



“Everyone was a Rabbi”

The Village Voice article described the Freedom Seder attendees: “Everyone was a Rabbi Friday night—Topper Carew, who runs a black arts center for teenagers, Reverend Channing Phillips, the first black nominated for president of the United States, and Arthur Waskow, the author of the Freedom Haggadah. Officiating were Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Rabbi Harold White of American University. Also participating were 700 Washingtonians—the Free Community, government employees, members of the Black United Front, freelance radicals, a welfare mother or two, and assorted suburban Jews, nervous to be deep in the ghetto on the night of a predicted riot.”

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