

Dear Friends,

"For you were strangers in the land of Egypt"

The Torah reminds us over and over that our behavior towards those who are oppressed, those who are ostracized, those who are "other" must include empathy. Our liberation from slavery by a compassionate and powerful God so long ago is not complete unless each of us sees ourself as if we personally came out of Egypt. And until each of us commits ourself to guaranteeing the dignity and welfare of all our co-travelers on this earth.

The Passover experience teaches us that there is always hope, that we must never despair. And that together, you and I and God can act so as to bring the Messianic era of harmony, peace, and a bright future for all humanity.

On May 1, 2016 in our Social Hall we will be observing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Our speaker that morning will be Mr. Morris Rosen. I had the honor of hearing his presentation at Aberdeen Proving Ground at their Holocaust Remembrance Program a few years ago. He was very informative and inspirational. As the years go by, fewer of the actual witnesses of the Shoah are able to tell their story. Don't miss this opportunity to honor the memory of those who perished, and to be uplifted by Mr. Rosen's tale of survival and triumph. Breakfast at 9:30 am and Speaker at 10:00 am.



May you and your loved ones enjoy a meaningful, joyful, and healthy Passover in 5776. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Shalom,

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