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1. Why is Passover called by this name instead of 'Festival of Redemption' or 'Festival of Matzos'?



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2. Why was it necessary for blood to be painted on the doorposts for the Jews to be redeemed?

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3. There is a known Midrash stating that in the merit of their not changing their names, language, or dress, the Jews were redeemed from Egypt.



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4. The Rebbe examines sources which comment that the Jews spiritual level was extremely low, which contradict the previous statement.



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5. Not only were the Jews on a lowly level spiritually, but they served idols, didn't circumcise their children, and some didn't even want to be redeemed and leave Egypt.



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6. In Chassidic teachings we learn that the Jewish people had sunk to the 49th level of impurity and if not taken out immediately, would have disappeared as a nation.

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7. 'Living Torah' video, in which a yeshiva student asks the Rebbe about growing a beard, which his parents and teachers opposed on the grounds that he would appear like a hippy.



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8. the Rebbe comments that the members of the hippy movement separate themselves from the rest of the community in their names, language and dress, so much so that they are obviously different.



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9. The Jews in Egypt didn't keep Jewish law, but they still maintained a unique difference from the rest of the non-Jewish population.



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10. What is expected is not to act like as a religious Jew, but to show some signs of being a Jew, either through language, food, or merely clothes.

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11. Jewish identity is not the same as religious identity. What was dear to G-d and caused the redemption was that the Jews were not afraid to be seen as Jews.



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