

The first glass of wine

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At Passover we drink four glasses of wine to symbolize four promises God made to the Jewish people:

"I will take you out of Egypt"

"I will deliver you from Egyptian slavery"

"I will redeem you with a demonstration of my power", and

"I will acquire you as a nation"

The first glass: I will free you...

As we remember our own liberation from bondage in Egypt, we express gratitude for the ability to work as God's partners in continued and continual redemption for those who are not free. As our wine cups overflow in this moment of joy, we hold out hope for the day when every person in search of refuge in every corner of the earth can recall a story of freedom, reflect on a journey to security from violence and persecution and no longer yearn for a safe place to call home. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who frees those who are oppressed.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי 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.