



# The Four Questions

One of the main focal points of the traditional Passover seder is the *maggid*, the telling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt. This story begins with the youngest person at the seder asking the Four Questions (*Mah Nishtanah*). These questions provide the impetus for telling why this night is different from all other nights.

Learn more about the four questions and how they are sung at [ReformJudaism.org/Passover](https://ReformJudaism.org/Passover).

מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל-הלילות.

*Mah nishtanah halailah hazeh mikol haleilot?*

**How is this night different from all other nights?**

1. שְׁבֹכֵל-הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חֲמֵץ וּמִצָּה הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה בְּלוֹ מִצָּה.

*Sheb'chol haleilot anu ochlin chametz umatzah, halailah hazeh, kuloh matzah.*

**On all other nights, we eat chameitz and matzah. Why on this night, only matzah?**

2. שְׁבֹכֵל-הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׂאֵר יִרְקוֹת הַזֶּה מְרוֹר.

*Sheb'chol haleilot anu ochlin sh'ar y'rakot, halailah hazeh, maror.*

**On all other nights, we eat all vegetables. Why, on this night, maror?**

3. שְׁבֹכֵל-הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מְטַבִּילִין אֶפְיֵלוּ פְּעַם אַחַת הַלֵּילָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְּעָמִים.

*Sheb'chol haleilot ein anu matbilin afilu pa'am echat; halailah hazeh, sh'tei f'amim.*

**On all other nights, we don't dip even once. Why on this night do we dip twice?**

4. שְׁבֹכֵל-הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְׁבֵין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין הַזֶּה בְּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין.

*Sheb'chol haleilot anu ochlin bein yoshvin uvein m'subin; halailah hazeh, kulanu m'subin.*

**On all other nights, we eat either sitting upright or reclining. Why on this night do we all recline?**