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Every year we try to connect our current experience

Usually that has meant trying to *imagine* what ensued. It's a theoretical exercise or perhaps a way to increase our understanding. It has had me thinking about a different aspect of the Exodus.

When our ancestors left Egypt, they would not have been relying on others for safety. For us who are exiles in the *midbar*.

It is really hard

B'nai Yisrael found their experiences challenging. Many of them were concerned about their basic needs such as food and water. In these times these are challenges that we experience.

We don't have full control

Being told to eat manna, how much to collect, when to collect, when they were now free. We know that, early on, B'nai Yisrael. A few weeks ago, we had a sense of control over our lives. It turns out that an invisible pathogen can upend everything. It will not happen.

We are dependent on community

Being part of a community was crucial to survival. To succeed successfully, it will depend on everyone. Countries and individual people counting on us to be their source of strength.

While we go into a Pesah that will be very different from our experience in the desert was still considered *herut*. They were now on a path towards a future they could not see. Routines and to be in physical proximity to our community.

Wishing you and yours a zissen and healthy Pesah.

