

The First Cup: To Struggle

Contributed by [Many Sources \(Compiled By Stephanie\)](#)

Source: Adapted from Love and Justice in Times of War

As we come together this year the world can seem grim, and at times we are very tired and lose hope of any change occurring. What we drink to tonight is our family, our community, our state, and our nationfomenting change together, around this table and around the world. We all are engaged in struggle, personally, in this country, and internationally.

This year, we drink to the people around the world this past year who have taken the streets, the buildings, the cities in protest of unjust systems. We recognize that their bravery not only shines a light on what we must work against, but also forges the way for new and radicalizing friendships and alliances.

Tonight we come together to recount the stories from the past, share stories of present struggles, and envision together the future we will build with our neighbors. Share stories of active resistance in which you have participated or that have inspired you over the past year.

All say the Blessing over the Wine: (Ashkenazi pronunciation, masc.) Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu Melech ha'olam boreh p'ri ha-gafen.

(Ashkenazi pronunciation, fem.) Brucha Yah Shechinah, eloheinu Malkat ha'olam, borayt p'ri hagafen.

Blessed is the Source that fills all creation and brings forth the fruit of the vine.