

# A Passover Statement

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During Passover, we fulfill God's commandment to retell the story of the biblical exodus, recounting those dramatic events as if we ourselves were being liberated from the Egyptian tyrant's hold. As we narrate the account of the flight from slavery into freedom, we feel the compelling pull that led our ancestors to wander for 40 years in the desert. We, who enjoy the blessings of liberty, are immersed in the horrors of servitude, and regard with awe the beneficence of God who sent us a Moses, a leader and prophet to demand our freedom. We put our fate in his hands, which have worked God's wonders, and let him take us from our houses, lead us through the fearsome spectacle of the parted waters and plunge us into the vast, menacing wilderness.

What gives us the courage to face these hazards? Certainly, we abhor the condition of our lives in a land where we are forever foreigners, the countless indignities and burdens of our bondage, the unending cruelty of the harsh Egyptian taskmasters. Yet we have withstood centuries of slavery and have managed to survive. A perilous journey in the immense expanses of the barren desert could bring death to us all, and end to our lives, and end to our people.

With each faltering of our determination to escape from captivity into the unknown, Moses reassures us, gives us the confidence to em-

brace the promise of physical and spiritual freedom. It is Moses's stature as a messenger from God that provides the real power needed to wrench ourselves into liberation. Moses's promise of God's providence enables us to survive the fears of the treacherous departure from Egypt and the specter of a precarious sojourn in the desert.

But we weaken, we struggle to retain our faith in Moses's ability to insure our survival. We need constant reminders of God's protection as we face the arid wastes. And He does not disappoint. The wellsprings of our desert survival, the sweet water from the sands, the miraculous manna that falls from heaven, the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night are the emblems of God's presence. These life-giving manifestations of His benevolence also symbolize that part of the covenant delivered at Mt. Sinai, one of whose essential components fortifies us for the 40 years of wandering that lie ahead: the promise of our own homeland in Eretz Israel.

We at the Jewish National Fund take particular inspiration from the great events of the Passover holiday. JNF's challenges during the past 40 years of Israeli statehood (and for 47 years before) have been so overwhelming that at times we have felt that we, too, were wandering in the wilderness. We were charged with the monumental task of transforming a veritable wasteland into a productive land base for a growing nation. Inarable desert terrain that had been deemed "uninhabitable" had to be made fit

for the agriculture that would sustain a scattered people returning to the land. Soil that had lain fallow for centuries had to be coaxed into fructification. Disease-infested swamps had to be drained. Denuded landscapes, chocked with boulders, had to be transformed into the forest so necessary for a healthy environment for the new inhabitants.

We've managed to keep our faith from faltering, for our successes sustain us. A visit to virtually any area of Israel reveals abundant evidence of our achievements. Throughout Israel, "from Dan to Eilat," are signs proclaiming that here JNF planted, or built, or reclaimed, making possible the woodlands, fertile fields, thriving villages, nature reserves, playgrounds and tourist centers that bring countless blessings to our land and people.

On our trek toward a vision of a nation made ever more secure, prosperous and beautiful, we have had many a Moses to guide us. The leaders of JNF and the Zionist movement have set the lofty goal of a promised land that fulfills the trust placed in us by the Jewish people that we will realize the ancient dream of nationhood.

And the signs of that trust that inspire our faith? What are our pillars of fire and cloud? Those little blue boxes, and tree certificates, and JNF stamps and Tree of Life awards -- all symbols of the steady flow of contributions from people everywhere who, throughout our 87 years, have unstintingly supported our sacred endeavors. As the steadfast trust of the Jewish people has never ceased, so will JNF continue its miraculous redemption of Eretz Israel.

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