

Second Cup

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We've come a long way since our first cup of wine. There are a lot of interpretations of what the four cups of Passover symbolize. What do you think we should be raising a glass to at this point?

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר גָּאֵלְנוּ וְגָאֵל אֶת אֲבוֹתֵינוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, וְהִגִּיעַנוּ לְלֵילָה הַזֶּה לְאֲכֹל בּוֹ מַצָּה וּמְרוֹר. כֵּן יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֵלֵהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ יַגִּיעֵנוּ לְמוֹעֲדִים וְלַחֲגֵלִים אַחֲרָיִם הַבָּאִים לְקַבְּלָתָנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, שְׂמֵחִים בְּבִנְיַן עִירְךָ וְשָׁשִׁים בְּעִבּוּדְךָ. וְנֹאכֵל נֶשֶׁם מִן הַזִּבְחִים וּמִן הַפְּסָחִים אֲשֶׁר יִגִּיעַ דָּמָם עַל קִיר מִזְבֵּחַ לְכַצּוֹן, וְנוֹדֶה לְבִלְבֵּד שִׁיר חֲדָשׁ עַל גְּאֻלְתָּנוּ וְעַל פְּדוּת בְּפִשְׁנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי גָּאֵל יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Praised are you, Adonai, our God, sovereign of the universe, who has redeemed us and our fathers from Egypt and enabled us to reach this night that we may eat matzo and marror. Lord our God and God of our fathers, enable us to reach also the forthcoming holidays and festivals in peace, rejoicing in the rebuilding of Zion your city, and joyful at your service. There we shall eat of the offerings and Passover sacrifices which will be acceptably placed upon your altar. We shall sing a new hymn of praise to you for our redemption and for our liberation. Praised are you, Adonai, who has redeemed Israel. Praised are you, Adonai, our God, sovereign of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.