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Chizuk Amuno Congregation

The Great

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Mystery

Crack the code and discover the mystery of [illegible]

What is your favorite part of פֶּסַח ?

Hi! I am Ari.

I am a computer programmer at W.P.A., *World Passover Administration*, and part time treasure hunter. I have stumbled upon a hidden code buried in the הַגָּדָה for פֶּסַח.

I think this code can teach us something, but I am not sure what it is!

I need your help to crack the code and figure out what פֶּסַח is all about.

The הַגָּדָה is like the siddur we use when we pray except it is only used on Passover.

הַגָּדָה

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת?

1 שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצָּה.
הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֻּלּוֹ מַצָּה.

2 שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׁאָר יְרָקוֹת
הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹר.

3 שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין
אֲפִילוּ פַּעַם אֶחָת.
הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְעָמִים.

4 שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין
בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין.
הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֻּלָּנוּ מְסֻבִּין.

How is this night of Passover different from all other nights of the year?

1 On all other nights, we eat either bread that rises or unleavened bread.
On this night we eat only unleavened bread.

2 On all other nights, we eat all kinds of vegetables.
On this night we must eat bitter herbs.

3 On all other nights, we do not dip vegetables even once. On this night we dip twice, greens into salt water and bitter herbs into *haroset*.

4 On all other nights, everyone sits up straight or reclines at the table,
On this night we recline and eat leisurely.

Break the code!

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה

In English this is called the _____

Do me a favor, count the number of "?" you find in this code. How many did you find? _____

We are already starting to break the code!

If this code is called the _____
then there is something very strange here!

Maybe the code is telling us that it is our job to ask questions on פֶּסַח!

Before we try to crack more of this code, we need to learn more about פֶּסַח...

פֶּסַח is know by four names:

חַג אָבִיב

Means: _____

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זְמַן חֵרוּתֵנוּ

Means: _____

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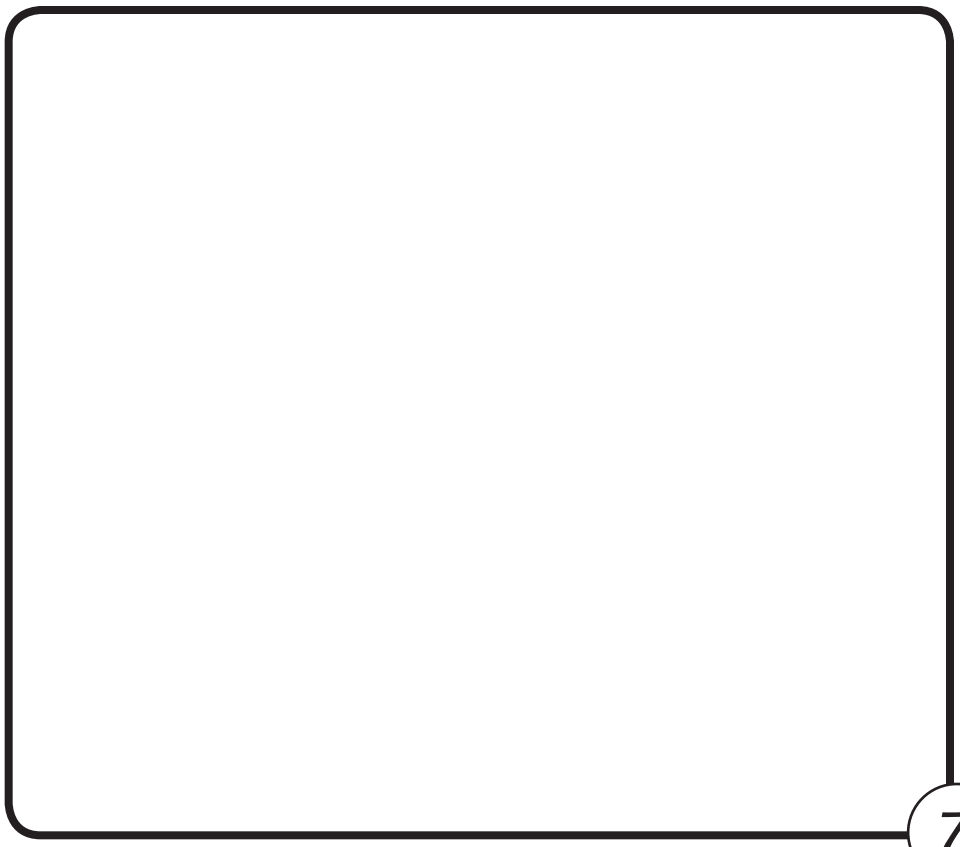

