

## TRADITIONAL

# Next year in Jerusalem

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### Jerusalem - the First Among Visions

**A slave has no hope.**

For a slave, yesterday, today, and tomorrow are all the same, and hoping for a better life - for change - invites bitter disappointment.

In contrast, a free person dares to envision change, to imagine a better future.

At the culmination of the Seder we dare to proclaim: "Next Year in Jerusalem." We have been saying this for 2000 years, through good years and bad. We are free - free to dream - free to create. It doesn't get more powerful than this.

Abraham Joshua Heschel writes: "Jerusalem is not the first among cities. She is the first among visions. Her power is in her promise. What is the mystery of Jerusalem? A promise: peace and God's presence." **At the Seder, we dare to dream - and we end the Seder by envisioning utopia.**

### *Activities for Seder:*

- *Appreciate the beauty and depth of the seder's final moment! Get everyone up, dance around the table and sing "L'shana Haba'a b'Yerushalayim" at the top of your lungs!*
- *Have everyone share a "Jerusalem Moment" - a highpoint they experienced in Jerusalem or that could only happen in Jerusalem.*