

The Four Answers

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Source:

Leader:

The formal telling of the story of Passover is framed as a discussion with lots of questions and answers. Asking questions is a core tradition in Jewish life. The rabbis who created the set format for the seder gave us this question with Four Answers to help break the ice in case no one had their own questions.

Youngest member of group:

Why is this night different from all other nights?

Leader:

1. On all other nights we eat both leavened bread and matzah.
Tonight we only eat matzah.
2. On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables,
but tonight we eat bitter herbs.
3. On all other nights we aren't expected to dip our vegetables one time.
Tonight we do it twice.
4. On all other nights we eat either sitting normally or reclining.
Tonight we recline.