

# The Second Cup

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In every generation, each of us is obligated to see ourselves as though we personally had been liberated from Egypt.

The Seder reminds us that it was not only our ancestors whom God redeemed; God redeemed us too along with them. As it is written: "God brought us out from there in order to lead us to and give us the land promised to our ancestors." (Deuteronomy 6:23)

*Raise the cup of wine but do not drink*

Therefore it is our duty to thank and praise in song, glorify, exalt and honor, bless and acclaim the One who performed all these miracles for our ancestors and for us. The Eternal our God took us from slavery into freedom, from grief into joy, from sorrow to celebration, from darkness to great light, from slavery to redemption. Let us therefore sing before God a new song. Halleluyah!

*Put the cup down*

A reading: Psalm 114

When Israel went forth from Egypt,  
The house of Jacob from a strange people,  
Judah became God's sanctuary,  
Israel, God's dominion.

The sea looked and fled;  
The Jordan turned back.  
The mountains skipped like rams,  
The hills, like lambs.  
What ails you, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?  
You mountains, that you skip like rams?  
You hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, before the Eternal,  
Before the God of Jacob,  
Who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
The flint into a fountain of water.

We raise our cups in remembrance of the second promise of redemption, as it is said:  
I will deliver you from their bondage

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן**

Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha-gafen.

We praise you, Eternal God, Ruler of the Universe, who created the fruit of the vine!

DRINK THE SECOND CUP