

The Contemporary "Four Children"

Which famous person today would be the best representative of the "wise child," of the "wicked child," and so on? Suggest candidates and discuss their suitability.

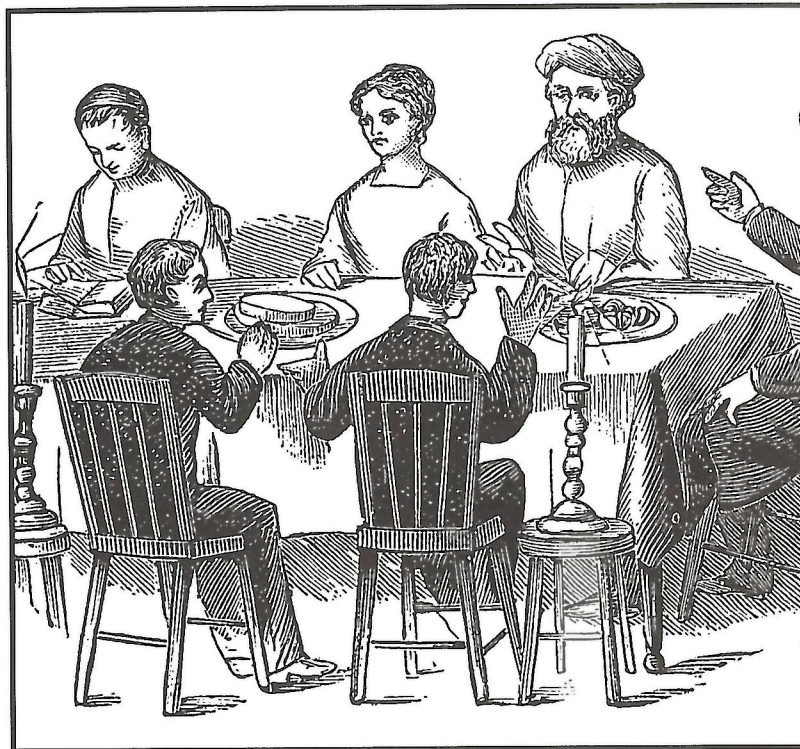
A Child's Perspective

Ask the younger children to describe the behavior of "a bad child" at the seder.

- What might be causing such behavior?
- Do they approve of the parent's response in the Haggadah?
- How would they handle the situation?
- Why do they think the "silent child" asks no questions?
- How might that child be coaxed into greater involvement?

Beyond Labels

I DO NOT VIEW labels as static pigeon-holes. I believe in the power of the educational act to release locked up potentials. For example, **one who does not know how to ask** may be silenced by the rules of society. The silence may hide an exceptional, sensitive child whose questions are choked. A parent can "open the child up," remove the obstructions, enable personal growth and break stereotypes (*Yaariv Ben Aharon, Kibbutz author*).



The Immigrant Family

Chicago

Bridging the Generation Gap

The inter-generational dialogues in the Torah explicitly refer to parents who participated in the Exodus addressing their children who have grown up in freedom in the Land of Israel. The parents have undergone an experience of slavery and redemption which is totally foreign to the reality of the younger generation. The gap in experience causes difficulties in the inter-generational

dialogue.

Invite the seder participants to discuss the following:

- What are the generational differences among us, the participants tonight's seder? Go around the table and have people relate an experience connected with their generation which might be difficult for a person of a different generation to comprehend.