

## THE EXTRAS ON THE SEDER PLATE



**Orange** represents inclusion – so that every person, male and female, gay and straight, with and without disabilities, is welcomed and accepted as a contributing, active member of our Jewish community.



**Tomato** – The tomato has come to represent contemporary slavery, recalling the millions of migrant field workers who are often underpaid and overworked.



**Potato.** In 1991, Israel launched Operation Solomon, a covert plan to bring Ethiopian Jews to the Holy Land. Israeli doctors fed these new



**Banana:** To remind us of the refugees and children everywhere who are caught up in modern day exodus.



**Cashews:** To support and honor our troops.



**Turnip Peelings.** Serves as a symbol for people who don't have enough food to eat are forced to eat scraps as a way to sustain themselves and their families.



**Olive** After the flood, Noah's dove brought back an olive branch as a sign that that earth was again habitable. We have an olive on our Seder plate to symbolize peace in the Middle East and every place where war destroys loves, hopes and the freedoms we celebrate tonight.



**Fair Trade Chocolate or Cocoa Beans:** The fair trade movement promotes economic partnerships based on equality, justice and sustainable environmental practices.



**Pinecone:** The pinecone 'imprisons' its seeds, and only hard work on the part of nature compels it to open up." A pinecone to the Seder plate to remind us of mass incarceration and the work it will take to repair this injustice.

