

Freedom Seder
"Next Year May All Be Free!"
Congregation Tikkun v'Or
2020

This time we cannot cross
until we carry each other.
All of us refugees, all of us prophets.
No more taking turns on history's wheel,
trying to collect old debts no one can pay.
The sea will not open that way.

This time that country
is what we promise each other,
our rage pressed cheek to cheek
until tears flood the space between,
until there are no enemies left,
because this time no one will be left to drown
and all of us must be chosen.
This time it's all of us or none.

Aurora Morales Levins

**Woke Up This Morning with
My Mind Stayed on Freedom**

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Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

I'm walking and talking with my mind
stayed on freedom

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stayed on freedom

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Ain't nothing wrong with my mind
Stayed on freedom

Oh, there ain't nothing wrong with keeping my mind
Stayed on freedom

There ain't nothing wrong with keeping your mind
Stayed on freedom

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah.

Candle Lighting

*Baruch Havaya,
Eloheynu Ruach ha-olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner,
shel Shabbat.*

Blessed is Being, our God,
the source of life,
who sanctifies us with mitzvot
and calls upon us to kindle
Shabbat Candles.

Blessing over Wine

*Baruch Havaya,
Eloheinu Ruach ha-olam,
boray pree hagofen.*

Praise to you, Being, our God,
The source of life,
Creator of the fruit of the vine.

This is poor people's bread
that our ancestors ate in the Land of Egypt.
(Mitzrayim:the constricted/oppressive place)

Let all who are hungry come and eat!

Let all who are in need,
come and celebrate Pesach!

Now we are here,
Next year may we all be in a world
of justice and love!

Now we are slaves,
Next year may all be free!

“What was God all burned up about?

The voice said, ‘I have seen the affliction of my people in the Tight &
Narrow Place

and have heard them cry out because of their oppression.... ‘

And the proof that God had entered into Moses,

and that Moses had really been ‘converted,’

was that he had to go back and identify himself

with his enslaved people -

‘organize them into Brickmakers’ Union Number One’

and lead them out of hunger and slavery into freedom

and into “a good land, and a large, a land flowing

with milk and honey.”

A. J. Muste , 1943

Exodus 1:15-17

15] The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

16] saying, “When you deliver the Hebrew women, look at the birth stool: if it is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.”

17] The midwives, fearing God, did not do as the king of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live.

Go Down Moses

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let My people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let My people go;
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh: Let My people go!

The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, Let My people go;
A fire by night, a shade by day, Let My people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh: Let My people go!

As Israel stood by the water-side, Let My people go;
At God's command it did divide, Let My people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh: Let My people go!

When they had reached the other shore, Let My people go;
They sang the song of freedom o'er, Let My people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh: Let My people go!

Act now so Earth be bondage free, Let ALL My peoples go;
And let all life be free to Be, Let air and water flow.
Rise UP, People --Rise up in every land,
Tell ALL Pharaohs: Let My creation grow!

Dayeinu

אֱלֹהֵינוּ הוֹצִיאָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם — דַּיֵּינוּ

Ilu hotzi,hotzi-anu

Hotzi-anu mi Mitzrayim (2x) Dayeinu.

Chorus: Day, day, yeinu (3x) Dayenu dayeinu.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת — דַּיֵּינוּ

Ilu natan natan lanu

Natan lanu et ha Shabbat (2x) Dayeinu.

Chorus: Chorus: Day, day, yeinu (3x) Dayenu dayeinu.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ נָתַן לָנוּ אֶת הַתּוֹרָה — דַּיֵּינוּ

Ilu natan, natan lanu

Natan lanu et ha Torah (2x) Dayeinu.

Chorus: Chorus: Day, day, yeinu (3x) Dayenu dayeinu.

Had God only brought us out of Egypt. Dayeinu.

Had God only given us Shabbat. Dayeinu.

Had God only given us the Torah. Dayeinu.

We Rise

We rise... humbly hearted
Rise... we won't be divided
Rise...with spirit to guide us
Rise!

**In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here! (x2)**

We rise, all of the children
Rise, elders with wisdom
Rise, ancestors surround us
Rise, Fighting for life
Rise!

**In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here! (x2)**

We rise, up from the wreckage
Rise, with tears and with courage
Rise, fighting for life
Rise!

