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A Pesach Message from the Directors of NCSY Israel

As we gather around the Seder table, we are reminded that Pesach is not merely a commemoration of our past but a powerful call to action for our future. The Exodus from Egypt was not just about leaving slavery behind; it was about forging a new identity as Hashem's chosen nation, embracing Torah, and striving for spiritual greatness. And let's be honest—who among us doesn't need a little help breaking free from our own personal Mitzrayims? Whether it's our smartphones, our snooze buttons, or our post-chametz withdrawal, we all have our own Egypt to escape!

The Baal Shem Tov teaches that Pesach is a time of renewal, a moment when we can leap—like the very word 'Pesach' implies—beyond our perceived limitations. The Sfas Emes adds that just as Hashem took us out of Egypt with an outpouring of divine love, so too, in every generation, Hashem gives us the strength to break through our own barriers and reach new spiritual heights. And if you've ever tried to make it through a three-hour Seder without sneaking a bite of matzah early, you know all about self-control and perseverance!

Rav Avraham Yitzchak HaKohen Kook explains that Yetziat Mitzrayim was not merely

a historical redemption but the beginning of an ongoing process of geulah, a spiritual and national awakening that culminates in the full realization of Am Yisrael's potential in Eretz Yisrael. Rav Kook teaches that just as the Jewish people left Mitzrayim with divine miracles, so too, each generation must embrace the responsibility to continue the redemption through deepening our connection to Torah, mitzvot, and the rebuilding of our nation. Pesach reminds us that we are not just retelling an old story—we are living it, writing the next chapter with every act of faith, every mitzvah, and every moment of Jewish pride.

At NCSY Israel, we see this very process unfolding before our eyes. This past year has been a time of remarkable growth. Our Shabbatons, Chapter programming, and weekly learning initiatives have inspired more teens than ever to embrace their Jewish identity with passion and commitment. From inspiring getaways around the country to deep and meaningful chavrutot, we have seen firsthand the power of a spark ignited. The flame of Torah is burning brightly in the hearts of our NCSYers, and their thirst for authentic Jewish experiences has never been stronger. We are not just educating; we

are cultivating the next generation of Torah leaders, Zionists, and proud Bnei Yisrael who will shape the destiny of our nation.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff, madrichim, educators, and of course, our incredible supporters—our partners in this holy work. Just as every individual had a role Yetziat Mitzrayim, every one of you has played a role in the redemption of Jewish souls. But the journey is far from over. As we continue to grow and expand our impact, we invite you—parents, community members, and lovers of Am Yisrael—to take part in this sacred mission. Whether through learning, mentoring, or supporting our programs, each of us has the power to contribute to the unfolding story of geulah in our time.

And what better way to start than by giving back? Just like we encourage our teens to stretch beyond their limits, we invite you to do the same. Open your home for a Shabbat meal, sponsor a learning session, or simply give a warm smile to the next generation. Every action counts. Let's make this Pesach not just about telling the story of redemption—but living it.

As we open our Haggadot and declare, “B'chol dor v'dor chayav adam lirot et atzmo k'ilu hu yatza mimitzrayim”—“In every generation, one must see himself as if he personally left Egypt”—let us all take this to heart. May this Pesach be a time of true personal and communal redemption, of breaking free from constraints, and of stepping boldly into the future with emunah, passion, and purpose.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach! ■

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