

Karpas in 2021

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We must acknowledge this pain and suffering and allow ourselves the space to grieve. Yet, as the karpas ritual beckons, we must also look toward the future with a sense of hope and possibility. Passover arrives on the precipice of spring, when new growth is just around the corner. All over the world, resilience, strength, compassion and innovation will grow from under this tragedy. We honor the tears, but we also bless the hope. Raise the karpas, dip it in saltwater and say:

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei peri ha-adama. We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruits of the earth. This Passover, may the brightness of our hope break through our tears and strengthen us in this moment together.