Seder Table Questions to bring to your Passover Seder on Israel-Gaza & our World



The first night of Passover is Monday night, April 22, 2024

This year's Passover will be different from all other Passovers. The horrifying war and violence, the immeasurable suffering of Israelis and Palestinians, and the rising tensions and hatred around the world all raise very difficult and essential questions for us. Passover is a holiday of re-affirming justice and liberation, of telling the story of the Jewish people, of transmitting core values to each other, and of seeking and finding hope for our lives and our world.

Because Judaism teaches that we must make our discussion of Passover relevant in every generation, we share these questions with you, in the hope that you may use them to augment your Seder with deeply relevant, meaningful, respectful, and valuable discussion at your Seder Table, as you observe Passover.

- Rabbi Andy Vogel & Rabbi Talia Stein



For the Section of: Maggid - Telling the Story

• Telling the story of the Jewish people is the heart of the Hagaddah. As you reflect on your own personal experiences, what are the most important moments or events in your life that inform your thoughts and emotions about Israel / Palestine? How do they inform your relationship to current events?

For the Section of: Mah Nishtanah

• The *Mah Nishtanah* section asks: Why is this night different from all other nights? This year, how would you say <u>you</u> are different since the events of October 7? Have your opinions changed? Which ones? Have any of your behaviors changed? How so? Has your attitude toward being Jewish changed? Your sense of safety as a Jew? Your relationship to Israel? In what ways?

For the Section of: The Four Children

• Many people have noted that differences of opinion by American Jews about Israel and Zionism are, in very general terms, drawn along generational lines – namely, that older generations feel a stronger attachment to Israel, while younger generations are more likely to seriously question Israel's policies or see Zionism as less legitimate. As you come to the section of the Four Children in your Hagaddah, do you think that the attitudes that you and your Seder Table guests have are drawn this way? If so, or, if not: Why, or why not?

For the Section of: Dayenu

• How can we say "ENOUGH!" to the cycles of war, violence, bloodshed and hatred in our world? What actions could be taken – by leaders, or by you personally – to bring healing and repair to our world? What will it take to resolve the conflict, and what is your vision of that resolution? What are you ready to commit to doing, yourself?