

UYGHUR GENOCIDE AWARENESS AND ACTION

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YACHATZ, Breaking the Middle Matzah, the leader breaks the Matzah and says: *This broken Matzah reminds us that the world is broken in many ways. As Jews, it is our responsibility to help repair the brokenness.*

Tonight, as we recall our own story of slavery, we think of the twelve million Uyghur people in China, facing one of the greatest human rights crises since the Holocaust. Since 2017, almost two million Uyghurs have been sent to concentration camps and forced into slave labor. Unable to pray, marry or bury their dead according to their Muslim traditions, Uyghurs are being “re-educated.” They have been separated from their families, abused, tortured, raped and murdered. The United States government has deemed this genocide.



The story of the Exodus reminds us that we must stand up to tyrants. To remain silent is akin to complicity. Our own liberation, religious freedom and privilege must lead us to fight for the liberation of others to ensure that "Never Again" isn't just a phrase but a call to action.

ACTION: Tonight, we add COTTON BALLS to our Seder Plate to raise our awareness of the enslavement of the Uyghur people. Many of the Uyghur slaves are forced to produce cotton China is the largest producer of cotton in the world, and Xinjiang, home to the Uyghurs, produces 75% of Chinese cotton and 20% of the world's cotton. We say together: We were slaves in Egypt. We will not turn away from those who are slaves today. We were redeemed from slavery. We will do our part to help the Uyghurs live in freedom.



Take action for the Uyghurs by urging your Representative to support the America Competes Act. This legislation would invest substantially in the domestic production of goods, rather than those rife with Uyghur forced labor within the current supply chain and manufacturing. The U.S. must curb its dependence on these imports by promoting local production.

Please visit <https://secure.jww.org/a/americancompetes>.