

You and I Were Freed from Bondage

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B'chol dor vador chayav adam lirot et-atzmo, k'ilu hu yatzav mimitzrayim.

“In every generation, every person is obligated to see him or herself as though he or she personally left Egypt.”

The seder reminds us that it was not only our ancestors whom God redeemed; God redeemed us too along with them. We are not separate and apart from that redemption. We cannot view it as someone else's story – as someone else's challenge or someone else's blessing. Equally, we cannot view the obligations of freedom as someone else's obligations. We, who were once enslaved, are free and responsible for improving the lives of others, regardless of their religion, race or nationality.

We raise the second cup of wine:

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who redeemed us and our ancestors from Egypt, enabling us to reach this night and eat matzah and bitter herbs. May we continue to reach future holidays in peace and happiness.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, borei p'ree hagafen.

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Drink the second glass of wine!