

the Passover Project

Faith in Action:
The Rabbinical Assembly Against Slavery



THE PASSOVER PROJECT began with a collaboration between a distinguished group of rabbis and Jewish educators and Free the Slaves, a leading organization in the fight against slavery. Together, they published *Next Year, Free! A Modern Slavery Curriculum*, an educational resource with modules appropriate to age groups from primary school students to adults. Based on this important foundation, the Passover Project was born. Rabbis, educators, lay leaders, and Free the Slaves launched a five-year effort to continue producing Jewish resources on slavery and enlist 180 synagogues, Jewish schools, and other Jewish organizations in a network mobilized against slavery. Over 30 Rabbinical Assembly members have already become Passover Partners. FreeTheSlaves.net/Judaism lists the current partners.



FREE THE SLAVES & THE RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

Free The Slaves welcomes and encourages partnership with communities of faith. To honor the Rabbinical Assembly's strong stand against slavery and human trafficking, Free the Slaves is inviting all Conservative rabbis - and the organizations they serve - to become Passover Partners. There is no minimum donations or other specific commitment. We only ask that you act to further the four key tasks below.

You Can Help in Four Ways:

- **EDUCATION:** Make education about slavery a part of your rabbinate. Use *Next Year, Free! A Modern Slavery Curriculum* to enhance educational offerings for all ages – kindergarten through adult – on a **variety of topics**, from Jewish values and heroes to the Book of Exodus and Passover. Draw on a wealth of **Passover materials** that can be used to prompt discussion at Seders. *Free Your Shabbat!* is a handout that can be used throughout the year, and *Free Your Hanukkah!* is also available. There are resources for many Torah portions and countless opportunities to build awareness. Invite guest speakers and have clergy speak from the bimah on the issue. All materials are free to use and share. [Download from FreeTheSlaves.net/Judaism](http://FreeTheSlaves.net/Judaism).

- **ADVOCACY:** The Rabbinical Assembly is committed to taking a leadership role in mobilizing its members, the Conservative/Masorti movement, and the Jewish community broadly to combat slavery and human trafficking. That entails advocacy. We at Free the Slaves are happy to share our experience in how best to mobilize communities to help end – and even prevent – slavery. We can also make recommendations on how and when to approach elected officials over policy or legislative issues.
- **POWER OF THE PURSE:** We ask that synagogues, Jewish schools and other Jewish institutions be careful consumers and investors. Be aware that the products you buy or the companies in which you invest may be tainted by slavery. Websites such as KnowTheChain.org can help you assess companies and goods. Act on what you learn; let the companies you buy from and invest in know how you feel. Purchase and serve foods that are Fair Trade, as well as kosher, to add an important measure of sanctity to meals and onegs.
- **PARTNERSHIP WITH FREE THE SLAVES:** The work of freedom is not free; resources are needed to help those afflicted by slavery. There are many opportunities to support the work being done around the world to eradicate slavery. Promote Free the Slaves as an option for b'nai mitzvah projects. Hold an annual fundraiser associated with your community Seder. Encourage youth groups to become involved. Volunteer time if you have an applicable skill. Invite a speaker from Free the Slaves and, of course, become a Passover Project partner.

BECOME A PASSOVER PROJECT PARTNER!

Free the Slaves is delighted to be a resource for Rabbinical Assembly members.

If you sign up as a Passover Partner, we will send you periodic updates, handouts, and other materials targeted to be useful to rabbis.

FTS is also happy to consult with you to determine which resources and/or programming will work best for you and your community.

To learn more or to become a Passover Project Partner, contact info@freetheslaves.net or (202) 775-7480.



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