



אונקלוס בר קלונימוס...חזא מזוזתא...ואמר...מנהגו של עולם, מלך בשר ודם יושב מבפנים ועבדיו משמרים אותו מבחוץ,
ואילו הקב"ה, עבדיו מבפנים והוא משמרן מבחוץ...

Onqelos bar Kalonymus...saw a mezuzah...and said: A human king puts himself at the center with all eyes focused on protecting him. The Holy One puts [us, the] servants at the center and protects us from without. (Talmud, Avodah Zarah 11a)

We commit to walking in God's ways. We put the most vulnerable at the center and stand in alliance with them.



What is a mezuzah?



A box or tube containing a *klaf*—a piece of parchment with the text of the *Sh'ma* prayer on it—hung on the doorpost of a Jewish home as a symbol of divine protection.

What to do with this card

Hang it under a mezuzah in the home where you are having seder.

Or roll it into a tube, tape the bottom, put a *klaf* inside, and place it on your door to serve as your mezuzah.

When? During seder at *Ha Lachma Anya*, when we say, “Let all who are hungry come and eat.”

Why?

- To remember the blood the Israelites put on their doorposts on their last night in Egypt.
- To remind us of our own immigrant pasts. “The Statue of Liberty is the mezuzah on the door of America.” —JASON FENSTER, T’RUAH RABBINICAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP ALUMNUS
- To inspire us to open our collective doors to those who are vulnerable.

Discuss at the seder

- When did your family come to the US? Why did they come? What do you know about their experience?
- What is one commitment you make for the coming year, to help open our doors to those who are vulnerable?

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