

Summary of Divrei Torah

1. Why is the seder called a seder? Sfat Emet - miracles have order
2. What are the 4 leshonot of geulah? Gra - hotzti, hitzalti, galti b'zroa netuya, and rechush gadol
3. Why did Hashem need to give us rechush gadol? Chatom Sofer - to restore our dignity
4. Why did Rabbi Yehoshua's head hurt from Pesach until Shavuot? Rav Yehuda Tzadka - freedom without Torah is a headache
5. How is Mechirat Yosef connected to Karpas? Ben Ish Chai - we needed to fix sinat chinam
6. Why do we break the middle matzah? Rav Chaim Palagi - din of Yitzchak isn't complete until geulah
7. Why are the 4 parshiyot of Tefillin Shel Yad in 1 box? Rabbi Djavaheri - our actions are universal
8. What was the point of the Jew borrowing from each other before asking the Mitzrim? Rav Mordechai Eliyahu - we were freed because our chesed
9. Did we really mean to ask to leave mitzrayim for only 3 days? Rabbenu Bchay - the inspiration from 3 days would have sustained us
10. Why were we in a rush holding our walking sticks in hand at pesach mitzrayim? Shem Mshmuel - to combat Paroah's rushing us
11. Why did all of the Chachamim come to Rabbi Akiva's seder? Aruch Hashulchan - to learn from his optimism
12. Why were each one of the 4 sons saved? Netivot - rasha for brit avot
13. Why do we mention that Avraham did Avoda Zara at the beginning of his life? Rav Kook - we can learn from his passion
14. Why did Hashem only mention rechush gadol briefly? Ben Ish Chai - not to lose it in anticipation for it
15. Why was Yakov forced into galut if he had everything they needed in mitzrayim? Chida - leaving eretz yisrael is always bad
16. What does it mean that Jews were metzuyanim sham? Ritva - distinguished in our culture
17. Why does the Haggadah flip the order of the pesukim in Yechezkel? Alsheich - to emphasize our zechut of mesirat nefesh
18. What was the big deal of the Jews doing milah and korban pesach? Ramban - it was our first step in geulah we did ourselves
19. Why does it say Elokim (din) when Hashem saw our plight? Rabbi Abuchasera - elokim is gematria 86 for years of affliction
20. Why didn't the matzah have time to rise, couldn't they have baked it earlier? Rav Mordechai Eliyahu - they were singing all night