

# The 5th Question

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## “Why is this night different from all other nights?”

The question is central to the telling of the Passover story and is followed in the traditional Seder with four more that elaborate on the holiday rituals:

1. On all other nights we eat either leavened and unleavened bread. Why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread?
2. On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. Why on this night do we eat only bitter herbs?
3. On all other nights we need not dip our herbs even once. Why on this night do we need to dip twice?
4. On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining. Why on this night do we recline?

These classic questions still hold meaning for us, but are there other questions that might be even more relevant to ask today? We've asked Jewish educators and organizations all over North America to add a fifth question to the Seder – one that will inspire us to make Passover meaningful for today's Jewish world.

Birthright Israel NEXT's 5th Question is:

On this night we look into the past to tell a story about the history of the Jewish people. **What do you take from this story as you write your part of the future of the Jewish people?**

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