



Dear Friends,

Your clergy team, professional staff, and lay leaders have been hard at work getting ready for Passover. Below you can find a number of resources (some homegrown and some from our partners at the Union for Reform Judaism), opportunities, and ideas for making the most out of this season of freedom and redemption.

We are still in Egypt, still confined, bound, restricted. The Hebrew word for Egypt is Mitzrayim, literally “the narrow places.” We are constricted, and yet, even in that moment, the Jewish people find moments to tell stories of hope and freedom. Our upcoming Festival of Passover is our chance to reflect on life as it is and dream together about the world as it should be. Of course, Passover will look a little different this year (ok, a lot different), and, even in the face of hardship, we will find a way to celebrate.

We wish you and those you love a meaningful celebration, matzah balls that taste just right, and many opportunities to find joy together.

L’shalom,

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Rabbi Karyn Kedar

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Cantor Jennifer Frost

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Rabbi Jason Fenster

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Cantor Rayna Green

## Festival Celebrations

*Congregational Second Night Seder: Let all who are hungry come and Zoom!*

*Thursday, April 9, 5:00*

The BJBE Second Night Seder is ON and your whole clergy team is looking forward to leading a seder together. All are welcome to join us. There is NO COST for this seder.

We ask that you please [RSVP here](#).

### **Virtual Dinner Parties**

Part of what makes Passover special is sitting around the table with family and friends. Given our physical distance from each other and our need for social nearness, after we finish the formal part of the seder, we will be arranging virtual dinner parties for anyone who is interested. **We will have Zoom Breakout rooms where you can join together electronically with a few other families or friends for your festive meal.** Those rooms will stay open all night, so you are welcome to seder the night away together. Please indicate in the RSVP if you would like to be placed at a “table” and/or if you have friends you would like to sit with.

*Festival Service including Yizkor*

*Wednesday, April 15, 9:30am*

Join us virtually for a special service on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#).

## Creating Your Home Seder

*Learning to Lead an Online Seder*

*Thursday, April 2, 8:00pm*

Join Rabbi Fenster on Zoom for a conversation about how you can adapt your family seder to a digital world. We will discuss the online resources at your disposal and share ideas for keeping seder lively and engaging. If you can't make the time, don't worry, we will be posting a recording to the [BJBE Community Facebook Group](#). Use this link to join the conversation: <https://zoom.us/j/8711115843>.

*Technology note: If you are planning to use Zoom for your seder and you have a standard account, it will cut out at 40 minutes. A pro account will allow you to go longer (and host up to 100 people...if that's how big your family/e-community is!)*

### **Chava Center Haggadah**

Great for young families! You can also supplement with [this video](#) of Ms. Susie singing some of the ECC's favorite Passover songs or [this video](#) of her telling the Passover story.

### **BJBE Congregational Seder Haggadah**

Here is the Haggadah we have been using for our Congregational seder. It is a great options for people of all ages.

### **CCAR "Visual T'filah"**

For those going the digital route for seder, the Central Conference of American Rabbis made this visual t'filah slide show available for free. If you are sharing your screen with family and friends in different places, this is the right one for you.

### **Haggadot.com**

A helpful tool for creating your own Haggadah. The site includes traditional texts and a host of modern interpretations.

### **URJ Resource: How to Make Your Virtual Seder Lively, Engaging, and Meaningful**

If you are looking for a deep dive in your seder planning, this article is full of great ideas and amazing resources for planning a digital seder. The Union for Reform Judaism has been creating amazing content for synagogues during this unprecedented time.

## Singing Through the Seder

### *BJBE Sings Through the Seder*

Check out [this YouTube video](#) to sing along with Cantor Frost, Cantor Green, and our Youth Director, Alek Kopulsky, as they sing our Passover favorites!

### *Passover Spotify Playlists*

Great for dancing in the kitchen while you're cooking or for spicing up your seder with some music to help tell the story.