

Maggid

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Source:

הא לחמא עניא די אכלו אבהתנא בארשא דמצרים. כל דכפין ייתי ויילל, כל דצריך ייתי ויפסת. השתא הכא, לשנה
הבאה בארשא דישאל. השתא עבדי, לשנה הבאה בני חורין.

This is the bread of affliction that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate Passover with us, Now we are slaves; next year may we be free people.

Maggid, the heart of the Haggadah and the Seder, is the mitzvah or commandment to tell the Passover story as if we had experienced it ourselves. The unique ability given to humanity is the power of speech. Speech is the tool of building and construction. On Passover, speech is used to “build” humanity by communicating, connecting and encouraging each other. In our modern experience, slavery is a life where communication and personal connections are restricted.

On Passover, we get together to share stories [personal and communal, historical and modern] of the struggle to freedom and of our own lives. We also acknowledge the plight of others who are not yet free. Who would you encourage? Who do you know (or what group do you know) who are still not free?