

# Intro

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Source:

Long ago at this season, our people set out on a journey.

On such a night as this, Israel went from degradation to joy.

We give thanks for the liberation of days gone by.

And we pray for all who are still bound.

God, may all who hunger come to rejoice in a new Passover.

Let all the human family sit together, drink the wine of deliverance, and eat the bread of freedom:

Freedom from bondage *and freedom from oppression*

Freedom from hunger *and freedom from want*

Freedom from hatred *and freedom from fear*

Freedom to think *and freedom to speak*

Freedom to teach *and freedom to learn*

Freedom to love *and freedom to share*

Freedom to hope *and freedom to rejoice*

Soon, in our days *Amen.*

Now in the presence of loved ones and friends, before us the symbols of festive rejoicing, we gather for our sacred celebration. With our elders and young ones, linking and bonding the past with the future, we heed once again the divine call to service. Living our story that is told for all peoples, whose shining conclusion is yet to unfold, we gather to observe Passover.

*You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought you out of Egypt. You shall observe this day throughout the generations as a practice for all times.*

**We assemble in fulfillment of the mitzvah.**

*Remember the day on which you went forth from Egypt, from the house of slavery, and how G-d freed you with a mighty hand.*