## **״הכל נשתנה״** יעקב זלמן רובינסון פסח תשפ״ד

It's now the Leil Haseder, to remind us that things are still in order, Even with threats from across the globe and at the Northern border. A night we can ask for anything at כאן הבן שואל, But we all have one tefilla on our lips, please bring us the גואל.

On Shemini Atzeres to Hashem and His Torah, we express our love, הפוך בה, lives turned over, but we know it was from above. ופרצו חומות מגדלי, a breach followed by unspeakable acts, Then a world that turned on us, denying all the facts.

קשה אלי פרידתכם, it was the day of great yichud, Then villains came from sky and land, violently intrude. Abducting our brothers and sisters to dark tunnels underground, World support for about a month, but then not even a sound.

Lives lost, parents mourning, so many soldiers risked their lives, Leaving behind precious children, and their fearful wives. Waves of hate, campuses burning, leaders with no backbone, But we continue to do what's right, even if we go at it alone.

We responded with faith and fortitude, it's not just Hashem who never slumbers, We may be weak in census but we have strength in numbers. Millions of dollars, billions of Tehillim and a trillion words of Torah, Tzitzis donning, Tefillin laying, so many souls returned to their mesorah.

Now it's 7 months later, in a world gone quite insane, מה נשתנה הלילה הזה, this night just cannot be the same. So let's harness its unique energy, and have a Seder like never before, So we can welcome who we've been waiting for, when we open up the door. To stay focused on 120, a pure white kittel it is worn,

And to express renewed purity like the day that we were born. To remind us of the former, this year's not needed because we mourn, But we do commit to rethink and start again, a promise that is sworn.

We start the night with קדש, on a cup of wine with souls aflame, We remember our Kedoshim, who have sanctified your name. ארחץ, we wash our hands, but no bracha on it's said. Like the netillah of the kohen for the holy work ahead.

סרפס is our first dip, into salty water for our tears, Which this year we have shed, much more than other years. May this dip soon symbolize, a decline of all this dread, Like אוי let's break this trend, and look for bigger things ahead.

During **מגיד** we retell the tale, of our lofty nation's story, מתחילה our very low, ועכשיו our greatest glory. Once גוי קדוש and now a עבדים היינו, Contributions that surpass our numbers, they're the זנב we're the ראש.

We start with הא לחמא עניא, to declare what's at our core, כל דצריך will be provided for, כל דכפין are welcome through our door. א השתא הכא we may still be in גלות, we'll make the most of it while we're here, But מקדש we'll be in our מקדש, achdus a zechus to get us there.

ברוך המקום for giving a Torah, that speaks to ארבע בנים, That's the secret of its wisdom that can be seen in Shivim Panim. Every neshama has an doorway that may be locked up deep inside, This year let's reach out and touch them, because they've all been opened wide.

והיא שעמדה לאבותינו is the promise that gives us strength, 'בכל דור ודור עומדים's just a hurdle, we know we'll go the length. Our current threats seem quite serious, but why they try to me's a mystery, It will backfire and give us a Yom Tov , and they'll join the other's in the dustbin of history. שפוך חמתך, send a modern day מכות, each one measure for measure, ערוב for behavior like wild beasts, and כינים and שחין to cause pain for pleasure. דם for all the blood they've spilled, and guided missiles like Egypt's hail, חושר for the darkness they've cast, like Mitzrayim they will greatly fail.

The story that we read each year, is also now, not only then, כאילו הוא יצא applies to all children, women and men. דיינו, you have done so much, כי לעולם חסדו, there's more in store, אשר גאלנו say אשר גאלנו, we will say בשובי לירושלים.

רחצה, we will then wash away the tears from every face. מוציא מצה we will eat to remember the fast pace, Of ישועת ה' כהרף עין, a salvation within a blink. So lean in on more zechusim, it can happen faster than you think.

מרור, we remember, the bitterness endured, כורך, taking bad with good, is how real growth is ensured. So, it is still appropriate to have שלחן עורך, a feast that is replete, But we eat the egg to remind us that we still are incomplete.

אפון, Hashem's ways are hidden, but one day we will surely see. So, we must say ברך now and bless Hashem for now and eternity. As we say הלל and we praise and thank, and proclaim Modeh Ani. נרצה, our deeds will be pleasing and accepted to bring Eliyahu Hanavi.

אנא השם openly protect our people, no need to hide behind the Iron Dome. Make a miraculous return of hostages, please just bring them home. May the injured be fully healed, and may the broken hearts be whole, May all Jews stay united, and may the flame stay lit in every soul.

חסל סדר פסח, we did as should be done. We've climbed the 15 steps, אחריך נרוצה, to You we swiftly run. Shir Hashirim is said from closeness, but this time please never leave, Hamakom Yerachem, השתא בעגלא ובזמן קריב.