

the fifth question...

Why is this night different from all other nights?

On most other nights we have more light-hearted conversations about our family and friends. Why on this night do we discuss the lives of strangers?

As we are seated around our Seder table and feast on our holiday meal, we are grateful for all that we have. But we acknowledge that there are others - too many others - in our community who find themselves seated at a different table. The Table of Hunger and Poverty.

May this be the year that we grow in our understanding and compassion. Let us give a voice to those who are hungry and poor, and so often overlooked. Let us take a moment to consider what it must feel like to be without sufficient, nutritious food, or to look into the eyes of hungry children and weakened elders. Let us recognize that it takes just one decision, one stroke of luck, one graceful nod from the universe to seat us at these different tables. Let us make a commitment to stand up against the Hunger and Poverty in our midst. Together, we really can make a difference.

In this coming year, may our actions take root so that Hunger and Poverty no longer have a place at our Community's table.

take action against hunger and poverty...

- **Talk to others.** Let them know that this is a real problem in our community.
- •Talk to your Elected Officials. Tell them that poverty and hunger are unacceptable in the richest country in the world.
- •Volunteer. Give your time to help others at Jewish Family Service or any other agency that works to effect change in the lives of people in need.



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