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HAPPY PASSOVER CHAG PESACH SAMEACH

GREETINGS FROM THE AFL-CIO TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The AFL-CIO, representing nearly 15 million working people in 65 national and international unions, extends our heartfelt greetings to our Jewish members, their families, and all who will begin the observance of Passover—the Jewish festival of freedom. A time of renewal and hope, Passover commemorates the ancient story of liberation and honors the ongoing fight for all oppressed people. Starting on Wednesday evening, April 1, 2026, with the beginning of spring, Jewish families will sit at the seder table and retell the story of the Exodus, in which the prophet Moses led the ancient Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. It is a story that is central to Judaism and an inspiration for all who struggle for freedom and dignity.

For working people, both Jews and non-Jews alike, the story of the Israelites' escape from forced labor holds a special meaning. Passover is a powerful reminder of the deep connections between the Jewish community and the labor movement—including the rich history of Jewish labor leaders, organizers and activists in the United States—and our shared values spanning centuries.

These memories resonate with us today, not only within our movement but wherever people labor, because the struggle for human freedom, dignity, and justice at work is worldwide and never stops.

We wish the entire Jewish community, near and far, a Happy Passover—Chag Pesach Sameach!
