

Passover: Friday April 19 – Saturday April 27

On Passover, Jews around the world celebrate a foundational moment in our story: the Exodus from Egypt. This narrative of slavery to liberation informs conversations about what a just society must look like, including love for the immigrant. Acutely aware of our history of forced migration and the Biblical imperative to love the immigrant, many Jewish communities are deeply committed to immigrant justice work. The texts below can serve as a resource for Jews to use during their Seder and for people of all religions to learn more about caring for immigrants.



HIAS Haggadah

https://www.hias.org/passover?utm_source=hias.org&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=passover2019&utm_content=haggadah

Assorted Resources from Truah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

<https://www.truah.org/resources/our-most-popular-passover-pesach-resources/>



The Passover story recognizes that the journey to freedom involves struggle and suffering. In the midst of our most joyous celebration we acknowledge the pain our liberation caused for others by taking wine out of our cups as we recite the ten plagues. It teaches us that the lesson of compassion is inextricably linked to the lesson of liberation. Over and over the Torah reminds us, “You know the heart of the stranger for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” To paraphrase the haggadah, those who have not understood compassion have not fulfilled their obligation.

Haggadah Supplements from the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

<http://www.rac.org/sites/default/files/Passover%20Refugee%20Supplement%20Mar%202016.pdf>
<http://rac.org/sites/default/files/ROB%20seder.pdf>



Open up the gates of freedom.
Open them to those in need of safety and protection.
Open up the gates of mercy.
Open them to those who forget that we were once strangers in the land of Egypt, the narrow place.

Open up the gates of justice. Open them to those who remember that we know the soul of the stranger.
Open up the gates of righteousness.
Open them to those who walk hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart with today's refugees and asylum seekers.
Together, we will find the path to freedom