

A Purr-fect Passover

By Jenna Waldman | Illustrated by Erica J. Chen

READING GUIDE

About the Book

The beloved kitties from Jenna Waldman and Erica Chen's *Purr-im Time!* are back to celebrate Passover in this bouncing, rhyming story for ages 3-6.

One ear wiggles, then another, Passover is here!

A purr-fect time to celebrate and feel the springtime cheer!

There is a lot to do to prepare for the seder, the meal on Passover where everyone recounts the story of Moses freeing the weary slaves in Pharaoh's Egypt. Frolicking kitties come together to clean and cook, then eat the seder meal and act out the Passover story.

Jenna Waldman grew up in Rhode Island, where she always had kitties cozy-doing on her lap. Jenna is the author of *Purr-im Time*, *Sharkbot Shalom*, and *Larry's Latkes*. Along with her husband, two boys, and three cats, she lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Erica J. Chen is a Chinese-American illustrator who enjoys creating whimsical, character-driven illustrations and is particularly interested in stories that promote inclusivity, tolerance, and understanding. She also illustrated *Purr-im Time*. Other publications include *Ukulele Dreams* and *The Dog Dilemma*. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Key Themes:

Passover, Hospitality, Family and Friends, Chores

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Ages 3–6 years

Use these questions to preface and conclude a reading of this book with children. Encourage them to share their observations as you read the book together, and take time to linger on pages or spreads that generate more discussion.

Before Reading

- Read the title of the book out loud. Why do you think the author spelled PERFECT differently: PURRFECT?
- Looking at the cover of this book, what do you notice? What are the characters doing? What are they feeling?

After Reading

- In what ways is the kittens' celebration of the Passover holiday similar to how you celebrate holidays with your family? In what ways is it different?
- List three things the kittens do in the story. Why do you think they do each of them?
- Look at the illustrations of the table on the cover and inside the book. What objects do you see? Have you seen them before? Are they the same or different than objects you would see at an everyday dinner table?
- Because these are kittens celebrating Passover (and not humans!) there are lots of clever, kitten-like details that the illustrator has included throughout the book. For example, the kittens hold the "Kitty Haggadah" at the seder table. Look carefully at the art. What other kitten details can you find?

Optional: Extension Activity

On the last page of the book, there are directions of how to make a Meow- tzah Cover. Make a Meow-tzah Plate to go with it!

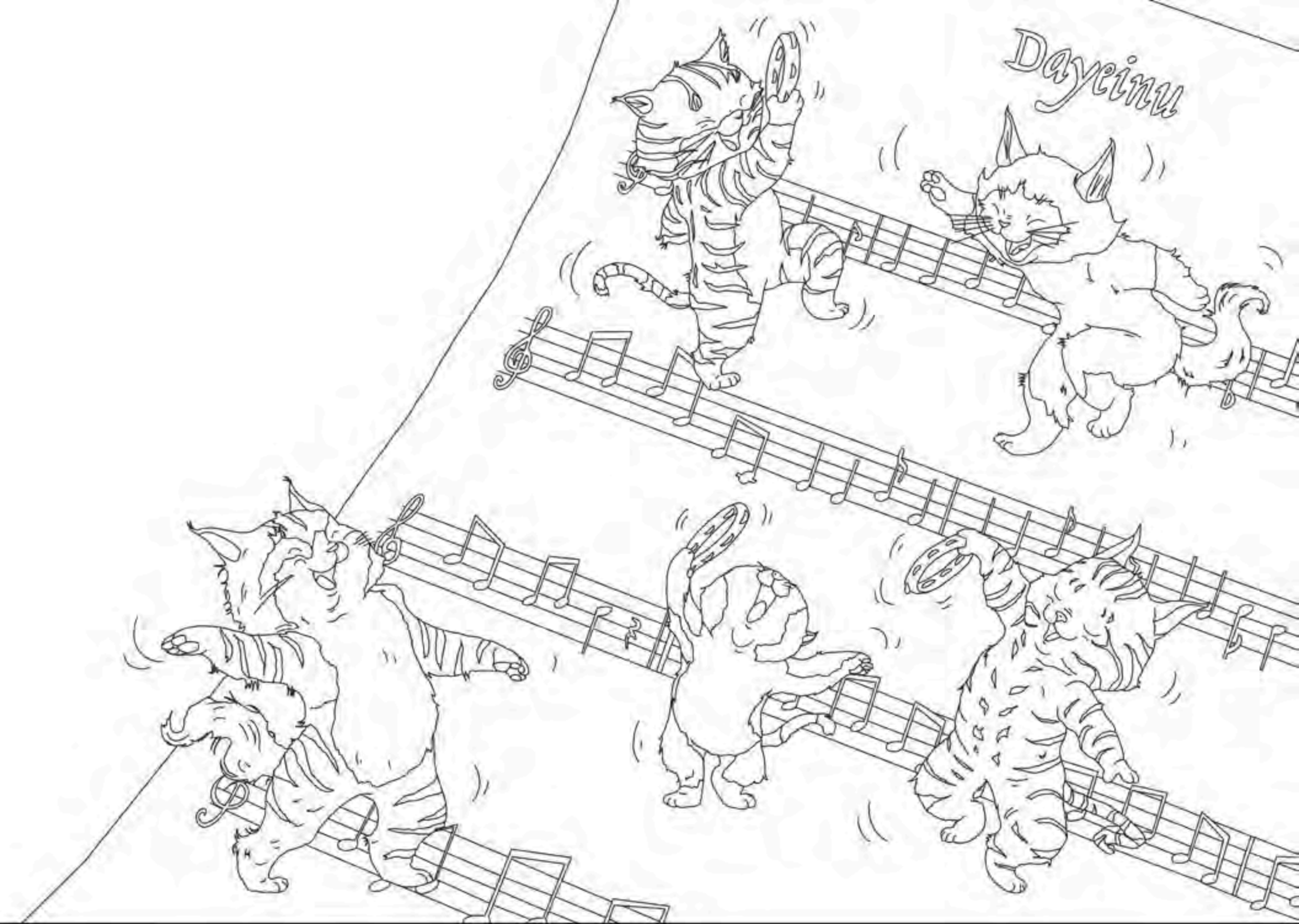
You will need markers and a plain white paper plate.

- 1: Draw the matzah: draw a line straight across the bottom ,and draw dots and dashes beneath to make the matzah.
- 2: Draw the kitten: Draw a 1/2 a circle above the matzah. Then add triangles for ears and nose, and curved lines for the eyes and mouth. Color it in to complete your Meow-tzah Plate.



Discussion Questions by Ann Diament Koffsky





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Character Cut Outs

