

Elijah

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This is the cup of Elijah. According to Jewish tradition, the Prophet Elijah was a brave man who denounced the slavery of his day. Legend teaches that he will return one day to lead everyone to peace and freedom.

It was customary during the Passover Seder to open the door of the house for Elijah, in the hope that the age of universal peace may soon be at hand.

We, too, open the door to peace, knowing that Elijah's task is really our own. Only when we have made a world where nation shall not lift up sword against nation, where justice is universal, and where each person is free, will the age-old dream of peace be real.

To begin our singing for the night Hallel, we sing a song about Elijah, *Eliayu Hanavi*:

אֱלֹהֵי הַנְּבִיאָה, אֱלֹהֵי הַתְּשׁוּבָה

אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי הַגִּלְעָדִי

בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ

עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד,

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

Elijah the prophet, the returning, the man of Gilad: return to us speedily, in our days with the messiah, son of David.