

Answers to the 4 Questions during Passover



Answer 1: We eat only matzah because our ancestors could not wait for their breads to rise when they were fleeing slavery in Egypt, and so they took the breads out of their ovens while they were still flat, which was matzah.

Answer 2: We eat only Maror, a bitter herb, to remind us of the bitterness of slavery that our ancestors endured while in Egypt.

Answer 3: We dip twice - (1) green vegetables in salt water, and (2) Maror in Charoset, a sweet mixture of nuts and wine. The first dip, green vegetables in salt water, symbolizes the replacing of tears with gratefulness. The second dip, Maror in Charoset, symbolizes sweetening the burden of bitterness and suffering to lessen its pain.

Answer 4: We recline at the Seder table because in ancient times, a person who reclined at a meal symbolized a free person, free from slavery, and so we recline in our chairs at the Passover Seder table to remind ourselves of the glory of freedom.