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# The Fifth Question

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## A JCC Association Centennial Insert into the Passover Haggadah

The four questions in the Haggadah are actually four answers to a single question (*Ma nishtanah halaila hazeh*, what is different about this night?): eating *matzah*, eating *maror* or bitter herbs, dipping our food twice, and eating while reclining. These symbols and behaviors are designed to trigger an extended conversation about the meaning of Passover.

In celebration of JCC Association's Centennial, we'd like to add a fifth question to stimulate additional conversation about the unfolding meaning of Jewish life. Feel free to use these suggestions, or to come up with some questions of your own. Insert these questions after the four questions, since that's the trigger for the fifth question or include them at any point in your seder that you feel makes sense. *Chag sameach* (Happy holiday)!

1. How has your Jewish community changed in your lifetime?
2. What makes your community special and distinct from others?
3. How has North America been different for Jews than other lands?
4. How has your JCC (or your JCC camp) influenced your understanding of Jewish life?
5. What makes the JCC (or JCC camp) special within the Jewish community?
6. How would your great-grandparents react to a tour of your JCC today? What would you say in response?
7. Passover is also called *z'man cheruteinu*, the time of our freedom, because we were freed from slavery, and freed to worship God. What are some ways your JCC (or JCC camp) frees you to be Jewish?
8. The three central symbols of the seder are the *pesach* (the shankbone, representing the paschal sacrifice), the *maror* (bitter herbs, representing the bitterness of slavery), and the *matzah* (or unleavened bread, representing the haste in which the Israelites left Egypt). What symbols would you suggest adding to represent Jewish living and learning in your JCC (or JCC camp)?
9. How do JWB Jewish Chaplains in the U.S. military fulfill the story of the Exodus?

Take this wonderful opportunity to learn about your family's historic and/or current connection as a Jew in the military, and connection to your local JCC or camp and/or other JCCs around North America.