

Blessing of the Wine

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No, really. Pour your 2nd glass of wine (or grape juice).

Just as we remember all of the times throughout history when the nations of the world shut their doors on Jews fleeing violence and persecution in their homelands, so, too, do we remember with gratitude the bravery of those who took Jews in during their times of need. We aspire to stand on the right side of history as we ask our own government to take a leadership role in protecting refugees and other immigrants. May we find the bravery to open up our nation and our hearts to those who are in need.

Those familiar with the Hebrew blessing of the wine can recite it:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

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

[Blessed are You, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.]