חַג הַמַּצוֹת

Means: _____

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פֶּסַח

Means: _____

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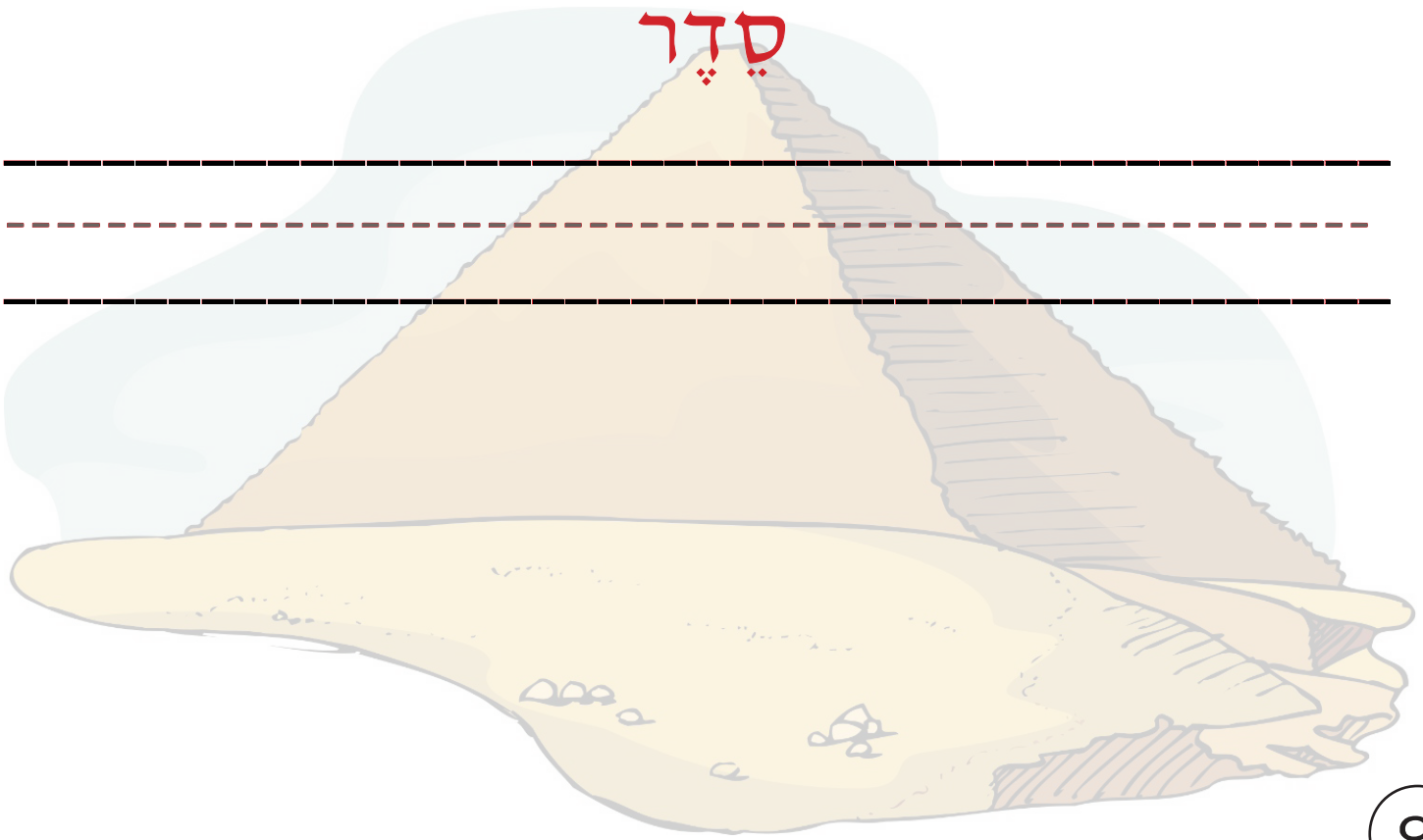
Now we celebrate פֶּסַח for _____ Days

On the first 2 nights
of פֶּסַח we have a _____

סֵדֶר means order--we try to put פֶּסַח into order and imagine what it was like to be slaves in Egypt and how happy we are to be free people today.

