



## PASSOVER SEDER SUPPLEMENT:

# *Next Year, an End to Slavery in the Cocoa Fields*

*Instructions for host of Passover seder:*

- (1) Make one copy of this supplement for each participant in the seder*
- (2) have pens and scissors ready at the seder table, so participants can sign the letter*
- (3) after the seder, place the letters in an envelope and mail them to World's Finest Chocolate.*

*OPTIONAL: Place some Fair Trade chocolate on your seder plate.*

***If Fair Trade chocolate is on your seder plate:*** At the beginning of the Haggadah, when the leader lifts the ceremonial seder plate and tells the assembled the name of each of the items on the plate, the leader also points to the Fair Trade chocolate and says:

**Leader:** This is Fair Trade chocolate. Unlike much chocolate today, it is made without the labor of child slaves in Africa. It is on our seder plate to remind us that slavery is still with us today.

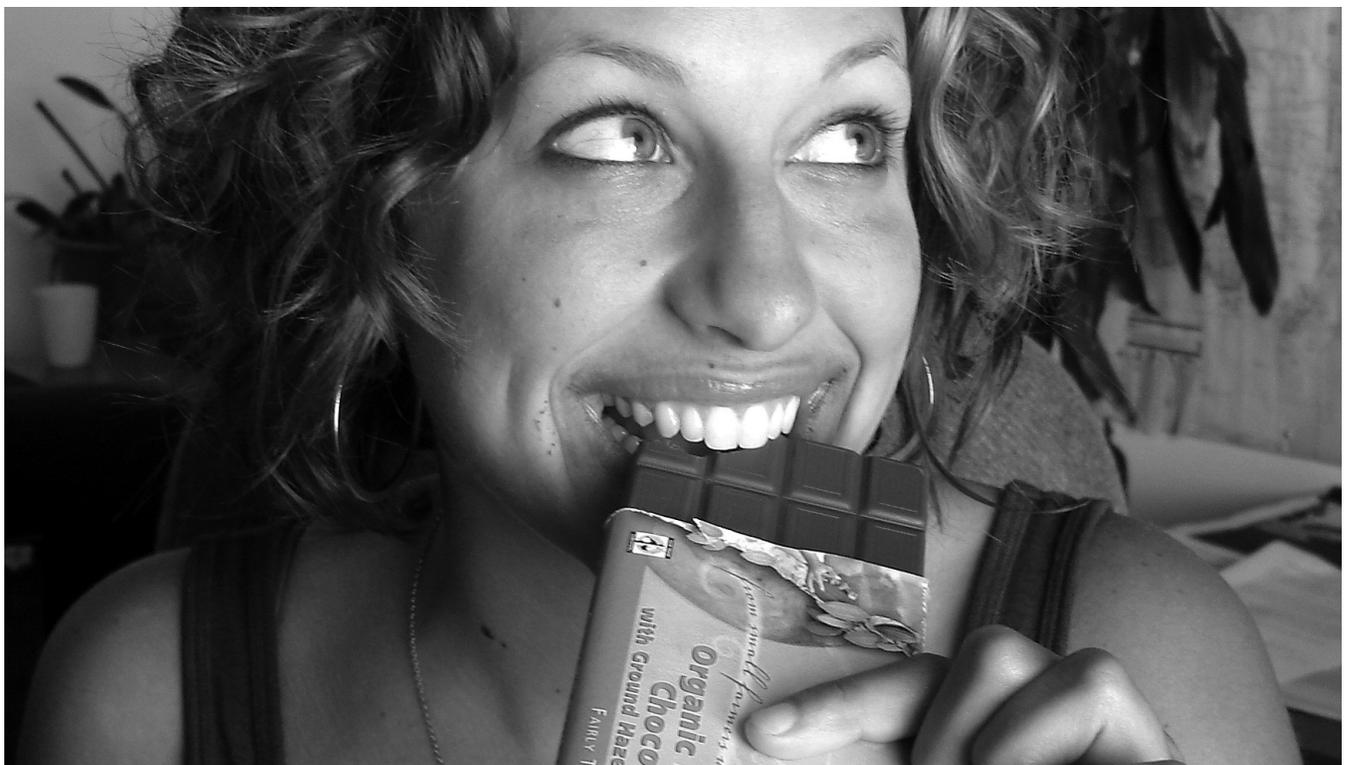
*After the Maggid (telling of the Pesach story) and before blessing the matzah, bitter herb, and charosets, read this passage:*

**Leader:** Once, we were slaves in Egypt. Today, young children are slaves on the opposite side of Africa.

**Assembled:** *Child laborers in the West African cocoa fields are over a quarter of million in number; twelve thousand of them are slaves.*

**Leader:** Just as Moses grew up in the house of the Pharaoh, we have influence over the oppressor that the slaves themselves do not have.

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**Assembled:** *We can walk in Moses' footsteps. We can have the courage to ask the Pharaohs of today to let the children go.*

**Leader:** We feel our lives are busy. That we do not have the time. But where would we be if Moses did not take the time to lead us to freedom?

**Assembled:** *Where will those children be next year, if we do not take a little time to help these children find freedom?*

**Leader:** Each year we say: "next year in Jerusalem." This year, let us also say: "next year, an end to slavery in the cocoa fields."

**Assembled:** *Passover is not the only week in the year to think of slavery and to dream of freedom for all. We can take action between this Passover and the next.*

**Leader:** Let us commit ourselves, as Moses did, to take action for the children who are powerless to free themselves from slavery.

**Assembled:** *Let us commit ourselves to looking for the slavery-free Fair Trade label whenever we enjoy chocolate, to help end the cycle of slavery.*



**Leader:** Please sign the letter below now and keep the top half of this sheet to take home; we will send all the letters together.

**If Fair Trade chocolate is on your seder plate:** *At a time of your choice, such as after the bitter herbs and maror or, after dinner, when the Afikomen and dessert are being eaten.*

**Leader:** Let us partake of the taste of Fair Trade chocolate. It is chocolate without slavery, and it tastes not of suffering, but only of sweetness and freedom.

For more information on what you can do this year to bring an end to child slavery in the cocoa fields, visit [www.globalexchange.org/cocoa](http://www.globalexchange.org/cocoa)

## GLOBAL EXCHANGE

*Send this letter to Edmond Opler, Chairman and CEO; World's Finest Chocolate; 4801 S. Lawndale; Chicago, IL 60652-3062*



Dear Mr. Opler:

I have participated in a Passover seder tonight, where we remembered how we, as Jews, were once slaves in Egypt. Today, on the other side of Africa, there are slaves in the cocoa fields of West Africa. In contrast, Fair Trade cocoa farms are inspected annually to ensure there is no child labor or slavery. I am writing to ask you to start sourcing at least 5% of your cocoa as Fair Trade, and begin to bring modern day slavery to an end.

Sincerely,

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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