

# In Search of Freedom: A Passover Seder for Darfur- The First Cup of Wine- Humanitarian Aid

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Throughout the seder we will drink four cups of wine or grape juice (a symbol of wholeness—four seasons, four directions). In the Jewish tradition wine symbolizes bounty and joy. Today, we will use each cup as a call to action, knowing that millions of Darfuri men, women, and children are living in distress without the bounty or joy that so many of us experience in our daily lives. Each time we refill our cups, we recommit ourselves to help improve the lives of all those who suffer from oppression, violence, and degradation.

As we pour our first cup of wine, we focus on the need to provide humanitarian aid for the millions of genocide survivors who are languishing in displaced persons and refugee camps. These people are in need of food, shelter, clothing, and medical supplies. On each table you will find a collection bowl. In the spirit of this interfaith gathering, we encourage you to donate to one or more of the following humanitarian organizations active in Darfur: American Jewish World Service ([www.ajws.org](http://www.ajws.org)), Church World Service ([www.cws.org](http://www.cws.org)), and Islamic Relief USA ([www.irw.org](http://www.irw.org)).