**Discussion Starters for your Passover Table**

1. What do you consider your Promised Land? Why?
2. In Hebrew, the word for Egypt is *Mitzrayim*, which means “narrow place.”
   1. Describe one time when you have been in a “narrow place.”
   2. In our society, what is a narrow place? In what way(s) would you wish our society to be more open?
3. Is there someone – or multiple people in your family’s history who made their own journey to freedom?
4. Has your understanding or perception of freedom changed during this recent period of social distancing and self-quarantine?
5. What is the longest journey you’ve ever taken (not in terms of physical distance)?
6. How many non-food uses for Matzah can you think of (feel free to apply this to other Passover foods as well – gefilte fish, Maror, etc.); bonus points for creativity! (Extra bonus points if you attempt it and show Rabbi Segal)
7. The Passover seder format encourages us to ask as many questions as we can.
   1. Do you think modern Judaism still encourages that kind of questioning? Why or why not?
   2. What questions has Judaism encouraged you to ask?
8. Israel (or the idea of Israel) is central to the Passover seder. Do you think that modern Israel is central to Jewish life? Why or why not?
9. Let’s say you had to swim across the Sea of Reeds, and it could be made of anything except water. What would you want it to be and why?
10. If the prophet Elijah walked through your door and sat down at your table, what’s the first thing you would ask him?
11. Before Passover it is traditional rid our homes of *Chametz* (leaven) and cleanse our homes. It is a time when we think of what we may want to rid or cleanse ourselves of. What would you wish to cleanse yourself of this year (a bad habit, an obsession, something that takes up your time)?
12. Passover is also a time of rebirth and renewal and starting fresh. What is something you would like to start?

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