סֵדֶר



Find it on the Calendar!

Highlight which nights we have a סֵדֶר

Highlight the last night of פֶּסַח

Draw a candle on each day we light candles for פֶּסַח--be sure to also draw candles for שַׁבָּת

April and Nisan

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
					APRIL 1	
		1 Nisan	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 EREV PESAH 1st SEDER AT SUNDOWN	15 1st DAY 2nd SEDER AT SUNDOWN	16 2nd DAY	17 3rd DAY	18 4th DAY	19 5th DAY
20 6th DAY	21 7th DAY	22 8th DAY	23	24	25	26

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Draw what life was like in מִצְרַיִם for the Israelites

Draw your פֶּסַח Seder

Back to the code we discovered in the הַגָּדָה !

The code is

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת?

How is this night different from
all other nights of the year?

Lets crack the code and figure out the answer!

Make a list of how YOU think this night can be different from other nights of the year.

What do we do that is different?

What do we eat that is different?

Are there different things that we say?

Code Breaker

מַה

נִּשְׁתַּנָּה

הַלַּיְלָה

הַזֶּה

מִכָּל

הַלֵּילוֹת

Write out the word NIGHT in Hebrew

The Haggadah firsts asks us the question:

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת?

Now the הַגָּדָה gives us 4 answers:

Answer 1:

1

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין חָמֵץ וּמַצָּה.

הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֻּלּוֹ מַצָּה.

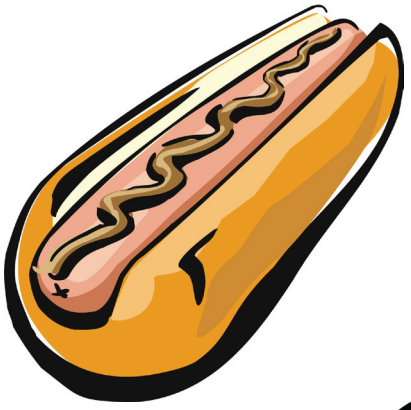
On all nights we eat hametz or matzah

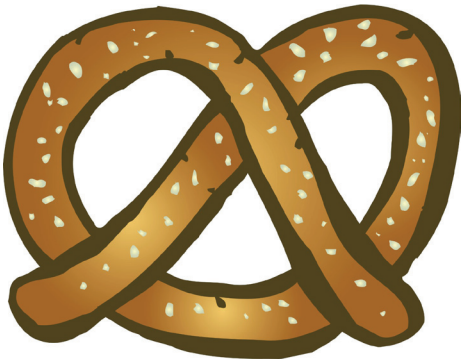
on this night we only eat matzah.

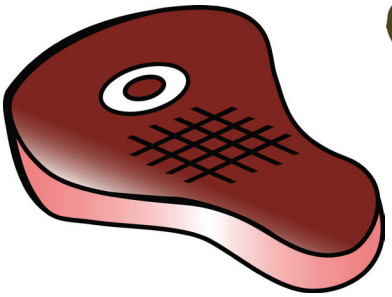
Give your drawing a title:

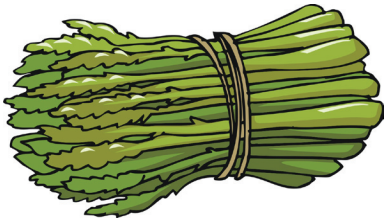
Draw the First Answer:

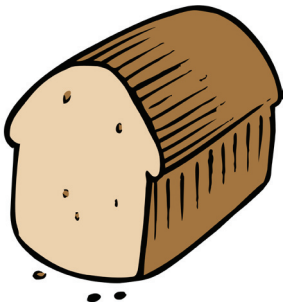
Find items that are חָמֵץ and put a ☺ next to them.

