

Urchatz: Washing Our Hands Before We Begin the Seder

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Water is life.

For those who travel on foot through the borderlands, water is an essential component of the journey. No More Deaths hikes water into active migration corridors because we believe that everyone deserves access to water. It is a privilege to be able to use water for a ritual like *urchatz*, and as we purify our hands, we think of those who thirst in the desert.

We wash our hands now, with no blessing, to help us prepare for the rituals of the Seder to come.

Take the water, pour it over your hands three times, alternating between hands with each pour.

Pause and give thanks for ready access to clean, safe water, and share amongst your group what symbolism you see in spilling water tonight.

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