

A Modern Dayenu by CLAL (*The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership*)

This song, found in the Seder, thanks God for the myriad miracles that took place at the time of the Exodus. "Dayenu" can also allow us to express our gratitude for all that has taken place in recent times. When we celebrate the successes of the past, we can also remember the ongoing need to help those who are oppressed in other communities.

Had God upheld us throughout two thousand year of Dispersion
But not preserved our hope for return, *Dayenu*

Had God preserved our hope for return
But not sent us leaders to make the dream a reality, *Dayenu*

Had God sent us leaders to make the dream a reality
But not given us success in the U.N. vote, *Dayenu*

Had God given us success in the U.N. vote
But not defeated our attackers in 1948, *Dayenu*

Had God defeated our attackers in 1948
But not unified Jerusalem, *Dayenu*

Had God unified Jerusalem
But not led us toward peace with Egypt, *Dayenu*

Had God returned us to the Land of our ancestors
But not filled it with our children, *Dayenu*

Had God filled it with our children
But not caused the desert to bloom, *Dayenu*

Had God caused the desert to bloom
But not built for us cities and towns, *Dayenu*

Had God rescued our remnants from the Holocaust's flames
But not brought our brothers from Arab lands, *Dayenu*

Had God brought our brothers from Arab lands
But not opened the gates for Russia's Jews, *Dayenu*

Had God opened the gate for Russia's Jews
But not redeemed our people from Ethiopia, *Dayenu*

Had God redeemed our people from Ethiopia
But not planted in our hearts a covenant of One People, *Dayenu*

Had God planted in our hearts a covenant of One People
But not sustained in our souls a vision of a perfected world, *Dayenu!*

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