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# DISCUSSION POINT

WHY MIGHT THIS NIGHT CONTAIN  
THAT POTENTIAL MORE THAN  
OTHER JEWISH FESTIVALS?  
WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE SEDER?





Tonight has a power that transcends all rules and order (Seder). It is not just a historical commemoration of what was, but rather an opportunity to tap into the energy of the power that still exists at this time. If done correctly, tonight can change our whole year and our connection to Hashem.

*“Passover has a message for the conscience and the heart of all mankind.”*



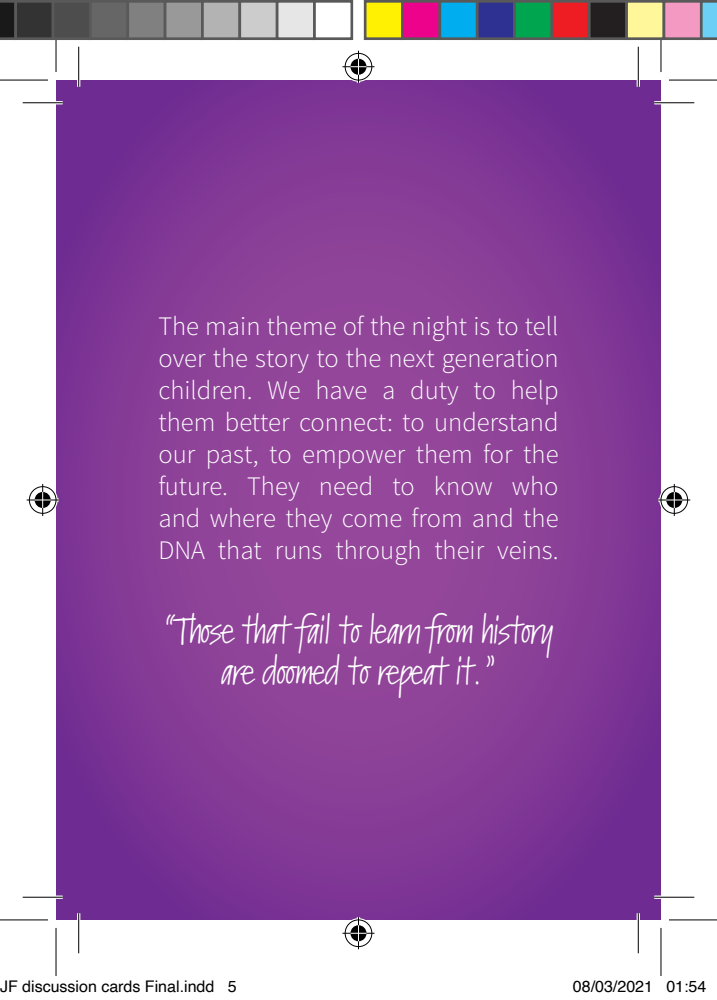

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WHY IS CONNECTING TO OUR PAST  
SO IMPERATIVE?



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The main theme of the night is to tell over the story to the next generation children. We have a duty to help them better connect: to understand our past, to empower them for the future. They need to know who and where they come from and the DNA that runs through their veins.

*“Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”*




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# DISCUSSION POINT

WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE YOU BEEN  
THROUGH OVER THE PAST YEAR AND WHAT  
WAS THE OUTCOME?





To appreciate the gift of freedom, we must first feel the pain of slavery. In our lives, we all have challenges; some appear insurmountable and yet somehow, we find a way. What are we a slave to? Is it money or power? Some people are slaves to addictions and some of those people don't even realise they are addicted. We first acknowledge the slavery, to give hope to freedom.

*“At the end it will all be OK, if it's not OK then it's not the end.”*




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# DISCUSSION POINT

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE  
SECRET TO JEWISH SURVIVAL?





In every generation, there is a nation that wants to annihilate us. Since Egypt, there has been the Romans, the Greeks the Persians, Pogroms , the Spanish Inquisition and the Holocaust . In each situation, no matter how bleak, Hashem has always been there to save us. Mark Twain famously wrote: ‘The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was... All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?’

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WHICH WAS THE WORST  
OF THE PLAGUES AND WHY?



Why did we need ten? Why not just make one plague to remove us from slavery? Why does Hashem toy with Pharaoh and the Egyptians? One idea is that Hashem had to show he is the one true God who is in control of every element of creation. There is nothing he didn't create and therefore nothing he can't control. We remind ourselves that Hashem is the one chartering our course in life, no matter the challenge, we can and will prevail with His help.

*"The task is not to control the wind but to direct the movements of the ship so that it stays on course."*





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WHICH LEADER INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?



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In the fifteen steps of *Dayenu*, we stop and appreciate how many things Hashem did for us. Here, we focus on appreciating our leader, Moses. He led by example and wasn't interested in power or fame. He was all for the people.

*“Great leaders don’t set out to be a leader, they set out to make a difference.”*




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# DISCUSSION POINT

WHO ARE THE WOMEN IN YOUR LIFE WHO  
HELP YOU TRUST GOD AND TRUST IN  
YOURSELF?





Miriam was the epitome of trust in Hashem. She always had a positive outlook and never lost hope, whether she was watching over her brother in his basket or encouraging the people when they faced the sea in front of them and the Egyptians pursuing from behind. Miriam knew the salvation was inevitable, and she prepared the Jewish women to celebrate. It was in the merit of the righteous women that the Jewish people were redeemed.

*“Don’t tell God how big your problems are. Tell your problems how big God is.”*




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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PESACH FOOD  
AND WHY?



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It's been a long and beautiful night and we have already eaten many strange appetisers. As we sit down to eat the meal, we appreciate the delicious food that has been prepared but also that we have so many delicacies available. When leaving Egypt in haste the Jews only had some unbaked bread, but we have so much. We don't even leave the house for a day trip without a suitcase of food!

*“Food is symbolic of love when words are inadequate.”*





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WHY DO YOU THINK HASHEM MADE IT  
THAT SO MANY DOUBT THE EXISTENCE OF  
THE NEXT WORLD AND THAT IT NEEDS TO  
BE SO CONCEALED?



The word Tzafun means hidden. We break the matzah and put away half. That half is *Olam Haba*, which is the hidden world to come. Here, the Haggadah is letting us know that not all is revealed to us in this lifetime. There will be good times and bad times but ultimately, there is something for us hidden away.

“If you live for the next world you get this one in the deal. If you only live for this world then you lose them both.”



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# DISCUSSION POINT

WHAT DO YOU THINK PESACH WILL BE LIKE  
WHEN ALL JEWS ARE LIVING IN ISRAEL  
IN THE MESSIANIC ERA?



The final step to a complete Seder is to sing to Hashem. We all sing different songs and tunes but the best known is perhaps 'Next year in Jerusalem!'. We are happy and healthy and have friends and family who love us and Hashem is so good to us. We are not being persecuted or attacked but there is still a void: We don't have the ultimate connection with Hashem. We yearn, pray and sing that next year we will be in Jerusalem celebrating in peace at the temple with all past generations.

*"One doesn't go to Jerusalem, they return to it. That is one of its mysteries."*