

# ORIGAMI ON YOUR SEDER TABLE

- 1. Pyramids:** Our Passover story begins in slavery. As slaves in Egypt we built pyramids for Pharaoh.

Exodus 1:11 They set taskmasters over the Israelites to oppress them with forced labor; and they built cities for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses.

- 2. Frogs:** After 430 years enslaved, our people hardly new God. God brought the plagues to help set us free, but also so that we might know God's saving power.

Exodus 3:17-18 [God said to Moses] Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them: יהוה the God of your fathers' [house]—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob— has appeared to me and said, 'I have taken note of you and of what is being done to you in Egypt and I have declared: I will take you out of the misery of Egypt

Exodus 4:22 And יהוה said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the marvels that I have put within your power. I, however, will stiffen his heart so that he will not let the people go.

Exodus 7:28 The Nile shall swarm with frogs, and they shall come up and enter your palace, your bedchamber and your bed, the houses of your courtiers and your people, and your ovens and your kneading bowls.

Deuteronomy 34:11-12 ...the various signs and portents that יהוה sent Moses to display in the land of Egypt...and all the great might and awesome power that Moses displayed before all Israel.

- 3. Flowers:** Our story ends in rebirth as a free people. We celebrate our freedom as the festival of spring (Chag Ha-Aviv) a time of rebirth and new growth.

Exodus 12: 17 You shall observe the [Feast of] Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt; you shall observe this day throughout the ages as an institution for all time.

Leviticus 23:7 and 10 On the first day you shall celebrate a sacred occasion: you shall not work at your occupations...Speak to the Israelite people and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving to you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the first sheaf of your harvest to the priest.

