



RESISTANCE, ACTION & TRANSFORMATION: *Changemakers from the Passover Story to Today*

Shifra and Puah. Yocheved. Miriam. Pharaoh's daughter. Without the courage, compassion and leadership of these women from the Passover story, the tale of liberation we retell year after year would not have transpired at all. Today, too, we are witnessing transformative actions by activists around the world who are leading the way to overcome oppression and bring about true justice in their societies.

Honoring these women leaders—united across the millennia by their remarkable bravery—brings meaning to our Seder and inspires our own action for justice today.

RESISTANCE

The midwives Shifra and Puah resisted Pharaoh's genocidal decree to slaughter Israelite newborns and fought this persecution by continuing to welcome new life into the world with dignity..

...Today in **Kenya**, changemakers are resisting the modern prejudice levied against the LGBTQI+ community—including violence that wounds deeply and cuts lives short. An organization called INEND is overcoming this deadly persecution by educating police, clergy and perpetrators of hate crimes to become allies, so that LGBTQI+ people can live full and dignified lives.

DETERMINATION

Yocheved was determined for her son Moses to live, and so she placed him in a basket and entrusted his fate to the waters of the Nile River ...

...Today in **Mexico**, 16 Indigenous communities in Oaxaca are determined to sustain life in their region after drought and government mismanagement dried up the water that irrigated their land. With the help of Flor y Canto, a local grassroots group, they have dug wells, planted trees and restored the depleted aquifers—and they've fought for and won the right to manage their own water supply to nourish life in Oaxaca going forward.

LEADERSHIP

Miriam led the Israelite women in song and dance as they marched toward freedom and redemption...

...Today in **Kenya**, the coaches at Box Girls Kenya are training girls and young women in self-defense and providing them with tools to become leaders in their community. Together, they're transforming the way their society views what girls can and cannot achieve, and walking toward a future where women are celebrated as equals.

COMPASSION AND ACTION

Pharaoh's daughter used her power and privilege for good when she found Moses in the Nile and chose to raise him as her own...

...Today, it is up to each one of us to use our platforms and our resources for justice—and stand in solidarity with communities fighting for their human rights. Our freedoms and our futures are bound up with one another's, and we have the power to shape our world for the better.

How will you resist the oppression, violence and injustice of our time?

How will you bring about a more just and equitable world?

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