



Passover 2021/5781

וַגֵּר לֹא-תוֹנֶה וְלֹא תִלְחָצֶנּוּ כִּי-גֵרִים הֵיְיִתְּם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם:

You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him,
for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

– Exodus 22:20

Make Passover about Slavery Past AND Present What you can do:

2021 SPECIAL VIDEO: Perfect to play at a Zoom Seder or Jewish education classes, this downloadable 5-minute video includes modern slavery survivors describing in their own words what they experienced. It includes Rabbi Debra Orenstein explaining the Jewish imperative to help.
Download: <https://vimeo.com/517811613>

EDUCATION: Make education about slavery a part of Jewish life. Use *Next Year, Free! A Modern Slavery Curriculum* as a regular part of educational offerings at all levels. Invite guest speakers and have clergy speak from the bima on the issue. *Free Your Shabbat!* is a handout we have developed that can be used throughout the year. All materials are free to use and share. Download from www.freetheslaves.net/judaism.

ADVOCACY: All Jewish denominations have taken strong stands against modern slavery. The Rabbinical Assembly, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, T'ruah, the Religious Action Center and other Jewish organizations have passed resolutions and made legislative recommendations. Free the Slaves is also a resource on policy issues. Let your voice be heard.

POWER OF THE PURSE: We ask that individual Jews, synagogues, Jewish schools and other Jewish institutions be careful consumers and investors. Be aware that products you buy or the companies in which you invest may be tainted by slavery. There are websites that will help you assess companies and products. Act on what you learn – let the companies you buy from and invest in know how you feel.

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 that is being done in the field to eradicate slavery. Start an annual school tzedakah project for Free the Slaves. Make support to Free the Slaves an option for b'nai mitzvah projects. Hold an annual fundraiser associated with the congregational Seder. Encourage youth groups to become involved. Donate to Free the Slaves: If you are holding a Zoom Seder this year, consider donating what you would have spent for an in-person Seder. Volunteer time if you have an applicable skill. Invite a speaker from Free the Slaves. Contact: info@freetheslaves.net.

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, INCLUDING CONSUMER CHOICES,
WILL TAKE ONLY ABOUT 10 MINUTES EACH,
AND WILL HELP BRING LIBERATION TO TODAY'S SLAVES**



Order [fair trade kosher-for-Passover chocolates](#) for your home, school, and/or congregation at [FairTradeJudaica.com](#). While there, read or watch some of the educational resources about slavery, particularly child slavery, in the chocolate supply chain.



With your board or your Social Action, Kitchen, and/or Fundraising Committees, suggest a Fair Trade show and tasting at your synagogue. View clothing, ritual objects, and foods at [FairTradeJudaica.com](#) and [FairTradeCertified.org](#).



As an individual and on behalf of Jewish institutions, buy fair trade coffees, chocolates, and wines for use all year long.



Read and share “**Let the People Go: Modern-Day Slavery and Jewish Responses for Informal Education and Youth Groups**” by Amy Dorsch in [NO MORE SLAVES!: A Resource Guide for Engaging and Empowering Young Jews To Help End Human Trafficking by 2030](#) available from the Rabbinical Assembly’s Slavery & Human Trafficking web page ([rabbinicalassembly.org/tzedek-justice/slavery-and-human-trafficking](#)).



Read, share, and consider teaching from “Chocolate Moses/Modern Slavery Salon” by Rabbi David Spinrad in the Rabbinical Assembly’s new publication, [NO MORE SLAVES!: A Resource Guide for Engaging and Empowering Young Jews To Help End Human Trafficking by 2030](#) available from the Rabbinical Assembly’s Slavery & Human Trafficking web page ([rabbinicalassembly.org/tzedek-justice/slavery-and-human-trafficking](#)).



During your Seders, following *Ha Lachma Anya* when you hold up the matzah and recite, “this is the bread of affliction,” hold up a cheap item from a country that is a known “hot spot” for slave-made goods. You might hold up a rug from India or clothing made in Bangladesh or non-Fair Trade chocolate, with an unspecified supply chain. Recite “this is the clothing of affliction” or the “chocolate of affliction” or the “rug of affliction” – and discuss why.