**In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here
In hope, in prayer, we're right here! (x2)**

We rise... humbly hearted
Rise... we won't be divided
Rise...with spirit to guide us
Rise!

Batya Levine

Blessing over Matzah

Baruch Havaya, eloheinu, ruach ha'olam,
hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

Baruch Havaya, eloheinu, ruach ha'olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav,
v'tzivanu al achilat matzah.

Blessed are you, Havaya, Source of Life
who brings forth bread from the earth.

Blessed are you, Havaya, Source of Life
who sanctifies us with the commandment
to eat matzah.

Excerpts from
Poverty Amidst Pandemic:
A Moral Response to the Pandemic – A Litany

From the Poor People's Campaign

**Everybody has a right to live.
And we will not be silent anymore!**

Our religious traditions insist upon care for the vulnerable and outcast while affirming interconnection.

We are fighting poverty and not the poor!

Before a single diagnosis of COVID-19, nearly 700 people died everyday from poverty in the US. Our faith demands clear action that transforms how we treat the poorest and the most marginalized in our society. No one is ever expendable.

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We demand immediate health care for all, including: 100% free COVID-19 testing, open enrollment for all in affordable care, treatment and quality care to all, the expansion of Medicaid, and relieving of medical debt.

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In this crisis, we must come together, free and without the burdens of debt.

We need an immediate national moratorium on water shut offs and evictions, tax foreclosures, rent hikes, and a national rent freeze. We need an expansion of SNAP and food security for all. Housing, water, food and Jubilee is our Promised Land.

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And we will not be silent anymore!**

We demand a guaranteed and adequate annual income and living wages for all.

Immediate, comprehensive and permanent paid sick leave for 100% of employees.

Adequate protections for all essential workers including our health care workers in this crisis.

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And we will not be silent anymore!**

It is right and just that protections are enacted for people in mental health facilities, prisons and juvenile detention centers.

This includes the release of all at risk populations and non-violent offenders and detainees.

We insist on the suspension of all CBP and ICE enforcement and ensuring all emergency provisions are made available to immigrants, including undocumented people.

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And we will not be silent anymore!**

There are 52 million eligible poor and low-income voters whose right to vote in 2020 elections isn't protected, and millions more will be uncounted if our Census isn't supported.
Protect our democracy to protect us all.

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And we will not be silent anymore!**

We demand a moral agenda. As we seek justice for the poor in our own country, we must end the wars on the poor around the world.

Miryam Haneviah

Miriam ha-n'vi'ah oz v'zimrah b'yadah.
Miriam tirkod itanu l'hagdil zimrat olam.
Miriam tirkod itanu l'taken et ha-olam.
Bimheirah v'yameinu hi t'vi'einu
el mei ha-y'shuah.

Eliyahu Hanavi

Eliyahu ha-navi, Eliyahu ha-Tishbi,
Eliyahu (3x) ha-Giladi.
Bimheirah v'yameinu, yavo ei-leinu
im Mashiach ben David (2x)

Shnirele Perele

Shnirele perele gilderne fon
meshiekh ben dovid zist oybn on
halt a beckher in der rekhter hant
makht a brockhe afn gantsn land.

Oi, omeyn veomen dos iz vor
meshiekh vet kumen hayntiks yor.

Vet er kumen tsu forn
veln zayn gute yorn
vet er kumen tsu raytn
veln zayn gute tsaytn
vet er kumen tsu geyn
veln di yidn in Eretz Yisroyl aynshteyn.

Ribbons, pearls, flag of gold,
Mashiach ben David sits on high,
Raises a wine-cup in his right hand
And gives his blessing upon *every* land.
Ameyn, ameyn, this is true and clear --

Living Planet

If all the world were peaceful now, and forever more
Peaceful at the surface, and peaceful at the core
All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star...

*Chorus: I don't know where we're going,
but I know we're going far
We can change the universe by being who we are
And we're living on a living planet,
circling a living star...*

If all the world knew justice now, and forever more
Justice at the surface, and justice at the core
All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star...

If all the world knew freedom now, and forever more
Freedom at the surface, and freedom at the core
All the joy within my heart would be so free to soar
And we're living on a living planet, circling a living star...