotel for Pesach. In the United States it has become expected when you go to a Pesach program, that it will be more than just a hotel stay with meals and minyan. It is expected that there will be lavish tea rooms, extensive meals, and big shows. While these are enjoyable qualities in a Pesach Program, they also make programs unaffordable to some. Pesach on a budget seeks to change that. A stripped down getaway, which covers all the basics, but none of the excess, allowing for an affordable vacation for families who want to spend less than \$5000 a couple and less than \$1000 a child.

Is this a traditional Pesach Program? Yes and No. The program includes great food, service, and a good time. By removing the extras such as expensive meals, continuous lecturers and activities, and over the top tearooms, we are able to provide a program on a budget affordable to most families.

Who is running the program? Who is the caterer? The Hudson Valley Resort, a full time kosher hotel with a full time kitchen staff, is organizing this program and doing the catering. There is no official activities or "activities director". While there will be some activities and entertainment, it is not the focus of the event. Three daily meals, with plenty of food and minyanim are the two items that we are marketing. Anything else is gravy.

What is the Kashrus Standard? Kashrus is by Rabbi Binyamin Taub (chassidische Hashgacha from Monsey). It is non-gebrokts cholov yisroel, and all chicken is KJ and all beef is Solomons. Hand Shmura Matza will be available for the seders and machine shmura matza available for all other meals.

What will the meals be like? Shabbos and Yom Tov night time meals will be waiter served on dishes and have a choice of beef or chicken. Lunch and chol hamoed dinners will usually be buffet meals with 5-6 choices and a salad bar and served on plastic. Lunches will usually have a fish option. By making these meals more like what you have at home, we save you thousands off your family's reservation.

Will there be any kiddushim or tea rooms? We will provide a limited kiddush with herring, fruit and cake and there will be some tea rooms for the kids with chips and cake. By not having extravagant tea rooms we are saving you money.

Does the program include wine? Kiddush wine and grape juice is always available. We will not have fancy more expensive wines. It is in part how we make this more affordable for you.

Will there be a Rabbi on premises? Yes. There will be a Rabbi to run the minyan and give an occasional shiur.

Will there be entertainment? We will have limited entertainment. There will be some sort of show every night of chol hamoed. We will not be promoting what shows. We don't want people to decide to come or not come based upon what shows we are having, so we are stating in advance that we will have some entertainment but they will not be famous names or big acts. We will provide some lectures and activities and entertainment for our guests, but we don't want them to be the reason they are coming nor do we want guests to be disappointed if they don't like the magician or lecturer.

Will there be day camp? There will be a babysitting day camp program for younger kids. There will not be a day camp director or day camp during meal times. Think of it more as a group baby sitting service to give you a break.

What amenities does the hotel provide? The hotel is built for even extranbvagant pesahc programs, so here is one area where you benefit even onb a budget program. There is an indoor pool (separate hours), game rooms, exercise room, numerous bounce house inflatables, play station room, miniature golf, ping pong, billiards, volleyball and tennis courts, basketball courts, 550 actres of grounds and more. You will not be bored and will need more than even 8 days to explore everything the hotel has to offer.

How do the Sedorim work? Each family will have the seder at their own table. Private seder rooms are available for an extra fee.

Will there be housekeeping? Rooms are regular hotel rooms with soap, shampoo, and towels. Limited housekeeping service (towel changes...) will be available on chol hamoed.