

OPENING *our* HEARTS

Telling the Refugee Story at
Your Passover Seder

JFSRISE

Refugee Integration Support Effort

SUPPORTING & STRENGTHENING THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY

Jewish Family Services of Delaware exists to provide a network of support for families and individuals – at times in their lives when they are vulnerable. As part of this work, JFS helps those who seek refuge from war, violence, and persecution to settle in Delaware and raise their families in freedom and safety.

RISE WITH REFUGEES

We are strengthened by the network of volunteers, faith communities, and partners who ensure that refugee families feel welcomed and supported during their first months in this country. **We warmly thank our RISE Champions who proudly stand with refugees – and ask their family and friends to join them.** To join us or to learn more, visit www.jfsdelaware.org/rise.

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JFS DELAWARE
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Passover Haggadah Supplement

“Let all who are hungry come and eat”

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

The Maggid (Telling the Story) section of the Passover Seder begins with the words “Ha Lachma Anya” (This is the bread of affliction). It tells the story of a People, afflicted with insecurity, wandering in search of safety.

To connect our Jewish story with that of today’s refugees, we invite you to read from this special supplement at the beginning of the Maggid section of your Haggadah, just before reciting the “Ha Lachma Anya.”

**“Kol dichfin
yeiteiv’yeichol
kol ditzrich
yeiteiv’yifsach”**

“Let all who are hungry come and eat, let all who are in need, come and share in our Passover re-enactment of redemption from danger and oppression.”

Leader:

The practice of opening the door to proclaim from our thresholds that all who are in need are welcome dates back to Rav Huna, in third-century Babylonia. If we are serious about welcoming in those in dire straits, those fleeing persecution – then we cannot say that quietly, insulated, complacent – with the door closed! **We must open our doors, and in so doing, open our hearts.**

OPEN THE DOOR.

All participants who can, stand around the doorway.

All recite loudly enough to be heard:

As we open our doors, we open our hearts, and we open our communities.

Beruchim ha-ba'im – Welcome. You can be safe. You can be part of our society, part of our lives, and part of our story.

With our door open, we proclaim from our thresholds: To all who are in need, all who are living a story of Exodus from persecution, to all such refugees from danger: **“You are welcome. You are part of our story.”**

Display the matzot, raise them up, and either sing “Ha Lachma Anya” or read the translation, emphasizing the words, “Kol dichfin yeitei v’yeichol, kol ditzrich yeitei v’yifsach – Let all who are hungry come and eat, let all who are in need, come and share in our Passover.”

A MORE PERFECT WORLD

Participant:

Later, near the end of the Seder, we will open the door for a special guest – Elijah the Prophet.

According to tradition, Elijah is the herald of a messianic era, the sign of a more perfect world that is in the works. Children will stare at the Cup of Elijah, trying to discern if he has visited and taken a sip from the wine glass in the center of the table.

But is that it? Do we just **wait** for a better world? Do we just open the door and hope that redemption walks in?

What can we, as partners with G-d, do to bring about that more perfect world?