

MAKE PASSOVER ABOUT SLAVERY

Here's how you can prepare for Passover and shed a light on modern slavery

THE PASSOVER PROJECT – a collaboration between Jewish communities and Free the Slaves – is dedicated to ending slavery and promoting freedom through Jewish communities. We shine a light on the 50 million people trapped in slavery today and the causes and cures for their suffering. Here's how YOU can help bring liberation to today's slaves.



EDUCATION: Make education about slavery a part of Jewish life. Use [Next Year, Free! A Modern Slavery Curriculum](#) is a regular part of educational offerings at all levels. Invite guest speakers and have clergy speak from the bima on the issue.

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 to end modern slavery. Join them in advocating for survivors' rights!

POWER OF THE PURSE: We ask that individual Jews, synagogues, Jewish schools, and other Jewish institutions be careful consumers and investors. Be aware that the products you buy or the companies you invest in may be tainted by slavery. Some websites 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. There are many opportunities to support the work 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 us at info@freetheslaves.net to learn how you can support Free the Slaves in the name of Passover.

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

With your board or your Social Action, Kitchen, 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, I 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).

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, 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.



"But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing."
- Deuteronomy 24:18