

# 2020 SEDER SUPPLEMENT

CONSIDER READING THIS PASSAGE FROM THE HAGGADAH AS A GROUP DURING THE *MAGGID* (STORYTELLING) PORTION OF YOUR SEDER.

## V'HI SH'AMDA (THIS IS THAT PROMISE)

*This passage tells the story of the Jewish people and their survival.*

**It is this promise** that has sustained our ancestors and us, for not just one enemy has arisen to destroy us; rather **in every generation** there are those who seek our destruction, **but the Holy Blessed One saves us** from their hands.

## IN EVERY GENERATION...

It's almost impossible to believe that in our generation—in our beloved America—Nazis march in our streets and attack our synagogues, spreading violence, hate, and terror. Racism, anti-Semitism, and white supremacy are very much present in our generation too. *Mah nishtanah?* Does nothing change?

## BUT THE HOLY BLESSED ONE SAVES US...

*Mah nishtanah!* How different is our time!

Once we were slaves in Egypt; we were powerless. Today we are citizens: we vote, we advocate, we hold office.

Once we thought we were being singled out. Today we know that hate knows no boundaries; when one group is attacked, we are all at risk.

Once we felt alone. Today we stand together with allies—of different faiths, different races, different gender identities and sexual orientations, different nationalities.

Once we made excuses; we thought if we laid low, it would blow over. Today we act immediately; we know that fighting hate and violence cannot wait.

Once we had no earthly recourse. Today we have the law on our side—and we're using it.

Once we cried out and God redeemed us. Today we are called to be God's partners, to work toward redemption ourselves—not just for Jews, but for all people.

## IT IS THIS PROMISE THAT HAS SUSTAINED US...

What gives you hope and sustains you right now?

What can you personally do to fight hate in our generation?

How can you support those on the front lines?

# ABOUT INTEGRITY FIRST FOR AMERICA'S SEDER SUPPLEMENT

**White supremacy, anti-Semitism, and other forms of violent hate are on the rise in the United States.**



The Anti-Defamation League found a 99% increase in anti-Semitic incidents from 2015 to 2018.



Domestic extremists killed at least 42 people in 2019. All but 4 murders had ties to right-wing extremism like white supremacy.

In August 2017, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other far-right extremists descended on Charlottesville, Virginia, for what they called “Unite the Right.” This rally was not a peaceful protest but, rather, a meticulously planned conspiracy to bring violence to the community of Charlottesville—the result of months of online organizing, fueled by bigotry and hatred.

They chanted “Jews will not replace us” and “Blood and Soil.” They carried swastikas and other Nazi symbols. And they murdered Heather Heyer and injured countless others.

Charlottesville was flashpoint—but it was not an isolated incident. From Charlottesville, to Pittsburgh, to Poway, to El Paso, we’ve only seen this cycle of white supremacist violence grow. And even now, in the midst of a public health crisis, these extremists are weaponizing the virus to spread hate, terror, and disinformation.



**What happened in Charlottesville could have taken place on the streets of Nazi Germany. But it did not. It took place on the streets of America, in 2017.**

**What now? Visit [IntegrityFirstForAmerica.org](https://IntegrityFirstForAmerica.org) to sign up for case updates and support the lawsuit.**

Each year, we retell the story of Exodus. Though ancient, the story’s themes are fully relevant today—and should inspire us to take action in the face of hatred and violence, no matter whom it’s against.

That’s why Integrity First for America is building a movement to hold these modern-day Nazis accountable. IFA has filed suit against the two dozen neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and hate groups responsible for the violence in Charlottesville—taking on, bankrupting, and dismantling the leaders of this violent movement. The trial is this October.

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