

Dayenu! Basta! Halas! We've had enough!

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Dayenu, Basta, Halas all mean- ENOUGH! From different contexts in hebrew, spanish, and arabic.

THE COMMUNITY RECITES:

Dayenu! Basta! Halas! We've had enough!

Our neighbors and friends under attack.

What do we do? Stand up. Push back!

We want justice. You say how? End aggressive policing now!

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop deporting refugees.

Dayenu! No criminalization of immigration.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop rounding up dreamers.

Basta! No papers, no fear. Sin papeles sin miedo.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop ripping apart families.

Halas! No separation, no occupation.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop 'shoot first' killing sprees.

Dayenu! Black lives matter.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop colonizing stolen land.

Halas! Tear down the separation walls.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop enforcing mass incarceration.

Basta! End the practice of racist criminalization.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop harassing and killing trans and queer people.

Dayenu! End the practice of homophobia.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop assassinating human rights defenders.

Basta! Those who sacrificed their lives haven't died. They've multiplied.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop using torture.

Halas! Torture is illegal and immoral.

We're not all safe, we're not all free until po-lice stop brutalizing water protectors.

Dayenu! Mni Wichoni - Water is life.

Dayenu. Basta. Halas. We've had enough!

Traditionally, the hebrew word *Dayenu* in the seder means - *this is good enough!*

NOW! The participants call out *actions we can take to create safe communities. The community answers and affirms with the word dayenu!*

Community: Our neighbors and friends are under attack. What do we do? Stand up. Push Back.

We want justice. You say how? ...

Volunteer: Create sanctuary for all people now!

Community: DAYENU!

Leaving Mitzrayim: Introducing JVP's New Campaign

Before the 8th and 9th plagues, we read, Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron that he would let the men go free, but the rest of the people must remain enslaved. Moses and Aaron refused Pharaoh's deal. Even though the Israelites were desperate and afraid, they would not abandon one another. They said, in essence, "It's all of us or none."

This is how we get out of Mitzrayim.

We will not sacrifice one another. We will not protest the oppression of black and brown lives here at home while ignoring the oppression of Palestinians in Israel/Palestine. We cannot call out militarized police violence in the US while remaining silent about Israel's military violence against Palestinians. We must acknowledge that domestic state violence and Israeli state violence ultimately come from one intertwined system of oppression.

We introduce our campaign: **Deadly Exchange: Ending US-Israel Police Exchanges, Reclaiming Safety**

One of the most dangerous places where the far-right regimes of Trump and Netanyahu converge are in exchange programs that bring together police, ICE, border patrol, and FBI from the US with soldiers, police, and border agents from Israel. In these programs, worst practices are shared to promote and extend discriminatory and repressive policing in both countries including extrajudicial executions, shoot-to-kill policies, police murders, racial profiling, massive spying and surveillance, deportation and detention, and attacks on human rights defenders.

As a Jewish organization dedicated to safety & justice for all peoples, we see it as our duty to end these exchanges.

Cities around the country dispatch their police to these trainings, organized predominantly by U.S.-based Jewish organizations, including the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, and AIPAC, among others. *We believe civil rights organizations and Jewish communal institutions have no business participating in further endangering those in Trump's and Bibi's crosshairs by dispatching police, ICE and FBI agents to exchange tips with an occupying army. We also believe cities, especially those that claim to be progressive, must end their participation in these programs.*

Join us to reclaim safety for all by demanding an end to this Deadly Exchange.

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Discussion questions for your seder table:

1. At the beginning of the seder, we welcome all who hungry to join us. Towards the end, we open the door to welcome Elijah and Miriam. With the image of radical hospitality and an open door, take a moment to imagine a world where all are safe, where we live with open doors and no walls that divide us. What would make such a world possible? What would move us in this direction? Who in my community, workplace, and city is most vulnerable? What actions can we take to create a world of safety for all?
2. In the Exodus story, we read that Pharaoh's oppressive decrees against the Israelites came from his fear that Egyptian safety was being threatened. The deadly exchange programs supported and run by our communal institutions are motivated by a similar fear, but they do not and cannot create safety for all. How can we address the fears of our communities that give rise to these programs - so that we may end support for them once and for all?
3. On Passover, we redouble our resolve to the struggle for the liberation of all. Why, in your view, is ending these police exchange programs vital to the ongoing struggle for justice for Palestinians?