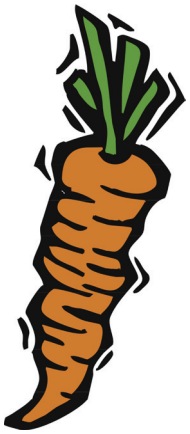


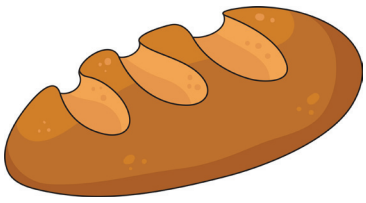








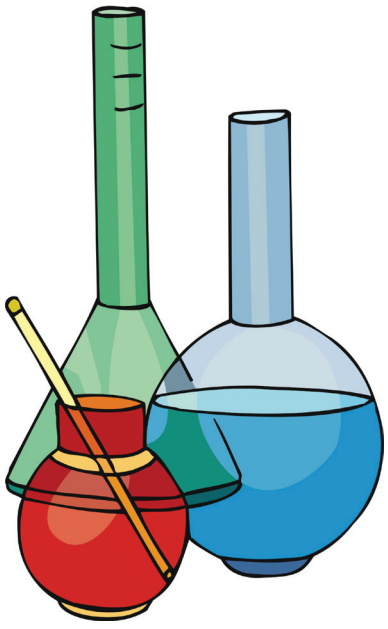




What do we think will happen when we add water to the yeast:

Before 18 minutes, my yeast and water mixture looked like:

After 18 minutes, my yeast and water mixture looked like this:



Answer 2:

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שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין שְׁאָר יְרָקוֹת

הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מָרוֹר.

On all nights we eat all kinds of vegetables
on this night we eat bitter herbs.

What were our lives like when we were slaves in Egypt?

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If פֶּסַח is also called זְמַן חֵרוּתֵנוּ The Holiday of our Freedom, why do you think we remember the time when we were slaves in Egypt?

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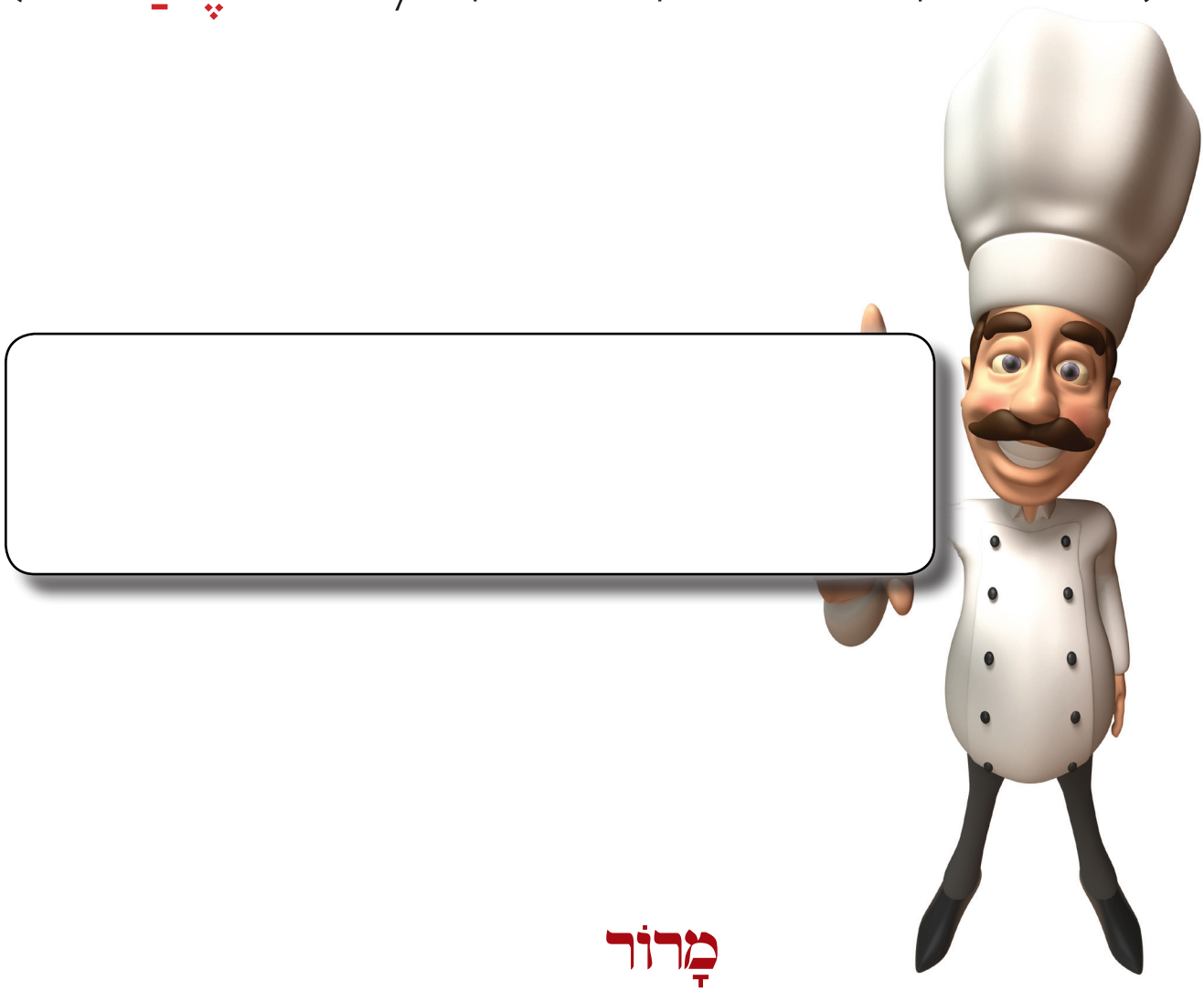
Traditionally Horseradish or
Romaine Lettuce is eaten

