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EXPLORING FREEDOM: PASSOVER CELEBRATION IN ISRAEL

Dear friends,

Today marks the 23rd day of counting the Omer, three weeks and two days following the Passover seder. Due to the pandemic, Jewish families have been unable to gather for Passover seders in the past two years. As a result, I found myself alone on seder nights.

However, this year, I was in Israel with my three nephews, their wives, their fourteen children (ages six to eighteen), and other extended family members. We gathered at Hagoshrim, a hotel in northern Galil, to share our seder. During the intermediate days of the holiday, we embraced the Israeli tradition of exploring various hikes and trails.





Passover is a holiday often referred to as the holiday of freedom and matzah. This holiday holds great significance, as many of the foods served at the Passover seder symbolize the narrative of the Exodus. For instance, matzah represents the unleavened bread the Jews ate as they fled Egypt. However, matzah holds even deeper and less widely understood symbolism, which I explore in my blog, '[Freedom, Tradition, and Matzah.](#)'

I hope you had a meaningful Passover Seder and a joyful holiday season, and I wish you a safe journey through the coming year's challenges.

Warmest regards and Happy Spring,

Abigail