At every Passover Seder, we hear the continual refrain of release from bondage from the land of Egypt. Not just Passover, but so much of the Torah in the Book of Exodus deals with escape may-Eret; Mitsrayim, from the land of Egypt. The Sabbath Kiddush, many prayers in our worship and a good deal of rabbinical theology talk about the Exodus experience.

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We think of Egypt as a geographical place, a country in space and time from which our ancient ancestors escaped. And that is true. Egypt, however, is much more than the historical location of our ancient enslavement. Egypt is also a *spiritual condition*. That is the point of the Seder: to connect the historical memory of our People in the Egypt of long ago to the current realities of our culture and to our own personal situation.

SHABBAT SERVICES Friday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat / Yom Hashoah Guest Speaker: Andrew Nagorski Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power Friday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat / Israel Independence (Yom Ha'Atzmaut)

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER Saturday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.