

Elijah

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Source:

Throughout our Seder, we pour four cups, remembering the gift of freedom that our ancestors received centuries ago and four promises fulfilled. The first cup as God said, "I will free you from the labors of the Egyptians." The second as God said, "And I will deliver you from their bondage." The third as God said, "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm with great judgements." The fourth because God said, "I will take you to be My People."

We know, though, that all are not yet free. As we welcome Elijah the Prophet, we offer a fifth cup, a cup not yet consumed. May we be emboldened to take action and speak out on behalf of those who are not yet free, hastening Elijah's arrival. Let us recognize that redemption is not a destination but rather a destiny fulfilled by a journey of leveraging our particular narrative of freedom to compel us to seek liberation for all.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַנְּבִי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַתְּשֻׁבִי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַגְּלֻעֲדֵי

בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד, עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד

Eliyahu hanavi Eliyahu hatishbi Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu hagiladi Bimheirah b'yameinu, yavo eileinu Im mashiach ben-David, Im mashiach ben-David