

CBR statement regarding seder and Passover preparations

How is this night different from all other nights?

מה נשתנה הלילה הזה מכל הלילות

Mah nishtanah ha'lilah hazeh mikol ha'leilot?

This question, perhaps the most famous question of the Passover seder, takes on new meaning this year. As we anticipate this beloved holiday, the reality of the Coronavirus requires us to stay home and to physically distance ourselves from others.

This Passover, the Chicago Board of Rabbis, urges families and individuals to gather only with those currently under the same roof. This might be especially difficult for the elderly and people living alone, yet, for the sake of everyone's health, we ask you stay home.

We recognize that some households will use technology to connect with family and friends. Others will hold smaller, more intimate seders. In addition to your rabbi and synagogue, there are a wide variety of online resources to enrich your seders.

We, the Chicago Board of Rabbis, ask you to follow the CDC guidelines as well as Governor Pritzker's Stay-At-Home Order and take all necessary precautions to safeguard your health and the health of others so that we may celebrate together in the future.