



# AN EXODUS IN OUR TIME

*A reflection on the Rohingya crisis for the Passover table*

While we recount the story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt, the Rohingya people of Burma (Myanmar) have moved through the wilderness in search of freedom today. Due to a brutal genocidal campaign led by the Burmese military that escalated in 2017, Rohingya communities were burned, tortured and extinguished en masse. More than 730,000 survivors fled to under-resourced refugee camps in Bangladesh—where they remain in limbo.

Their story echoes our own:

We were enslaved

*Participants: They were interned in camps*

Our babies were drowned

*Theirs burned in pyres*

We died by lash

*They by gun and torch and knife*

We crossed the sea to freedom

*They walked for many days and forded a river in search of refuge*

We were sustained by manna from heaven

*They need humanitarian aid to survive*

Our shared history demands that we act. We must respond with an open hand and an outstretched arm.

As survivors of persecution, annihilation and exodus ourselves, it's our turn to call out for others, imploring, demanding: Freedom.

**To learn more about the Rohingya crisis and to join AJWS's campaign to respond, visit [www.ajws.org/Rohingya](http://www.ajws.org/Rohingya).**

Add your voice to the powerful Jewish movement to support the Rohingya people by signing our petition here: [www.ajws.org/burmapetition](http://www.ajws.org/burmapetition)