



From Exodus to Freedom

This Passover, You Can Help the Jews of Ukraine

For centuries, the Jewish people have celebrated Passover, focusing on the timeless themes of freedom, resilience, and rebirth. While the Haggadah relates the story of our exodus from Egypt, we are charged to see ourselves as part of the narrative — as if we ourselves were brought forth from slavery to freedom. Today, during these historic times, as we watch gripping scenes of Ukraine's Jews fleeing their homes and seeking safety and shelter in new lands, it is a stark reminder of why we must continue to not only tell, but to be part of the story.



A Jewish refugee family faces uncertainty after fleeing Ukraine, as the children's father remains behind to defend their country.

For more than 100 years, JDC has been a beacon of hope: building, rebuilding, and strengthening Jewish communities around the world. Today, we continue to carry out the mission that has guided us since 1914 — saving Jewish lives and building Jewish life. This year, we will ensure that Passover remains a meaningful celebration with the power to bring strength and comfort to our brothers and sisters currently suffering from a horrific conflict and facing an uncertain future.

With your support, we will create a historic Passover experience for the Jewish community that remains in Ukraine, and for the tens of thousands of Jewish refugees who have left everything behind — including in many cases, husbands, fathers, and brothers — in search of safety, shelter, and freedom. **Please help us ensure that Ukraine's Jews can celebrate a meaningful Passover holiday and gain strength from our shared Jewish traditions.**



Matzah distribution, Hungary, 1948.

Throughout the generations, as we have recounted the story of the exodus from Egypt, JDC has been there to ensure that Jews suffering from war, hunger and displacement could celebrate Jewish life and come together to continue our traditions.

Just as we quenched the spiritual thirst of Jewish refugees in displaced persons camps after the Holocaust, today JDC is investing more than \$4.5 million to make sure the Jews of Ukraine can continue to celebrate Passover during these dark hours.



Passover Activities in Ukraine and Neighboring Countries

This year, JDC will distribute matzah in Ukraine and across Eastern Europe using Israeli planes to ensure the needed supplies are delivered on time. We will bring over 30,000 pounds of matzah to tens of thousands of Jews sheltering in cities across Ukraine, including Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kyiv, and Odesa. And while in-person celebrations remain too dangerous in most locations, JDC will run virtual Seders for children, teens, adults, and seniors so they can come together with their community.

In partnership with local JCCs, Hesed social welfare centers, Chabad, Hillels, and others, we will bring light into the darkness by offering a range of online Passover activities, including holiday concerts, art exhibits, online matzah baking, trivia games, and educational classes for Jews of all ages and abilities.

In neighboring Poland, Hungary, and Moldova, thousands of refugees will gather safely to celebrate Passover at hotels, JCCs, and synagogues in cities including Warsaw, Krakow, Lublin, Budapest, and Chisinau. JDC will supply matzah and traditional holiday foods, as well as activities for children, including arts and crafts, games, and educational materials.

JDC is proud to be reprinting 5,000 copies of the very Haggadah we first brought into the former Soviet Union thirty years ago in 1992, when we began quenching the thirst for Jewish tradition and building on a proud but dormant connection to our shared past.



Throughout the holiday, 25,000 elderly Jewish clients, children and families at risk, and local volunteers will receive supplemental food for Passover, including kosher hot meals and money on their bank cards to allow them to purchase nutritional foods.

Be a Part of the Passover Story

Please consider making a gift to support this year's Passover activities in Ukraine and neighboring European countries. You can be a part of the story during these historic times. After the Jews of Ukraine have endured unimaginable suffering and upheaval, we can help spread hope and bring light.

As Ukraine's Jews gather to retell the story of the exodus from Egypt, your support will help them to find strength and comfort in our shared traditions. By taking an active role in the retelling of this year's Passover story, together we can create a new tale of resilience and freedom for generations to come.