



Looking ahead to
Passover & Easter
March 21, 2021



Opening Song: "Go Down, Moses" (African-American Spiritual)

When Israel was in Egypt's land
Let my people go
Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land
Tell ol' Pharaoh
Let my people go.

Thus spoke the Lord, bold Moses said
Let my people go
If not I'll smite your first-born dead!
Let my people go
Go down...

Your foes shall not before you stand
Let my people go
And you'll possess fair Canaan's land
Let my people go
Go down...



Welcome – David and Patty Kovacs
 Looking Ahead to Passover – Rabbi Evan Moffic
 Looking Ahead to Easter – Father John Cusick

The Symbols

Washing of Hands (Before a Seder)
 Washing of Feet (Holy Thursday)

Blessing of the Light

Song: Give Light (by Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino a/k/a Magpie)

Give light, and people will find the way (3x)
 People will find the way I do believe.

Teach peace, and people will find the way (3x)
 People will find the way I do believe.

Stand together, and people will find the way (3x)
 People will find the way I do believe.

Give love, and people will find the way (3x)
 People will find the way I do believe.

Shecheyanu

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
 וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu melech ha-olam
 Shecheyanu v'kiyamanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe, for giving us life, keeping us strong, and helping us reach this festive day.

Blessing of Wine Blessing of Unleavened Bread



The Seder Plate

Egg

Parsley

Saltwater

Bitter Herbs

Charoset

Lamb Shank

The Four Questions for 2021

(adapted from Rabbi Naomi Levy)

Why is this Passover Different From all Other Passovers?

1. On all other Passovers we eat leavened or unleavened bread and food to our hearts' content. But this year we are keenly grateful for every morsel of food we eat. We give thanks for those who grow and produce our food, and for all who help bring it to our tables. And we give thanks to God who sustains us each day and is beside us in this challenging time.
2. On all other Passovers we eat maror to cause ourselves to understand the bitter, and remind us of the torments our ancestors endured. But this year, we don't need to be reminded of the bitter. Every headline speaks to us of bitter maror stories. As we eat maror this year we pray for the day when our lives will return to normal so that we once again have to be reminded of the bitter.
3. On all other nights we don't dip things in water. But this Passover we must remind ourselves to wash and to wash, to disinfect and to wash some more. And we are grateful to those who are working hard to bring us vaccines and essential medical care.
4. On all other Passovers we sit surrounded by family and dear friends. But this year again we will FaceTime and Zoom. Together we pray for the day when our homes will be filled once more with the sweet sound of voices rejoicing and feasting in love to sing your praise, O God.

As we say, "Next Year in Jerusalem" may we say "Next Year in Person" and may that day come soon, Amen!

Dayenu for 2021 (By David and Patty Kovacs)

May we uncover the blessings hiding inside the challenges we face, as we share our hope for liberation from our oppression... and the hope of resurrection and new life... and with endless gratitude, we say "Dayenu" – it would have been enough!

Had God preserved us on the journey of this pandemic, but not given us doctors, nurses and caregivers...

Dayenu!

Had God given us doctors, nurses and caregivers, but not first responders and all who risk their lives to save lives...

Dayenu!

Had God given us first responders but not scientists discovering vaccines and cures...

Dayenu!

Had God given us scientists, but not teachers working to inspire future scientists, poets and prophets...

Dayenu!

Had God given us teachers, but not Zoom, livestreams, and all the ways we connect remotely, but closely...

Dayenu!

Had God kept us connected, but not given us front line workers who have kept our kitchens well-stocked...

Dayenu!

Had God given us front-line workers, but not kept us aware of the need to help the hungry and homeless... to fight racism, inequality and injustice... with hope for tikkun olam to heal the world's brokenness...

Dayenu!

Had God given us hope for tikkun olam, but not courage to overcome our fears...

Dayenu!

Had God given us courage... but not the love of our families...

Dayenu!

Had God given us the love of our families, but not helped us to see how precious life is...

Dayenu!

How much more then, are we to be grateful to God for all that we have been given, and all the blessings we share together!

Dayenu!

CLOSING SONG – Dayenu!
 Dai, dayenu (3x)
 Dayenu, dayenu (repeat)

1. Ilu hotzi hotzianu
 Hotzianu mimitzrayim,
 Hotzianu mimitzrayim,

2. Ilu natan natan lanu
 Natan lanu et hatorah
 Natan lanu et hatorah

3. Ilu natan natan lanu,
 Natan lanu et hashabbat,
 Natan lanu et hashabbat,

CLOSING BLESSING – Blessing of Aaron

Y'varech'cha adonai v'yishm'recha.

May God bless you and keep you.

Ya'eir adonai panav eilecha vihuneka.

*May God's light shine upon you
 and grant you graciousness.*

Yisa adonai panav eilecha v'yaseim l'cha shalom.

*May God's presence always be with you
 and may God grant you shalom: peace.*

