

The story of Passover clip #2 from the SISO Jubilee Haggadah

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From this passage we learn that a people can sustain decades, even centuries, of oppression and humiliation. Yet despite all the hardship, such a people can flourish in many ways including increasing in number. And it can flourish in spirit, maintaining hope and conviction that its days of alienation from freedom – personal and national – are numbered.

As Jews, we remember that we became collectively alienated from our land by leaving it and became aliens in another land. So, too, can a people become alien in its own land, as when they are deprived of their freedom and basic human rights.

And, most importantly, just as we were strangers in a strange land, God forbid that we should make others strangers in their own land.

– Steven M. Cohen