

JFCS EAST BAY COMMUNITY SEDER SUPPLEMENT

Compassion in Action / Commitment to All

For Jews, Passover summons us to remember that we were strangers in a strange land, and therefore we must always be aware of the strangers in our own time, welcome them, and help them in whatever way we can. We are directed to remember the lessons of our history and take them to heart. This teaching is central in Jewish history and Jewish thought. Today and in every era, it is our responsibility to live up to that teaching. During this most unusual Passover, we come together to offer the following four questions:

- Who are considered “strangers” during this crisis, and in what ways can we help them be safe and feel welcome?
- As we attend to our own needs for health and safety, how can we extend ourselves to those who are struggling around us?
- In this season of our liberation, can we free ourselves from whatever holds us back from identifying with our neighbors in need?
- In this time of extreme vulnerability and disparity, how can we work for justice in our own community and around the world?

Today, we remember that we are still on the journey. Just as Jews were sustained in the desert and transformed into a new people, so may we be sustained during this crisis and be transformed on our journey to a stronger sense of ourselves, both as individuals and as a community.

In this time of crisis, vulnerable seniors, Holocaust survivors, families, immigrants, and refugees are increasingly turning to JFCS East Bay for assistance. In response, we are providing food deliveries, grocery store gift cards, rental subsidies, crisis counseling, case management, therapy, parenting support, immigration legal services, assistance with applying for unemployment insurance and other benefits, advocacy with landlords, volunteer matching, and much more. We welcome your support at www.bitly.com/jfcseb_Passover



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