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As we sit down for the Passover seder this year, we are heartbroken that hostages remain captive in Gaza. Every year, we begin the seder by welcoming those who are in need into our homes. This year, as we recite *Ha Lahma Anya*, we also remember the hostages and invite their names and stories to be shared.

MAY GOD PASS OVER THEM - **יפסח עליהם** A PRAYER FOR THE HOSTAGES IN GAZA

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Ha lahma anya.

This is the bread of affliction
that our freedom elevates to holiness.

That our ancestors ate.

But what of our siblings?

What are they eating now?

In the land of Egypt, the narrow place.

There, in the narrow tunnels,
is there any bread left at all?

All who are hungry, come and eat.

Every dry pita that keeps them alive
is also elevated to holiness.

All who are in need, come and partake in the Passover.

By the merit of our fathers and mothers,
by the merit of our pleas and our prayers,
by the merit of the heroism, the *hesed*, the generosity--
May the Angel of Death pass over them, too,
and may God bring them out from there
with a strong hand and an outstretched arm.

This year, they are there, in the hands of the enemy,
and so are we.

Next year, in the land of Israel:

sitting at the head of the table,
dressed in white, singing seder songs.

*Once, they will tell the children, we were slaves,
and now, we are free.*

הָא לַחְמָא עֲנִיא.

זֶה לֶחֶם הָעֲנִי

שְׁחֵרוּתְנוּ מַעֲלָה לְרֵמַת קֹדֶשׁ.

דִּי אָכְלוּ אֲבֹהֵתָנָא...

אֲבָל מָה עִם אַחֵינוּ?

מָה הֵם אוֹכְלִים עַכְשָׁו?

בְּאַרְעָא דְמִצְרַיִם...

שָׁם, בְּמִנְהַרְוֹת הַצְּרוֹת,

הַנְּשָׂאָר בְּכָלֵל לֶחֶם?

כָּל דְּכַפִּיּוֹן יִיטִי וַיִּכַּל...

כָּל פֶּתַה עֲבֹשָׁה שְׁתִּשְׂאִיר אוֹתָם חַיִּים

גַּם הִיא תַעֲלֶה לְרֵמַת קֹדֶשׁ.

כָּל דְּצָרִיד יִיטִי וַיִּפְסַח.

בְּזִכּוֹת אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ

בְּזִכּוֹת תַּחֲנוּתֵינוּ וְתַפְלוּתֵינוּ

בְּזִכּוֹת מַעֲשֵׂי הַגְּבוּרָה, הַחֶסֶד

וְהַנְּדִיבוֹת

יִפְסַח עֲלֵיהֶם מִלֶּאֶד הַמָּוֶת

וַיּוֹצִיאֵם ה' מִשָּׁם

בְּיַד חֲזָקָה וּבְזֵרוּעַ נְטוּיָה.

הַשָּׁנָה הֵם שָׁם, בְּיַד אוֹיֵב

וְאִנְחָנוּ אִתָּם.

לְשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה, בְּאַרְעָא דְּשְׂרָאֵל

יוֹשְׁבִים בְּרֹאשׁ הַשְּׁלַחֵן,

בְּלְבוּשׁ לְבָן, שְׂרִים שִׁירֵי חַג.

פַּעַם, יְסַפְּרוּ לְיַלְדֵיהֶם, הֵייוּ עֲבָדִים

וְעַתָּה, בְּנֵי חוֹרֵין.

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