

Reflection

The Haggadah tells us that cruelty will arise in EVERY generation ...

Like the Israelites forced into slavery to work for the Pharaohs, the Uyghur people today are in a system of forced labor, or modern-day slavery, by the Chinese government. One to two million Uyghurs are in concentration camps. Many have been transported to remote locations to work in factories.

Chinese government actions today involve some of the worst atrocities committed by any government in the 21st century. The horror stories we're hearing about Uyghur people taken in the night, being separated from their families, having their heads shaved, put on trains, interned, forced into slave labor and all too familiar to the Jewish community. We cannot be silent. Standing up and speaking out against the plight of the Uyghurs. Important as that is, it's only a first step. We must hold the Chinese government accountable and the U.S. and the Jewish community must be a moral compass for the world.

We pray for the wisdom and strength to pierce the silence surrounding the oppression.

Before we join together in the third cup, let us remember the words spoken in 1946 by Martin Neimoller ...

