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Passover 2021

## The Power of Passover

The power of Passover derives from the fact that it is celebrated at home. Jewish families make immense efforts to be together for the festival, even if it means traveling long distances (in non-covid times).

Throughout our history the home has been a sacred place, no less so than the synagogue. It is where, at Passover, we retell the story to the next generation. Some civilizations survived because of their military strength, others because of their wealth. Judaism has survived because of the strength of our families.

When we reflect upon the seder, we realize that the entire Passover ritual is child-centered. It begins with questions asked by a child. It continues to a set of answers directed to children. It ends with the searching for the afikomen, introduced to sustain the interest of the children. One of the goals of the seder leader is to let the children know they are the most important people there.

Several years ago, Sister Maria Teresa wrote in her book that described the relationships between Jews, Muslims and Christians in the land of Israel: "I watch the Jewish families who visit here on weekends; how the parents behave toward their children, speaking to them with patience and encouraging them to ask intelligent questions. It's an example for the whole world. The strength of this people is the love of parents for their children."

The observation made by Sister Maria touches on another value of Judaism: the idea that Jewish parents must teach their children to ask questions. We do not believe that faith is blind or unquestioning. Nor do we

believe that education is a process in which we adults speak and children listen or that adults command and children obey. That is the sign of an authoritarian culture, not a free society.

In the Hebrew Bible, people ask questions of God. That's what Abraham, Moses, the prophet Jeremiah, our heroes did. Open hearts go together with open minds. In Judaism religious faith is like the faith of a scientist who never gives up asking questions until he/she finds an answer.

Perhaps the most important thing at Passover is that we never allow ourselves to forget where we came from. We, in America today, enjoy so much of what our ancestors could only dream about, freedom, equality, tolerance and affluence. The danger is that we come to take these things for granted, and that it is how we risk losing them. Because of Passover we never forget

the taste of Matzah, the unleavened bread of affliction and the bitter herbs of slavery. We learned that they too are part of our story. Because of this acknowledgment, we do what we can to alleviate the poverty and suffering of others. This is part of the text and texture of Jewish life.

The story and lessons of Passover have helped to sustain the Jewish civilization. This is a story told by hundred generations of Jewish parents to their children. It is a story we are never too old to tell nor to learn from. We wish you all well and hope to be able to spend time together soon.



**HAPPY PASSOVER,**

*Rabbi Cove and Staci*



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# Member Spotlight

## A Connection to Beiteinu & a Love of Travel - A Conversation with Mack & Tobi Emanuel

Beiteinu Community



By Monique Brand

When Tobi Emanuel's sons Jeffrey and Mark look back on Hebrew School, several decades ago, they recall not just their teachings of Judaism, but eraser hockey and paper basketball with their teacher - Howard Cove. They remember him as a great role model.

Through the years Tobi and Mack were members of Har Zion Temple, but had several friends who talked about their experiences with Beiteinu and Rabbi Howard Cove. "*Rabbi Howard Cove? - We remember him!*" And so began their reconnection with him some 4 years ago.

Growing up, Mack's family was very observant, and were instrumental in the opening of Beth Zion Synagogue on 18th and Spruce in Philadelphia. Tobi grew up less formal in Judaism, but observed traditional holidays. Now both of them appreciate Rabbi Cove's approachability, relaxed and "*all - welcoming*" atmosphere of Beiteinu.

Mack remembers a particular conversation with Rabbi Cove about the subject of an Ethical Will. This is a personal document that you create in order to communicate your values, experiences and life lessons to your family. Mack found this to be a cathartic exercise. His children will have a letter relating his hopes for them and their grandchildren and his feelings of their life together, for when he is only a memory.

Tobi and Mack met some 37 years ago, when Tobi, in one of her many careers, was a party planner, and who met a very special customer, Mack. The rest is history. Mack owned an insurance company in Ardmore for over 50 years. Tobi has been a social worker, party planner, and with her love of dogs - a dog trainer. Their home has 2 dogs. Reggie a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and Liza a

Schapedoes, a sheep and duck herding breed. Liza gets to practice her skills at

many American Kennel Club Agility events, and Reggie competes in AKC agility and does nose work (scenting).

