

The Four Cups of Wine

Leader

We fill the first of four cups of wine during the *Seder*. One explanation offered for this practice is that the four cups are reminders of the four verbs used in the *Torah* to describe the drama of Redemption found in *Sh'mot* (Exodus 6:6-7):

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- (1) "I will BRING you out from Egypt" (*Cup of Sanctification*)
- (2) "I will DELIVER you from slavery" (*Cup of Recitation of the Plagues*)
- (3) "I will REDEEM you with an outstretched arm" (*Cup of Redemption*)
- (4) "I will TAKE you to Me for a people" (*Cup of Praise & Intimacy*)

At Passover, we celebrate these promises of redemption and relationship by drinking from our cups four times. With each cup, let us remember the union that God desires.

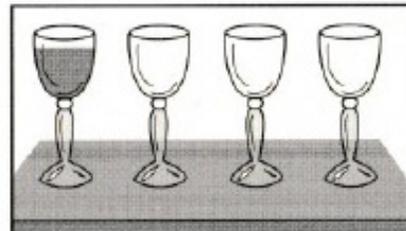
The Cup of Sanctification Kadesh ... קִדְּשׁ

Leader: Let us lift our first cup, and bless the name of the LORD together!

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*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu
melekh ha'olam borey pri hagafen.*

Blessed are You, O LORD our God,
Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.



Leader: Let us now drink the first cup of wine (the Cup of Sanctification), while leaning to the left.

This brings us to our first Seder of Messiah information box:

<p>SEDER OF MESSIAH</p> 	<p>In Messiah's Seder, it is recorded...</p> <p>"When the time came, Yeshua and the emissaries reclined at the table, and he said to them, 'I have really wanted so much to celebrate this <i>Seder</i> with you before I die! For I tell you, it is certain that I will not celebrate it again until it is given its full meaning in the Kingdom of God.' Then, taking a cup of wine, he made the <i>b'rakhah</i> and said, 'Take this and share it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on, I will not drink the <i>fruit of the vine</i> until the Kingdom of God comes.'"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">— Luke 22:14-18, CJB</p>
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