

# WHAT'S MY STORY?

**WISE**  
CHILD



**SIMPLE**  
CHILD



**REBELLIOUS**  
CHILD



THE CHILD WHO DOES  
**NOT KNOW**  
HOW TO ASK



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# THE STORIES WE TELL...

We are the stories we tell, individually, communally and nationally. When something happens to us, we make a choice about how we tell that story. Stories aren't just for movies or books; they are a way we make sense of who we are and where we come from. Over the last year and a half our nation has faced terrible calamity and has responded with determination and conviction. In the years to come, how will you tell the next generations about these difficult days and other parts of your life experience? What story will you tell?

This year Tribe hopes to bring the nuances of storytelling to your Seder. The cards in this pack each contain an image and points of view that are important and relevant to teenagers. They have evolved from discussions during Tribe summer camp, our New York leadership experience, Poland trip, community and school visits and other Tribe moments with young people.

**We have used the 4 children of the Haggadah as a model for discussing contemporary issues. Accompanying each image in this pack there are stereotypical interpretations inspired by the 4 children of the Seder.** When you reach that part of your Seder, enjoy discussing and debating the topics and perspectives on the cards. They will challenge you to decide what your opinion is. **We hope these discussions will ultimately help us appreciate that, just like the Pesach Seder, we are the stories we tell...**

**CHAG KASHER V'SAMEACH!**



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**WHAT'S  
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# ISRAEL AT WAR – SPEAK OR SILENCE?



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# WHAT'S MY STORY?

## ISRAEL AT WAR – SPEAK OR SILENCE?



**WISE**  
CHILD

I believe that Israel has the right and responsibility to wage a just war against those who attempt to destroy it, but I also appreciate that this will sadly cause suffering and death to innocents.



**REBELLIOUS**  
CHILD

There are no two sides to this issue. I'm right and you're wrong. My way or the highway.



**SIMPLE**  
CHILD

I do have a view on this conflict, but I prefer not to voice them for fear of how my colleagues/friends/family would react. It's simpler and easier to keep my views to myself.



**THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW**  
HOW TO ASK

I accept the news and information that I find on TikTok and Instagram.

**TRIBE THOUGHT**

We read in the Megillah of Kohelet that just as there is time for war there is a time for peace (Ecclesiastes 3:8). Sometimes, fighting is necessary, but Jewish history has always looked forward to the age when “nation will not lift sword against nation, nor will they learn of war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4). We all hope for the days when “every family will sit under its vine and fig tree, and none will make them afraid” (Micah 4:3).



**YOU DECIDE!**

**WHAT'S  
MY  
STORY?**

**RESPONSIBILITY—  
CHOICE OR  
OBLIGATION?**



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# WHAT'S MY STORY?

## RESPONSIBILITY – CHOICE OR OBLIGATION?



**WISE**  
CHILD

I know my actions affect the lives of others. I don't live in a vacuum; I must think about other people.



**REBELLIOUS**  
CHILD

How I live is my choice and doesn't affect anyone else. I have too much going on to consider other people right now.



**SIMPLE**  
CHILD

I get swept away in the moment, so I tend to forget my impact on others.



**THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK**

I don't know how to help others. It's not something I have ever thought about.

**TRIBE THOUGHT**

Hillel said: If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? (Pirkei Avot 1:14). Only I, the individual can create my own sense of self. But no one is an island unto themselves. Just as we define ourselves internally, we must understand ourselves through relationships with those around us. Ask yourself: What would my story be without other people?



**YOU DECIDE!**

**WHAT'S  
MY  
STORY?**

**POKER – FUN OR  
FRIGHTENING?**



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# WHAT'S MY STORY?

## POKER – FUN OR FRIGHTENING?



I believe that poker is fun within certain boundaries.

**WISE**  
CHILD



Leave me alone.  
Poker is a legit way to make money. Anything I lose I can make back, and no one is the wiser.

**REBELLIOUS**  
CHILD



I just play online with my friends. Sometimes they win and sometimes I win. It's not that much money anyway.

**SIMPLE**  
CHILD



I like playing poker, it's just like any other game...

**THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW**  
HOW TO ASK

**TRIBE THOUGHT**

“Who is wealthy?” asked ben Zoma, “A person who is happy with what they have.” (Pirkei Avot 4:1). There is nothing wrong with games and pastimes if they remain casual and do not become addictive. We should not tell ourselves that there's such a thing as 'get rich quick,' as nothing meaningful comes without hard work and sacrifice.



**YOU DECIDE!**



**WHAT'S  
MY  
STORY?**

**EXCLUDED –  
REACT OR  
RESPOND?**



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# WHAT'S MY STORY?

## EXCLUDED – REACT OR RESPOND?



**WISE**  
CHILD

I don't know for sure why I have been excluded but I know that who I am isn't dictated by how others treat me.



**REBELLIOUS**  
CHILD

One day I will pay back those who excluded me by excluding them.



**SIMPLE**  
CHILD

If I feel excluded it must mean that there's something wrong with me.



**THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW**  
HOW TO ASK

I feel confused because sometimes I feel lonely when surrounded by people and sometimes, I feel most peaceful when I'm alone.

**TRIBE THOUGHT**

The first bad thing in the whole world was human loneliness, "It is not good for man to be alone" (Bereishit 2:18). We cannot control the circumstances we land in, but we can control our response to them. Every person has the right to belong. If someone excludes you what does that say about them? Bullies are not winners. You should not feel alone. We decide our story.



**YOU DECIDE!**