

The Ten Plagues - Discussion

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Source:

While we're enjoying in the sweetness of wine, we still show sympathy for those that suffered. The joys of just punishment and the need for restraint are vengeful feelings.

For your own discussion later during the meal:

The traditional Haggadah questions and debates the number of plagues in terms of impact. **In this Seder, let's debate violence vs. nonviolence as a way of getting to freedom.**

How can we exercise empathy in today's political climate?

How do we show mercy to those that espouse hateful views?

e.g. Charlottesville, Tree of Life Synagogue, Sri Lanka

Does suffering make us more empathetic? When does it make us vengeful or insensitive?

How is Harriet Tubman seen as a black Moses?