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or thousands of years, at Leil HaSeder, children have stood on chairs or on tiptoes, raised their thin voices as high as they could and asked their father the Four Questions, di Fier Kashes.

But throughout all these centuries, another set of questions, too painful to be verbalized, have been echoing in silent harmony. "And what about us? When will we merit to have children? How much longer must we wait? Will we ever be able to provide our children with answers to their questions?"

Four questions. Fier Kashes.

Sometimes, the answers are apparent and take the form of miraculous salvation. At others, the questions loom, shadowing any inkling of a Divine response.

But a groundbreaking work by Rabbi Moshe Hubner, a *maggid shiur* and noted author, may allow a glimmer of that response to radiate this year: His newly released Haggadah presents commentaries comprised of ideas, insights, and stories, all from *gedolim* who never merited to have children. The Haggadah includes *divrei Torah* and biographies on some of the more well-known *gedolim* who never merited to have descendants, such as the Chazon Ish *ztz"l* and Rav Shmuel Auerbach *ztz"l*, while also highlighting the work of lesser-known Torah giants such as Rav Gershon Leibman *ztz"l*, the rosh yeshivah of the Novardok yeshivah in France that he founded post-World War II.

For all their married lives these gedolim whispered $di\ Fier\ Kashes$.

But these kashes didn't determine them. They persisted through the difficulties, studying, teaching. Growing.

Today, they are in Shamayim.

And from their vaunted perch, they will look down at Sedorim conducted throughout the world wherein their Torah is shared and perpetuated.

Through their spiritual heirs they live forever on. We are the answer to their *Fier Kashes*.

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