

## Memorials/Bereavement at/through the Passover Seder

### *Some Possibilities*

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- Using recipes that were used by, or enjoyed by, the relative who died
- Using ritual objects (kiddush cup, kippah, etc.) that were cherished/used by the one who died
- Using a pillow of the one who died for reclining at the seder
- Telling stories about the one who died -- e.g., how he/she was at previous year's *s'darim*
- Recalling comments/interpretations of the Pesah story/themes by the one who died
- Associating certain lines/images from the Haggadah with the memory of the one who died
- Incorporating written work by the one who died into the seder
- Integrating songs, poetry, prose that was important to the one who died into the seder
- Using artwork by the one who died as a centerpiece at the seder
- Building a memorial into the "Elijah's Cup/Opening the Door" portion of the seder -- silent, spoken, and/or sung
- Some people leave an empty chair at their seder table
- Before Pesah begins, giving to a *tz'dakah*-cause that is meaningful in memory of the one who died, perhaps related to Pesah themes
- Similar to the preceding, underwriting the participation of a needy Jew in a communal seder in memory of the one who died