An Interfaith Reflection from Chautauqua

I am so aware that as I “shelter in place,” I have a place of comfort and safety. I am keenly aware of so many others who do not have a comfortable home, perhaps no shelter of their own at all (e.g. immigrants, the homeless). Many, many more have shelter but are food insecure; might have illnesses or disabilities that make it hard to venture out and get food or medicine; do not have computers or internet to stay connected with the wider world; live with abusive partners, meaning even “shelter” can be a living hell.

Now is the time for each of us to not only take care of ourselves, but also to find ways to help those who have so much less than we enjoy. It no longer sounds cliché to say, “we need each other.” As we welcome the season of Passover, let’s make that aspiration, real.

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