

## The Cup of Plagues

*Leader*

God sent plagues, one after another. With each plague Pharaoh continued to harden his heart. The Egyptians were afflicted with discomfort, disease, discouragement and ruination. Still Pharaoh refused to give in. Then, with the tenth and most dreadful plague, God pierced through the hardness of Pharaoh's stubborn and stony heart.

*All*

"For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that same night, and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt — I am *HaShem*." (Exodus 12:12)

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Let us fill our cups for the second time. A full cup is symbolic of joy, and certainly on this occasion we are filled with joy for the mighty deliverance wrought by our God. But let us not forget the great price that was paid to secure our redemption. Lives were sacrificed in bringing the release of God's people from slavery.

*The second cup of wine is filled*

As the name of each plague is recited, everyone is to repeat the name of the plague while dipping our finger into the cup, allowing each drop of wine to touch our plate, thus reducing the fullness of our cup of joy this night. This symbolizes our sadness at the loss of human life — even that of our enemies.

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| 1: דָּם <i>Dahm</i> / <b>Blood!</b>                | 7: בָּרָד <i>Bah-Rad</i> / <b>Hail!</b>        |
| 2: צְפַרְדֵּי <i>Tz'Far-Dey-ah</i> / <b>Frogs!</b> | 8: אַרְבֵּה <i>Ar-Beh</i> / <b>Locusts!</b>    |
| 3: כִּנִּים <i>Ki-nim</i> / <b>Lice!</b>           | 9: חֹשֶׁךְ <i>Kho-Shekh</i> / <b>Darkness!</b> |
| 4: עֲרֹב <i>Arov</i> / <b>Swarms of Flies!</b>     | 10: מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת <i>Mah-Kat B'Kho-Rot</i> |
| 5: דֵּבַר <i>Dever</i> / <b>Cattle Disease!</b>    | <b>Death of the Firstborn!</b>                 |
| 6: שְׁחִין <i>Sh'Khin</i> / <b>Boils!</b>          |  |

(Do not drink the second cup at this time) — Let us sing *Dayenu*