for מָרוֹר

Create your own imaginary SPICY מָרוֹר recipe

(on פֶּסַח we only eat horseradish or romaine lettuce):



מָרוֹר

Answer 3:

3

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אֵין אָנוּ מַטְבִּילִין

אֲפִילוּ פַּעַם אֶחָת.

הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה שְׁתֵּי פְּעָמִים.

On all nights we don't dip even one time
on this night we dip twice.

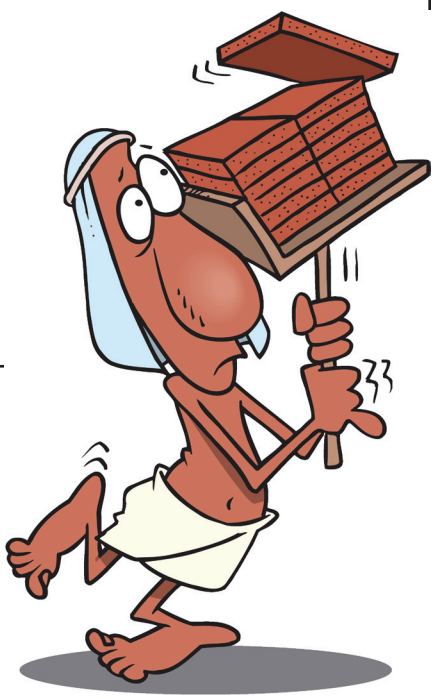
Today we eat many foods that we dip into other foods
(salsa, guacamole, fondue)
but when the מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה was written down,
eating dipped foods was something that was only done
on very special occasions.
Most people who were able to eat dipped foods were
royalty or very important.

שְׁתֵּי

When are the two times we dip at a סֵדֶר?

חַג אָבִיב

זְמַן חֵרוּתֵנוּ



Answer 4:

4

שֶׁבְּכָל הַלֵּילוֹת אָנוּ אוֹכְלִין

בֵּין יוֹשְׁבִין וּבֵין מְסֻבִּין.

