

PASSOVER 2020

Empty chairs.
Unused plates.
Missing laughter.
No family debates.

Prayers seem different.
Wine barely touched.
Who could have imagined
We would be missing so much?

So this year at Seder Some sit alone. Perhaps with one other. Or on the phone.

Some watch videos
Or look at old photos.
While others may Zoom
In their quiet dining room.

It's not the same.

It may never be again.
But sweet memories
And Faith
Will help us maintain
The Passover Seder.

The ancient ritual
Enduring the years.
When things were good
Or when there were fears.

And we will go on.

Missing what is gone.

But none the less grateful

For what we still have.

Freedom to choose!
And proud to be Jews!

Passover 2020 And Forever.

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