

Mah Nistanah - 4 Questions Finger Puppets

Materials:

Mah Nishtanah cards
Mah Nishtanah pictures in color-coded circles
Mah Nishtanah



Directions:

- 1. Find an unused glove.
- 2. Cut out the Mah Nishtanah circles.
- 3. Using the *Mah Nishtanah* cards or the *Mah Nishtanah* page), read the question. Attach one of the circle (ie:bread) that's in that question on the back of the glove and the other part of the question (ie:matzah) on the front of the glove. One question (ie:bread/matzah) per finger.
- 4. Repeat reading the other 3 questions and attaching the matching circle pictures to the glove.
- 5. Use this glove to ask the 4 Questions at your Passover seder.

מַה נִשִׁתַּנָה הַלַּיִלָה הַזֵּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת

Ma Nish'tanah haleilah hazeh mikol haleilot? Why is this night different from all other nights?

1

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין **חָמֵץ וּמֵצָה.** הַלַּיְלָה הַזֵּה כֵּלוֹ **מַצָּה:**

Sheb'chol haleilot anu ohch'lin chametz umatzah.

Halalilah hazeh kulo matzah.

On all other nights we eat chametz or matzah.

Why, tonight, do we eat only matzah?

2

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין **שְׁאָר יְרָקוֹת,** הַלַּיִלָה הַזֵּה **מַרוֹר:**

Sheb'chol haleilot anu ohch'lin sh'ar y'rakot.

Halalilah hazah maror.

On all other nights we eat all kinds of *vegetables*.

Why, tonight, do we eat bitter *maror*?

3

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַ<mark>טְבִּילִין</mark> אֲפִילוּ **פַּעֵם אֶחָת.** הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה **שְׁתֵּי פְּעָמִים**:

> Sheb'chol haleilot eyn anu **Matbilin** afilu **paam ehchat**. Haleilah hazah **sh'tai f'ahmim**.

On all other nights we don't dip our vegetables - not even once!

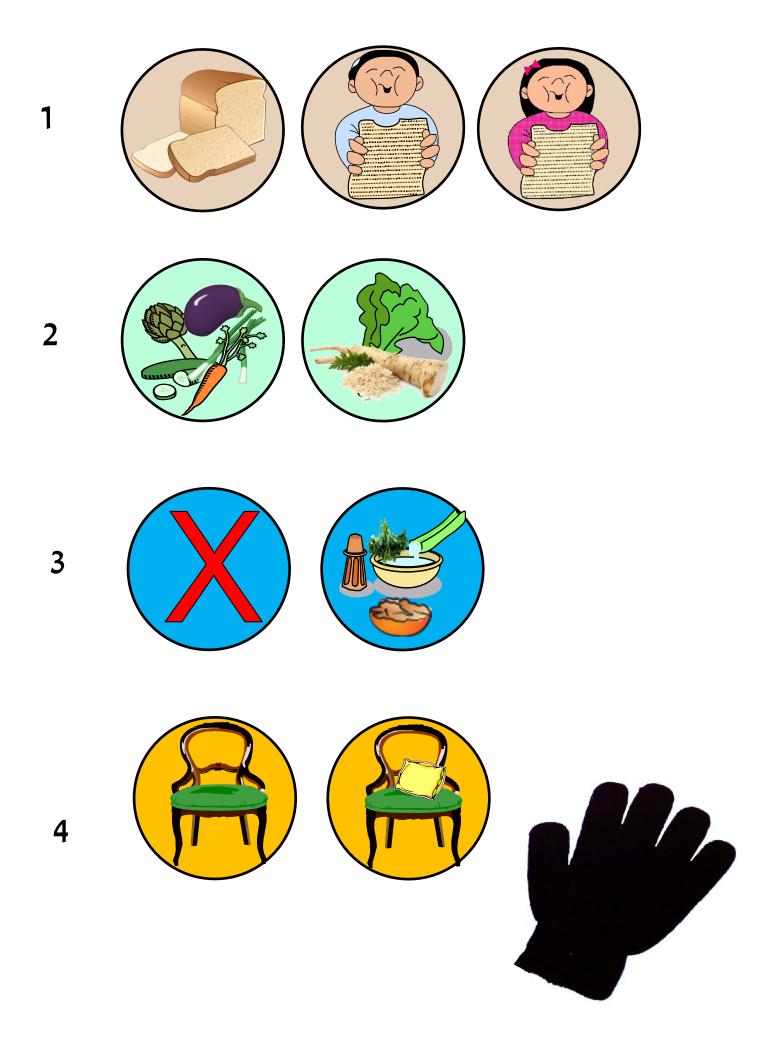
Why, tonight, do we dip two times?

ַּשְבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שֶּבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יוֹשְבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין. הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין: הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כָּלָנוּ מְסֻבִּין:

Sheb'chol haleilot eyn anu ohch'lin bein yosh'vin uvein m'subein.
Haleilah hazeh kulanu m'subeen.

On all other nights we eat sitting up straight or leaning any way we want.

Why, tonight, do we all *lean*?



"The Four Questions"

מַה נִשְׁתַּנָה הַלַּיְלָה הַאָּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת?

Mah nishtanah halailah hazel mikol haleilot?

Why is this night different from all other nights?

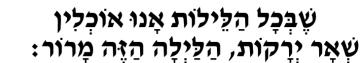
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Sheb-chol haleilot anu ochlin chametz u'matzah, halailah hazel kulo matzah

On all other nights we eat hamatz (leavened bread) or matzah.

Why, tonight, do we eat only matzah?

Our ancestors left Egypt in a hurry. Their dough did not have time to rise.



Sheb-chol haleilot anu ochlin she-ar y'rakot, halailah hazeh maror

On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables/herbs. Why, tonight, do we eat only bitter herbs/maror?

We eat bitter herbs to remind us of the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין אֲפִילוּ פַּעַם אֶחָת, הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְעָמִים:

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

On all other nights we don't dip our vegetables/herbs - not even once! Why, tonight, do we dip them twice?

The first time we dip karpas (a vegetable) into salt water is to show that we are now free people and can eat as we please. The karpas is used because herbs are asign of spring, and Passover is a spring holiday. The second time we dip maror (a bitter herb) into haroset is to show that the bitterness of Egypt has been sweetened (to lessen its pain). The maror represents the bitterness of life in Egypt. The haroset symbolizes the bricks our ancestors made in Egypt.

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין בֵּין יושְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין, הַלַּיְלָה הַיֶּה כֵּלְנוּ מְסֻבִּין: Sheb-chol haleilot anu ochlin

Sheb-chol haleilot anu ochlin bein yoshvin u'vein m'subin halailah hazeh kulanu m'subin

On all other nights we eat sitting up straight or leaning any way we want. Why, tonight, do we all lean?

We lean as a sign of freedom and comfort.

