

The First Cup - Out of Slavery

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Traditionally each of the cups of wine are linked to one of the statements of redemption spoken by God in the Torah "I will bring you out". "I will deliver you". "I will redeem you". "I will gather you to me." (Exodus 6:6-7).

This cup of wine therefore corresponds to the first statement "I will bring you out of slavery" For women the first step to freedom was equality in the law. The struggle for this freedom began in the desert, when the daughters of Zelephachad demanded their right on inheritance. It continues today, as there are still countries in the world where women do not have the right to vote. This cup of wine is dedicated to all of those women, the daughters of Zelephachad, the Suffragettes and modern campaigners, who have fought for women's equality in the law.