

Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat

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We begin the telling of our story by lifting up the matzah, opening wide the door to our seder and offering an invitation to anyone who can hear us to come join in our seder meal. The original version of this text is not in Hebrew, but in Aramaic, because it was the language that everyone would understand. As we say this, we imagine a time and place where this invitation could have actually brought in poor and hungry people off the street to celebrate side-by-side with seder-goers.

While a volunteer opens the front door to the room, one person from each table holds up the middle matzah as we recite out loud:

This is the bread of affliction

Which our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.

All who are hungry, let them enter and eat.

All who are in need, let them come celebrate Passover with us. Now we are here. Next year in the land of Israel.

Now we are enslaved. Next year we will be free!