BECAUSE YOU WERE A SLAVE IN EGYPT . . . .

Please consider what you can do to relieve the plight of slaves in the world today. We know more than ever about the horrific problem – and about the successful interventions that lead to lasting freedom, as well.

Facing the Problem – and Creating Solutions

Slavery is not legal anywhere, but it is practiced everywhere, including the United States. Slavery is found wherever goods or services depend on manual labor. Worldwide, an estimated 21 to 36 million people are trapped and working without pay, under threat of violence. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), slavery generates about $150 billion a year in profits for human traffickers.

Free People and Support Survivors: It is not enough to liberate people. FTS also provides the safe havens, counseling, medical care, job training and legal aid they need to stay free.

Reduce Risks Leading to Slavery: People are vulnerable to enslavement when there is a lack of schools, health care, credit, jobs and legal protection. FTS partners with local organizations and leaders to provide assistance in at-risk communities.

Educate and Mobilize Vulnerable Communities: Local people are their own best advocates once they have the information and resources they need. FTS and its partners help people to know their rights, avoid risks, and organize committees that act as a "neighborhood watch" against slavery.

Enhance Legal Protections: Government agencies, local peace officers, social workers, journalists, voters and consumers all have a role to play in safeguarding against slavery. FTS works with partners to advocate for stronger laws and better enforcement, and to provide training for police, government officials, journalists and others.

In a Single Year: Free the Slaves by the Numbers in 2014

- 2,265 people freed from slavery
- $1,220 on average to provide protective services to *an entire village* for a year
- 82,583 villagers educated to guard their families against traffickers
- 1,977 villages and neighborhoods supported against slavery
- 1,281 government officials trained on how to fight slavery
- 163 traffickers and slaveholders arrested
- 26 employees
- 19 partner organizations

FORWARDING THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM: YOU CAN DO THIS!

Please raise the issue of modern-day slavery at any seders you attend!

10 seconds: download and distribute our **Seder Coupon**.

10 seconds: tweet, text, or tell everyone gathered live that as we celebrate our Festival of Freedom, millions of people are still enslaved.

10 seconds: place a padlock on your seder plate.

10 seconds: set an empty place for a slave who is never free to rest, eat well or celebrate.

10 minutes: scroll through our **Seder Starters** and choose a reading to share.

10 minutes: honor those who find the afikomen with a **donation to Free the Slaves** in addition to or instead of other prizes.

10 minutes: choose as your "hostess" gift for seders Lisa Kristine's **Slavery Book** or Kevin Bales' book **Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves**. Proceeds from both books support anti-slavery initiatives. Or choose messenger bags or tee-shirts at the **Free the Slaves Store.**

10 minutes: order **fair trade kosher-for-Passover chocolates** for dessert.

10 hours: make modern slavery a theme at your seder, selecting facts, quotes and activities from the many resources on offer in the **Seder Starters** and in **Next Year, Free! A Modern Slavery Curriculum.**

10 hours: organize a class or model seder on Jewish values and modern slavery, at your synagogue, school, Federation or JCC. Use the **Seder Starters** and the free, downloadable **curriculum**.

10 hours: organize a house party to raise funds for Free the Slaves.

All the resources listed on this page can be accessed at FreetheSlaves.net/Judaism.