

The Wandering is Over Haggadah - Cup of Elijah

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We now refill our wine glasses one last time and open the front door to invite the prophet Elijah to join our seder.

In the Bible, Elijah was a fierce defender of God to a disbelieving people. At the end of his life, rather than dying, he was whisked away to heaven. Tradition holds that he will return in advance of messianic days to herald a new era of peace, so we set a place for Elijah at many joyous, hopeful Jewish occasions, such as a baby's bris and the Passover seder.

אֱלִיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא, אֱלִיָּהוּ הַתְּשֻׁבָּאֵלִיָּהוּ, אֱלִיָּהוּ, אֱלִיָּהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי

בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ

עַם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד

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Eliyahu hanavi

Eliyahu hatishbi

Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu hagiladi

Bimheirah b'yameinu, yavo eileinu

Im mashiach ben-David,

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