

# AN ACORN ON THE SEDER PLATE

JEWS ON OHLONE LAND

PESACH 5783/2023

We gratefully acknowledge that this seder, where we recall and celebrate Jewish 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.

As we retell our ancient Jewish story in this season, we also commit ourselves to learning and remembering the stories of the Lisjan Ohlone people-- stories of their life on this land since time immemorial, of the ravages of colonization, and of the current struggles for liberation and blossoming of rematriation. 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, 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.



## WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE:

SAVE THE WEST BERKELEY SHELLMOUND

SOGOREA TE LAND TRUST - SHUUMI LAND TAX