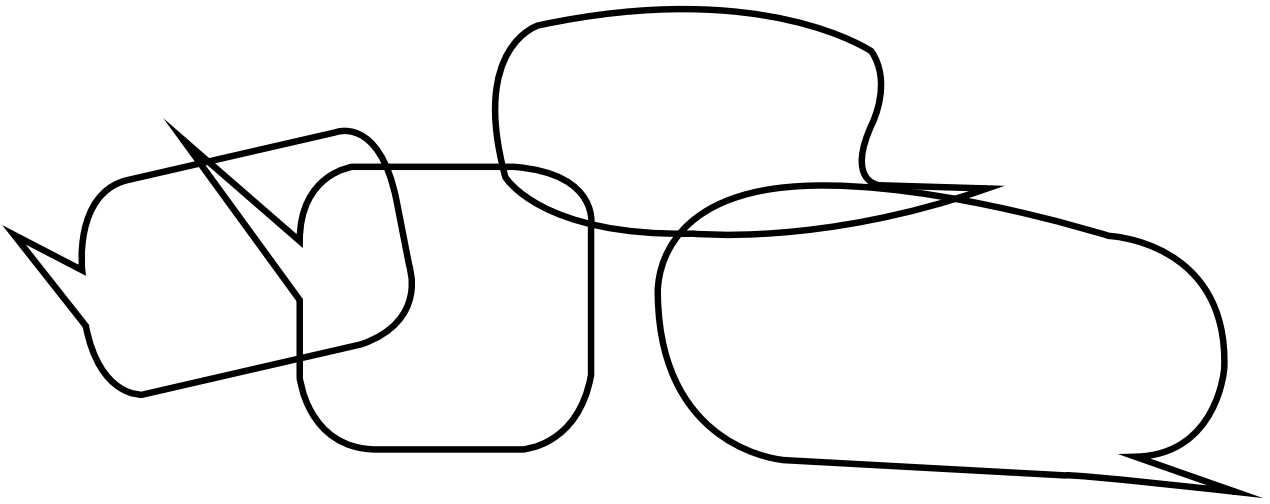


ONE MINUTE DEBATES



The Seder is all about asking questions because posing questions, challenging assumptions, and debating Torah is how we learn from each other and transmit our tradition.

We invite you to partake in this debate culture with this fun game to engage the whole family. This works well with kids (and adults!) of all ages. Use these cards to spark short, energizing debates, and feel free to come up with your own creative arguments for each topic!

Advanced Prep:

Cut out these cards or create your own with index cards before Pesah.

How to play:

- Each topic has one "True" card and one "False" card.
- Each card has one or two suggested arguments, but feel free to come up with your own.
- For each topic, ask for volunteers or assign people cards.
- Consider working in pairs or teams, particularly with younger children.
- Each side gets only 30 seconds to make their case.
- Finally, the table votes on a winner.

קידוש / KADEISH

recitation of Kiddush

We should spill a bit of wine on the tablecloth.

True: It makes people more comfortable and less nervous, especially guests.

False: Don't waste food! Spills are messy.



ורחצ / URHATZ

washing hands before appetizers

We should wash each others' hands.

True: That way everyone feels what it's like to be royalty. It's nice to help people.

False: Whoever does the pouring might feel like a slave. Even royals should wash their own hands.



כרפס / KARPAS

eat a vegetable dipped in salt water

It is good to cry.

True: Crying helps you let go of sadness and move on. Tonight is a time to remember even the bad parts of the whole story.

False: It is not good to dwell on sadness. Tonight is a time to celebrate freedom.



יחצ / YAHATZ

breaking the middle matzah

It's better to save things for later than use them now

True: You never know what might happen in the future, and saving helps you be prepared.

False: Live in the moment, and enjoy what you have in the here and now.



מגיד / MAGGID

telling of the story

הא לחמא עניא / HA LAHMA ANYA
("Bread of Affliction")

Matzah is the bread of affliction.

True: It's hard, dry, and gives us all a stomach ache.

False: Matzah is delicious and reminds us of our freedom.



מגיד / MAGGID

telling of the story

מה נשתנה / MAH NISHTANAH
("Four Questions")

This night is not really so different.

True: We have Kiddush, *ha-motzi*, and way too much to eat, just like every Yom Tov.

False: Are you kidding me?



מגיד / MAGGID

telling of the story

ונצעק אל אבותינו / VA-NITZAK EL
AVOTEINU ("We Cried Out")

God would not have saved us if we hadn't cried out.

True: It's good to ask for help. Prayer is about asking for help.

False: Some people don't know what to say. God would help people even if they don't ask for it.



מגיד / MAGGID

telling of the story

עשר מכות / TEN PLAGUES

It is okay to hope for the enemy to be punished.

True: We need clarity of right and wrong. Actions have consequences.

False: We should never wish pain on human beings. It won't make anything better or take away the pain that was caused.



מגיד / MAGGID

telling of the story

דיינו / DAYYEINU
("It Was Enough for Us")

You should say thank you even when your problems are not entirely fixed.

True: Every step forward matters. It's always important to show gratitude.

False: Don't become complacent with how things are. Always strive for better.



רחצה / RAHTZAH

washing hands before bread

You should take a bath every day.

True: You're dirty, and you smell. Germs make you sick.

False: You're not that dirty, come on. Germs build up your immune system.



מוציא מצה / MOTZI MATZAH

eating matzah

Jews in America today are no longer afflicted.

True: We are safe and powerful.

False: Antisemitism is alive in the world, and is lurking beneath the surface in many places.



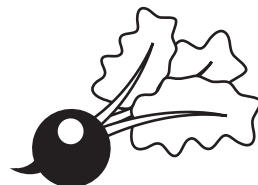
מרור / MAROR

eat bitter herbs

It is important to remember the bitter moments in our past.

True: They make you wiser... and more empathetic.

False: They just make you more bitter and sad. Let that negativity go!



כורז / KOREIKH

Hillel sandwich of matzah and maror

A sandwich made of matzah can still be considered a sandwich.

True: Two slices and a filling!

False: If it crumbles on your plate and leaves your mouth dry, it isn't a sandwich!



שולחן ערוך / SHULHAN OREIKH

eating the festive meal

Make something new to eat at the Seder.

True: *Hiddur mitzvah* (beautifying the mitzvah). Spice it up and keep it fresh.

False: This night is all about nostalgia: go for the comfort foods you know!



צפון / TZAFUN

eat the afikomen

The afikoman tastes like dessert.

True: Yum, what better way to end the meal?!

False: Ick, does it contain chocolate?



ברך / BAREIKH

thank God for the food

It's better to express gratitude after the meal than before.

True: You're way more excited about saying thank you after being so satisfied by the delicious meal.

False: It's rude to enjoy a meal without first saying thank you.



הלל / HALLEL

Psalms of praise

You can praise God even when things are still bad.

True: You can decide to see the good at any moment.

False: Praise in hard times is forced and inauthentic.



נרצה / NIRTZAH

prayer that God accepts our service

We should sing all of the songs.

True: They're so great!

False: No one knows all the songs! It is so late, go to bed!

