

## IDENTITY

# Kadesh

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*Pour the first cup of wine and recite the blessing below as a group:*

*V'hotzeiti etchem... 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 today's refugees and asylum seekers. 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 יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגָּפֶן**

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

We praise God, Ruler of Everything, who creates the fruit of the vine.

*Drink the first cup of wine.*