

At your Passover Seder:

1. Listen to Rabbi's Levi sermon *The Passover Story that Changed the World: Charoset and Women*
2. Share the other story behind charoset [see the study sheets]
3. Share Malala's story
4. Sing the petition [on line <http://webelieve.ajws.org/>]
5. Get everyone at your seder to sign the petition
6. Join Rabbi Levi to ask our local US representatives Dana Rohrabacher and Tom Campbell to co-sponsor the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA).

Malala Yousafzai (born 12 July 1997) is a Pakistani school pupil and education activist from the town of Mingora in the Swat District of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. She is known for her activism for rights to education and for women, especially in the Swat Valley, where the Taliban had at times banned girls from attending school. In early 2009, at the age of 11–12, Yousafzai wrote a blog under a pseudonym for the BBC detailing her life under Taliban rule, their attempts to take control of the valley, and her views on promoting education for girls. The following summer, a New York Times documentary was filmed about her life. Yousafzai rose in prominence, giving interviews in print and on television, and she was nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize by South African activist Desmond Tutu.

On the morning of Tuesday, October 9, 2012, Malala boarded her school bus. A gunman asked for Malala by name, then pointed a Colt 45 at her and fired three shots. One bullet hit the left side of Malala's forehead, traveled under her skin the length of her face and then into her shoulder. She recovered from the attempted assassination. She was 15 years old.

United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown launched a UN petition in Yousafzai's name, using the

slogan "I am Malala" and demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of 2015 – a petition which helped lead to the ratification of Pakistan's first Right to Education Bill. In 29 April 2013 issue of Time magazine, Yousafzai was featured on the magazine's front cover and as one of "The 100 Most Influential People in the World". She was the winner of Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize and was nominated for the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize--she was the youngest person (at age 16) to be nominated for it [she didn't win]. On 12 July 2013, Yousafzai spoke at the UN to call for worldwide access to education. She wrote a book published last year called *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*. In February 2014, she was nominated a second time for the Nobel Peace Prize and for the World Children's prize in Sweden.

