

This Year, We Need Passover More Than Ever



Each year on **Passover**, we ask “*Mah nishtanah*,” “Why is this night different?” This year, though, we know why: Pesach 5780 is simply unlike any other.

As the global pandemic of COVID-19 changes life on planet Earth, there is simply no way that our holiday observance could resemble years past. Physical distancing, sheltering-in-place, and pervasive fears are significant obstacles to making Pesach happen at all, let alone embracing it as a time of joy and renewal.

But we are a resilient and imaginative community. We have faced challenges at almost every turn throughout our history – and that, my friends, is the story we tell from the Haggadah. So we will not take a year off this year; rather, with creativity, love, and defiance, we will adapt our Passover rituals to this moment.

Because we *need* this festival of liberation, now as much as ever. This year, we

liberate ourselves from the limits of “the way we’ve always done seder,” let us tap into the essence of Reform Judaism, which inspires us to update our

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