



REFUGEE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

Adapted From the HIAS Haggadah

The heart of the Passover Seder tells the story of the Jewish people's exodus from slavery in Egypt.

During the retelling of this story, we say the words, *Arami oved avi*. This phrase is sometimes translated as *My father was a wandering Aramean* and other times as *An Aramean sought to destroy my father*. Somewhere between the two translations lies the essence of the Jewish experience: a rootless people who have fled persecution time and time again.

When we recite the words *Arami oved avi*, we acknowledge that we have stood in the shoes of the refugee. Today, as we celebrate our freedom, we commit ourselves to continuing to stand with contemporary refugees and asylum seekers.