

This year we are slaves.
Next year may we all be free.



As we celebrate Passover this year, our fellow Jews in Israel are not free. They are caught in the chains of a cruel and hopeless war that causes them to live in fear, that keeps them from unleashing their greatest potential, that forces them to send their sons and daughters in uniform daily into harm's way. When will they be free?

To come out of Egypt, Pharaoh had to let us go, and we had to be willing to go. To come out of our struggle with the Palestinian people, they need to stop their attacks – and we need to withdraw from rule over them. Otherwise we must live in a never-ending cycle of violence and oppression.

The story of the Exodus from Egypt reminds us that this cycle need not perpetuate itself. That it is incumbent upon all of us—with divine guidance—to shrug off the yoke of oppression.

This year, may we rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom. Next year, may we celebrate together in a free and peaceful Jerusalem.

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השתא עבדי. לשנה הבאה בני חורין:

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—the Passover Haggadah

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