

plagues

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Source:

Even as we are grateful for our freedom, we are pained by the knowledge

that our freedom came at the expense of the great misfortune to the Egyptian people. As we recite each plague, we dip a finger in our wineglass and spill out one drop of wine, thereby acknowledging that our own joy is diminished by the memory of Egyptian suffering.

Dam – Blood

Ts'fardaya – Frogs

Kinim – Vermin

Arov – Flies

Dever – Pestilence

Sh'chin – Boils

Barad – Hail

Arbeh – Locusts

Choshech – Darkness

Makat b'chorot – Slaying of the firstborn

Let us remember the lesson of the plagues: the winning of freedom has not always been bloodless in the past.