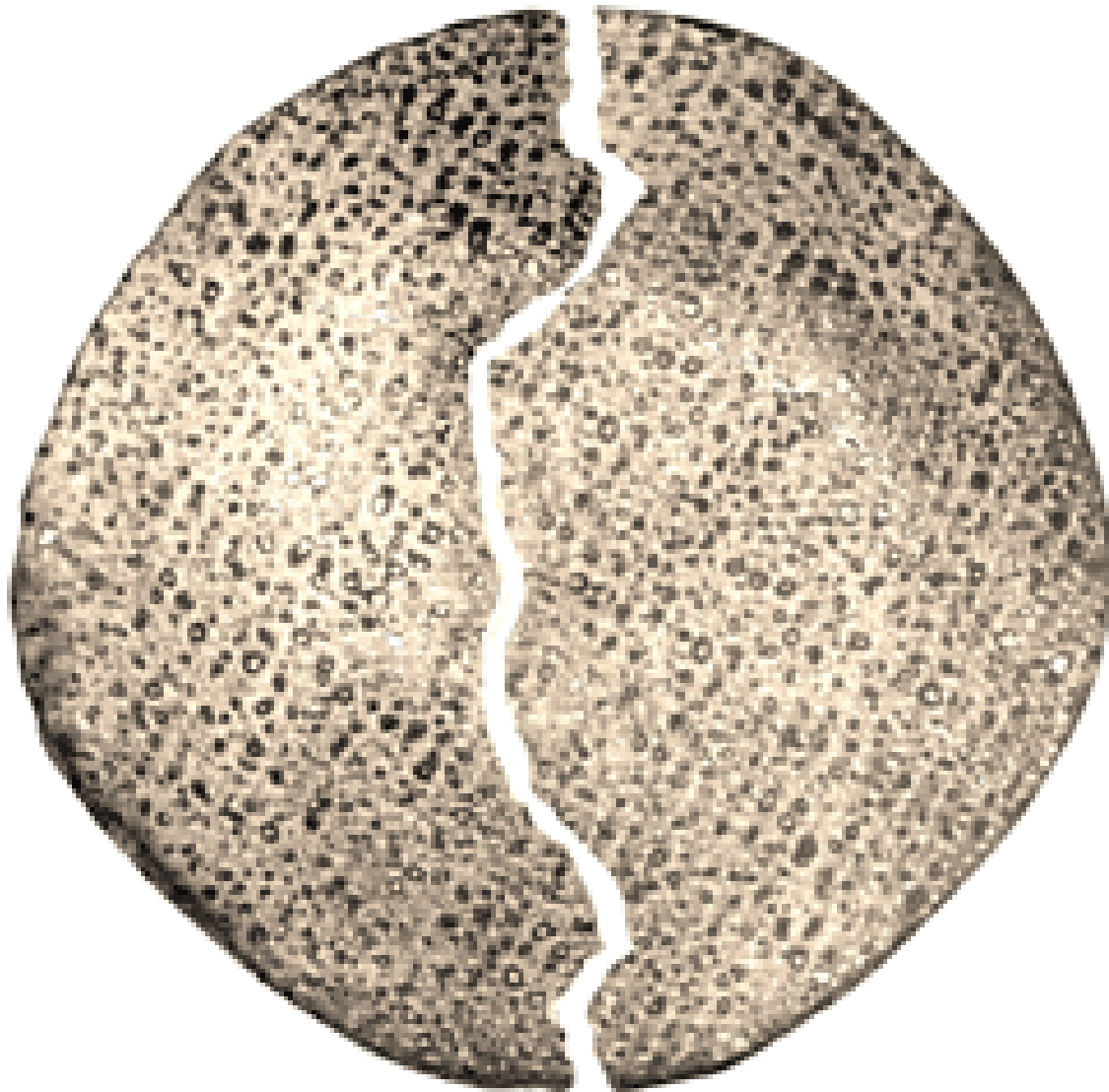


MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY JEWISH COALITION

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JUSTICE, JUSTICE SHALL YOU PURSUE

Deuteronomy 16:20



**NOW WE ARE SLAVES -
NEXT YEAR MAY WE BE FREE**



As we celebrate our freedom this Pesach, more people than ever before are enslaved. Contemporary slavery affects people of every race, gender and age.

Bonded labour affects millions of people worldwide, who are tricked into taking a loan and then forced into a life of servitude to repay the debt.

Early and forced marriage affects women and girls who are married without choice and forced into lives of servitude, often accompanied by physical violence.

Forced labour affects over 12.3 million people forced to work – often under the threat of violence, destitution or extreme hardship to members of their family.

Slavery by descent is where people are born into a slave class or are from a 'group' that society views as suited to being used as slave labour.

Trafficking involves transport and/or trade of people from one area to the other for the purpose of forcing them into slavery conditions.

Child labour affects children working in conditions that are harmful to their health and welfare. This affects an estimated 179 million children worldwide.

We celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 2007 - let us mark it this year by calling for an end to slavery worldwide.

Remembering Slavery - Ideas for your Seder

- Leave an empty chair at your seder to show that there are still people in bondage.
- Make sure that no one has to fill their own wine glass at the seder - as a sign of our freedom.
- Ask more questions - 'How can we celebrate our freedom while others are still enslaved?'
- Eat a larger portion of bitter herbs to remember those who are suffering today.
- Instead of three matzot, have four on the table. The fourth matza represents those who are still eating 'the bread of affliction' in slavery.



ACT NOW TO STOP SLAVERY IN 2007

- **Sign the Declaration** on www.antislavery.org:

'I pledge to join the fight for freedom, to commemorate the Transatlantic Slave Trade and its abolition, address its legacies, and work for the eradication of all forms of slavery today, which affect at least 12 million people around the world.'

- **Lobby your MP**

Write to your MP to demand efforts to address the legacies of the Transatlantic slave trade, for better international standards to deal with contemporary forms of slavery.

- **Buy Fairtrade Products**

To ensure that you are not buying products from companies whose workers are employed under slave conditions, buy fair trade and ethically traded goods.

- **Educate about Slavery**

Make sure that others know about contemporary slavery so that they can bring their voices to the campaign to end slavery in 2007.

The Make Poverty History Jewish Coalition is an informal network of Jewish organisations who wish to work together and share expertise on issues relating to social justice in its broadest sense.