

## REAL Questions. . . From ACTUAL Kindergarteners

They mix / pour [the *seder* leader] a second cup, and here the child asks the parent, and if the child lacks intelligence, the parent teaches the child, “What distinguishes this night from all other nights. . .?”

*Mishnah Pesachim 10:4*  
מְזַגְגוּ לוֹ כּוֹס שְׁנִי, וְכֵאן הֵיבֵן שׂוֹאֵל אָבִיו,  
וְאִם אֵין דַּעַת בְּבֶן, אָבִיו מְלַמְּדוֹ, "מֶה  
נִשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלַּיְלוֹת. . .?"

**YES**, it is true that Mirowitz kindergarteners *have* been working on “The Four Questions.”

And **DOUBLE YES**, it is true that Jewish tradition sees these questions, which many of us put at the cornerstone of our family *seder* experiences, as the less-than-ideal, default participation for children to memorize and recite if they can’t think for themselves.

But **A THIRD TIME YES** you may rest assured that Mirowitz kindergarteners have the curiosity and intelligence to formulate their own questions. Below are some of the REAL questions from ACTUAL Mirowitz kindergarteners collected by Hebrew and Judaics teacher, Morah Sagit.

<b><u>A Few Ideas For How You Could Use These At Your Seder</u></b> Print and cut each question onto a different slip of paper.		
1) Hide a question under each person’s plate and ask them to read it at some point during the <i>seder</i> .	2) Hide questions around the room. Take breaks periodically for “question hunts” and mini discussions.	3) Put all question slips face down in the middle of the table and choose one periodically. “Chooser” may answer the question or ask it to someone else at the table.

- 1) Why were Israelites born in Egypt?
- 2) Did the Israelites fight Pharaoh before they became slaves?
- 3) Why do we eat *matzah* only in *Pesach* and not throughout the year?
- 4) Why did the Israelites become slaves in Egypt?
- 5) Why was Pharaoh bad to the Israelites?
- 6) How did the Sea of Reeds split into two?
- 7) Why did Pharaoh change his mind after letting the Israelites leave Egypt?
- 8) Why did G\*d cause ten plagues and not fewer?
- 9) Why did G\*d choose those particular plagues?
- 10) What is the difference between dough for bread and dough for matzah?
- 11) How are we so certain that the story of Exodus really happened?
- 12) Why isn't my entire family celebrating Pesach together?
- 13) Why Pesach is such a special holiday?
- 14) Why should we celebrate the night of the *seder* together?
- 15) What other people, other than the Israelites, have been slaves?
- 16) Why did Pharaoh make the Israelites work so hard and make them unhappy, instead of keeping them happy so that they would continue to work for him?
- 17) Why didn't Pharaoh like the Israelites?
- 18) Why did Pharaoh listen to Moshe?
- 19) Why did Pharaoh and his daughter decide to keep Moshe even though they knew he was an Israelite?
- 20) Why did God choose Moshe?
- 21) Why did God talk so much with Moshe and not with all the Israelites?