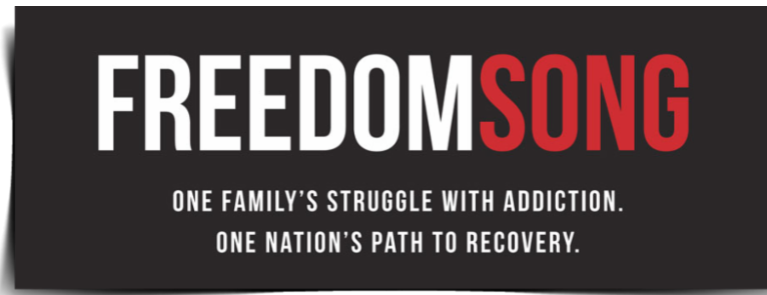


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"Freedom Song" Performed Tonight, APRIL 5th

Breaking Free From the Slavery of Addiction on Passover

Los Angeles, CA - April 5, 2015- By interweaving a Passover Seder with personal stories of addiction, Freedom Song poses one stark question-"WHAT ARE YOU A SLAVE TO?"

Using song and dance, tears and laughter, and an intense post show discussion with our cast, Freedom Song opens eyes to the real life struggle against the 'bondage of self' that we all fight every day. Do you obsess over being the picture of perfection? Are you constantly trying to please your parents? Is your own self worth based on material things?

Freedom Song uses the story of Passover and a 12-Step meeting with original modern music as the vehicle to expose the pervasiveness of the disease of addiction and its effect on everyone in the family system. The cast of Freedom Song is not a cast of actors; they are actual addicts in recovery that have broken off the shackles of drugs, alcohol, gambling, and other destructive behaviors.

The performers are residents at Beit T'Shuvah, a treatment center in West Los Angeles, who've taken part in the Music in Recovery Program as a way to work through and overcome their addiction. "The play not only drawn parallels between being a slave in Egypt and being a slave to your addiction, but it also forces the audience to take a look within themselves instead of pointing the finger at everyone else," explains Rabbi Mark Borovitz, CEO of Beit T'Shuvah. "Every year the musical is changed by the cast members themselves, who have an opportunity to share their personal song, as they voice their own struggles."

On Passover Jews ask, "Why is this night different from every other night?" The musical Freedom Song is performed as a reminder that it is our responsibility to look at our own lives, and compare our personal stories of slavery to that of Egypt.

This original musical was written by Beit T'Shuvah residents nine years ago and has been performed in Los Angeles and across the U.S. in synagogues, schools, performance centers, and even at a women's prison.

Please take a moment to watch this trailer of the original musical, "Freedom Song."



Freedom Song Trailer 2013

WHEN: Sunday, April 5th. Performance at 6:30 p.m. followed by an abbreviated Seder.

(The cost is \$36 for adults and \$18 for children. RSVP to Amy Abrams at aabrams@beittshuvah.org)

WHERE: Beit T'Shuvah 8831 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90034

MEDIA: To arrange for video of the performance, the seder, and/or interviews with cast members or CEO and head Rabbi Mark Borovitz, please call Stephanie Abrams at 323-999-4489 or email news@abramsmanagement.com.

About Beit T'Shuvah (Bate-t'shoo-vah)

Beit T'Shuvah is a nonprofit treatment center and education institution dedicated to guiding individuals and families toward a path of living well in order to recover from addiction. T'Shuvah translates to repentance and return. Beit means house. Beit T'Shuvah = The House of Return.

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