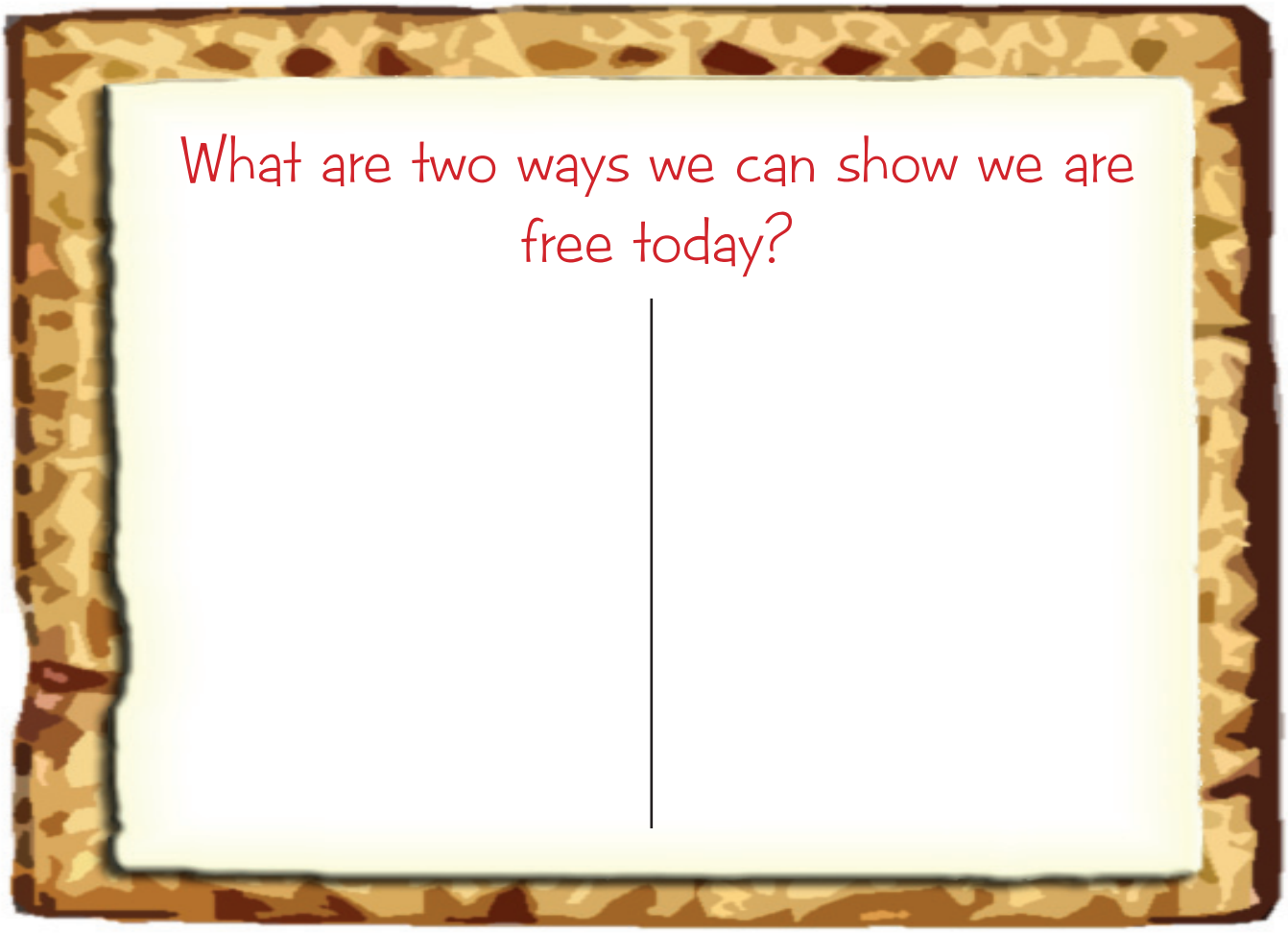
הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה כֻּלָּנוּ מְסֻבִּין.

On all nights we eat sitting or reclining

on this night we all eat reclining.

In ancient times Roman royalty would eat reclining on couches as they enjoyed a meal.

The rabbis who wrote the הַגָּדָה thought that this way of eating was an important way to show everyone that they were free



מְסִבִּין

Break the Code!

The הַגָּדָה asks us one very important question:

מַה נִּשְׁתַּנָּה הַלַּיְלָה הַזֶּה מִכָּל הַלֵּילוֹת?

What are the answers the הַגָּדָה gives?

How do you think פֶּסַח is different than other nights?

Why are questions so important on פֶּסַח?