



A Seat Around the Table

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At the start of every Seder, we open the Haggadah with a powerful declaration: **“Kol dichfin yeitei v’yeichol”** — “Let all who are hungry come and eat.” It’s a call to action, an invitation to the world: no one should be left out, no one should go without.

Traditionally, this line refers to physical hunger. But there is another kind of hunger, one that isn’t always visible: **the hunger for connection, for belonging, for love.** It’s the quiet ache of the single person who walks into the room alone. The one who has a seat at the table, but not yet a seat across from someone to build a life with.

In the spirit of **Kol dichfin**, we must expand our invitation. Who do we know who still hasn’t found their person? Who do we see in our communities, in our families, in our circles of friends, who could use our help to find the right one?

It’s not enough to feel bad or to wish them well. This phrase from the Haggadah is not passive—it’s active. It’s a call to **take responsibility.** To pick up the phone. To make the introduction. To say, “Hey, I’ve been thinking of you—I might have someone in mind.”

You don’t have to be a professional matchmaker to make a match. You just have to care enough to try.

Sometimes we assume someone else will do it. Or that it’s not our place. Or that we don’t know enough. But if not us, then who? If not now, then when?

Everyone deserves a seat—not only at the Seder table, but at the table of life, partnership, and building a home. The loneliness of singles isn’t just their burden—it’s ours, too. And the mitzvah of matchmaking is one of the greatest acts of chesed we can do.

This Pesach, as you open your Haggadah and say **Kol dichfin yeitei v’yeichol**, let it mean more than just an open door. Let it be a reminder: **each of us has a role in helping others find their place, their person, their home.**

Let’s make sure no one is left standing. ■

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