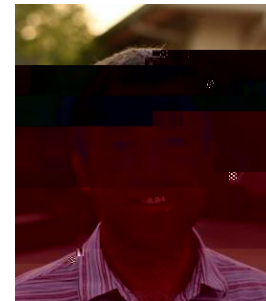


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## On the Cusp of Freedom

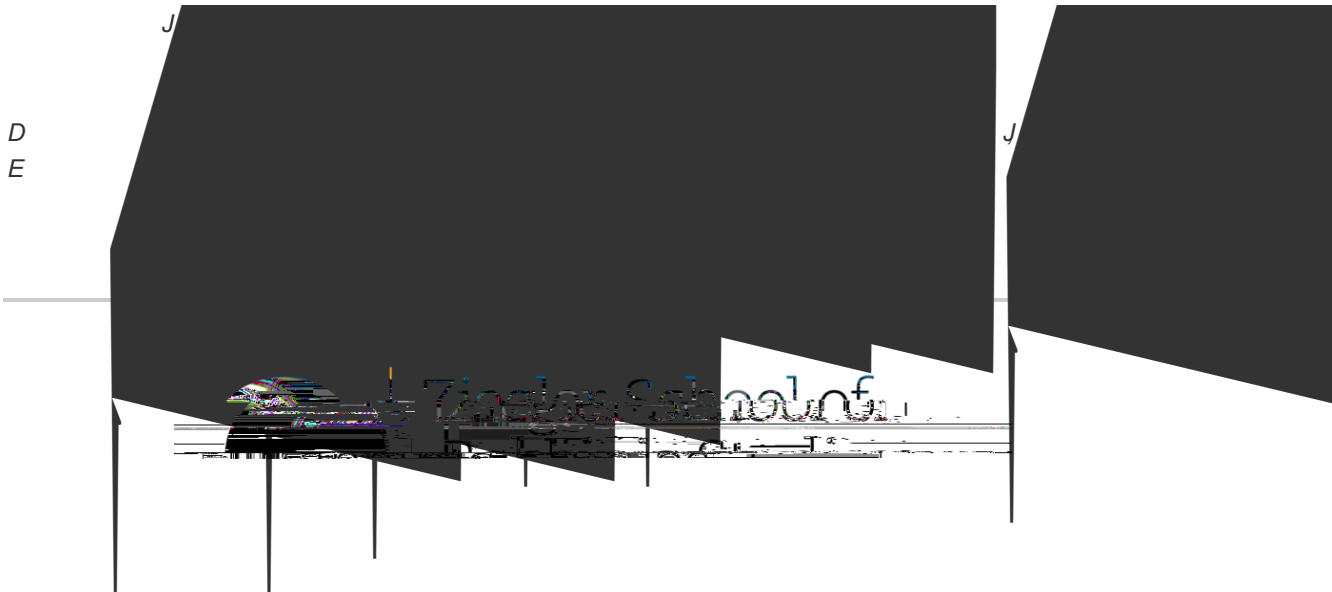
Leaving Egypt is a recurring event. Beyond the individual, who is obligated on Passover to reenact the journey from bondage to liberation, the exodus story became a narrative within which political events have been located and understood. For numerous and varied movements throughout history, leaving Egypt is the “story [that] made it possible to tell other stories.”<sup>[1]</sup> Egypt is removed from the coordinates of space and recast as a system of oppression, all too capable of mutating to meet its unjust aspirations. But, facing Egypt are the determined and well-travelled Israelites, whose march to the Promised Land demonstrates to the generations that follow that the forces of liberation emerge victorious.

In 1956, on the second anniversary of the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*,

Divine entitled, "The Death of Evil upon the Seashore."<sup>[2]</sup> Here too, the Exodus story served as a

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