A highlight of the Passover seder is maggid: telling the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Questions are our springboard to explore how this night is different from all other nights. This year, around the world, Passover will be different from all others.

In this time of global pandemic, our lives have been disrupted in significant ways and we find ourselves asking questions we may not otherwise have ever thought to ask. Tonight, we bring our questions to the table with hopes to gain wisdom and understanding.

Just as the Israelites hastily baked matzah as they left Egypt, many of us recently made hasty preparations for an unknown journey. How did your rush to prepare shape your feelings of readiness for the journey ahead? How do we gather enough provisions while making sure everyone can access what they need?

On all other nights, we eat chametz (leavened foods) and matzah. Why on this night, only matzah?

On all other nights, we eat all vegetables. Why, on this night, (only) bitter herbs?

On all other nights, we eat either sitting upright or reclining. Why on this night do we all recline?

When we dip twice in salt water it reminds us of the abundance that we celebrate in the spring as well as the salty tears of those experiencing scarcity. How can we identify both material and non-material abundance, knowing every person has something to contribute? Can offering gratitude shape our approach to moving through challenging days?