

4 Responses to Living in Unacceptable Times

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In every generation, we imagine as if we ourselves are living out the Exodus by gathering at Seder tables to retell the ancient story of our struggle for freedom. The Haggadah describes four children who each ask questions about the Exodus — and the answers we give them reveal different ways of relating to our liberation story.

Right now in America, we're living in dangerous and unacceptable times. It's precisely in times like these when we discover who we are as a people, as a society, as a nation. In this moment, it's up to each of us to decide what we're willing to act for and how we want future generations to remember us. The four children teach us that there are many ways that individuals understand their relationship to their own historical moment. At your Seder, consider each of the following responses as potential reactions to the current political environment. How will you respond? What is acceptable in unacceptable times?

We don't get to choose the historical moment we live in, but we do get to choose how we respond.

How will you respond?