Join us as we continue our 3,000-year old march from slavery to freedom for all people. The Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will follow the lead of those most directly affected by the evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism, ecological devastation and the nation’s distorted morality. Rooted in our enduring Jewish values and in deep relationship across lines of difference, we will take moral action in Washington, DC, state capitals around the country and beyond from May 14 to June 23, 2018. We invite you to add this call to action for the Poor People’s Campaign to your Passover Seder. This responsive reading links the song Dayenu (“it would have been enough”) to portions of Rev. William Barber, II’s address to the 2017 URJ Biennial calling upon our community to join the Poor People’s Campaign. Visit www.RAC.org/PPCSignup to sign up for more information about participating.

Dayenu: For All Times  
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Step by step to freedom, we long for the final Dayenu that signals enduring freedom.

Dayenu

Let My People Go: We implored Pharaoh 3,000 years ago.

Dayenu

Let My People Go: We hear The Rev. William Barber call to us today:

“The prophetic actions of Rosa Parks, …
Who sat down and birthed a movement
Inspiring … a prophet like Moses named Martin.”

Dayenu

Let My People Go: “Fifty years ago Dr. King…called for a Poor People’s Campaign
To address racism, poverty and militarism …
To be part of a great tradition calling on America to mend every flaw.”

Dayenu

Let My People Go: We commit to the Poor People’s Campaign of our day,
Challenging systemic racism, poverty, military drain, and ecological devastation,
Decrying distorted morality and thwarted freedom.

Dayenu

Let My People Go: Let this Passover redeem the wounds that divide,
Inspiring us to march in our Poor People’s Campaign,
Strengthening the resolve for sustenance and freedom for one and all.
For today,  
For fifty years from today,  
For all times.

Dayenu

1 Rev. William J Barber, II, Speech to the 2017 URJ Biennial, 12/10/17
2 Ibid