We gratefully acknowledge that this seder, where we recall and celebrate our liberation, is happening on Lisjan Ohlone land, in the territory of Huchiun.

We thank our Indigenous relatives, past and present, whose prayers and ceremonies have imbued this land with sacredness and life - gifts that bless us every day.

We commit ourselves to learning and remembering the stories of Indigenous oppression and past and current struggles for liberation, along with Jewish ones. Those of us who are not Indigenous commit to doing teshuvah, honest looking and relational repair, for the immense suffering and harm that happened here, and that we continue to benefit from.

We place an acorn* on our Seder plate:

To remember this land and how its First Peoples lived before the ravages of colonization.

To remind ourselves that those of us who are not Indigenous are guests here, and to honor our hosts.

To open ourselves to the vastness of the miracles that are already possible in our time, just as the oak is already possible within the acorn.

*Oaks give their acorns in the fall, the opposite pole of the year. Now, in springtime, the oak’s blossoms hint at the acorns to come. If you don’t have an acorn, you can use a picture of one this year. Come fall, you can collect acorns for your future seder plates.

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