***"Pack your bags! We're going on an adventure!"*** - An exclamation that Mack hears often. This couple has traversed all over this big blue planet. This is their attempt to visit 100 different countries. So far they've seen 94, and have traveled more than that to revisit the favorite places. Unfortunately Covid 19 postponed their travels to a train ride in Switzerland, a riverboat ride in Mississippi, and Belgium.

But they can look back on such trips as having a helicopter ride to the top of the Bugaboos and hiking around this mountain range in the Purcell region of British Columbia. Or perhaps coloring an elephant in India, or getting color on themselves during the Hindu festival of Holi. They've bundled up in Churchill, Arctic Canada to see polar bears and kept cool on an African safari. They have experienced many different lands and cultures.

***We hope they can continue their travels, but right now we hope to see them safely at the next Beiteinu holiday celebration!***



# Beiteinu Sending Prayers of Health and Safety



## VIRTUAL PASSOVER SEDER

**Sunday, March 28, 2021 • 15 Nissan 5781**

**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Do you have a seat at a Seder Table this year? Although we can't celebrate Passover at the same physical table, we can still come together (online) for a meaningful holiday experience.

Rabbi Cove and the Beiteinu Family, invite you to Join us for an upbeat, joyful, and inspirational Seder. You provide your meal and we will provide the a meaningful Seder.

Passover 2021 will indeed be a different kind of night. Your participation will help make the difference.

Please email Rabbi Cove and we will send you a participation link prior to the Seder. We will provide you a link to an online haggadah as well.

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# Sustaining Strength for the Day of Liberation

Passover celebrates our ancestor's liberation from Egyptian slavery. The Hebrew word for Egypt comes from a word meaning "a narrow place or an experience that inhibited human behavior. Since last Passover, these difficult and bitter days have often felt as if we have been living through our own Egyptian experience. The following strategies can help sustain us mentally and physically until that day of our future liberation.

1. ONE THING I CAN DO TO HELP MYSELF CALM DOWN.
2. ONE STRENGTH I HAVE TO HELP ME GET THROUGH THIS.
3. ONE PERSON WHO CAN SUPPORT ME WHEN I NEED IT.
4. ONE PLACE I CAN GO TO FEEL SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.
5. ONE SIGN TO ALERT ME WHEN I'M STRUGGLING.
6. ONE THING I CAN TELL MYSELF ON A BAD DAY.

*Now, we may feel enslaved. Next year may we be free to live our lives fully and in peace.*



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# Suggested Table Topics For Your Passover Seder

1. What do you consider your “promised land” or Heaven on Earth?
2. In Hebrew, the word for Egypt is “MITZRAYIM”, which literally means “natural place.” What is one way you wish for our society to be more open?
3. What is the longest journey you have ever taken? Can you remember one unique/meaningful experience from that journey?
4. What is a non- food use for matzoh?
5. The word “seder” means “order”. How do you maintain order in your life?
6. Afikoman means “dessert” in Greek. If you could only eat one dessert, what would it be?
7. God provided manna for the Israelites. This was their food to get them through the wandering years. According to Jewish tradition the taste of the manna matched the desire of each individual who ate it. For you, what would that taste be?
8. During the seder, the tradition instructs us to wash our hands twice. What is something you wish to cleanse yourself of in the coming year? A bad habit? A negative attitude?
9. Moses is considered a great leader in our history- he is described as being smart, courageous, selfless, humble and kind. Which contemporary leader inspires with similar qualities, inspires you?
10. Freedom is a central theme of Passover. When in your life have you felt most free? Explain.



# What<sup>do</sup> YOU Think?

There is a Hasidic saying: *“It was not enough to take the Jewish people out of Egypt. It was necessary to take Egypt out of the Jewish people.”*

What does this mean to you? What about Egypt had to be removed from the former Israelite slaves? Let us know by emailing us as [rabbi@beiteinu.org](mailto:rabbi@beiteinu.org)





Beiteinu and Rabbi Howard Cove, invite you to join us in welcoming in the New Year and the High Holidays. We strive to offer options that are best for each individual and your needs.  
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