



Elijah's Cup

We pour a fourth cup of wine for each person present, and an extra cup in honor of the Prophet Elijah.

Tradition teaches us that the Prophet Elijah is the long-expected messenger who will tell us when the sovereignty of God is about to arrive, ushering in peace and perfection. We can fill Elijah's Cup by inviting participants to pour a little wine or grape juice from their cup into Elijah's. This reminds us that we all must do our part to create a better world and bring about our redemption.

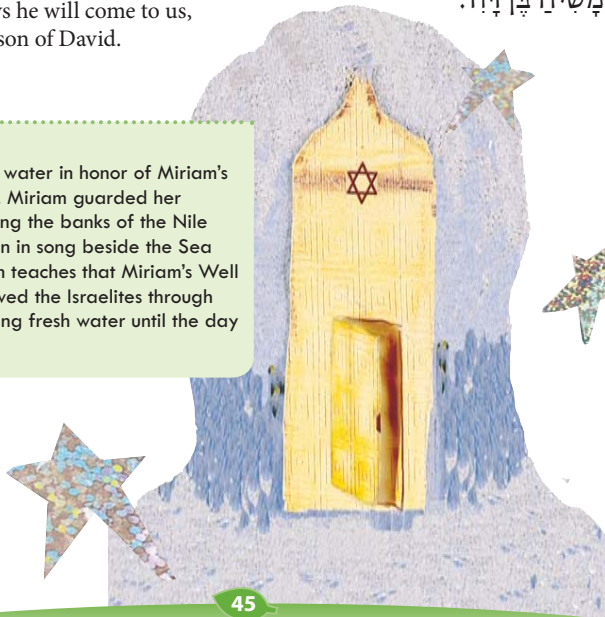
We open the door to welcome Elijah, and everyone sings:

Eliyahu hanavi,
Eliyahu haTishbi
Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi,
Bimheirah v'yameinu yavo eileinu
Im Mashiah ben David.

Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite,
Elijah, Elijah, Elijah from Gilad,
Quickly in our days he will come to us,
with the Messiah, son of David.

Miriam's Cup

We fill a cup with water in honor of Miriam's role in the Exodus. Miriam guarded her brother Moses along the banks of the Nile and led the women in song beside the Sea of Reeds. Tradition teaches that Miriam's Well miraculously followed the Israelites through the desert, providing fresh water until the day Miriam died.



אֱלֹהֵי הַנְּבִיא,
אֱלֹהֵי הַתִּשְׁבִּי,
אֱלֹהֵי הַגִּלָּדִי,
אֱלֹהֵי הַגִּלְעָדִי,
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ
יָבֵא אֵלֵינוּ
עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד.



The Third Cup of Wine

We raise the third cup of wine and read together God's third promise to our ancestors and to us:

"I will redeem you with an outstretched arm." (Exodus 6:6)

וְגֵאלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בְּזֵרֹעַ נְטוּיָה.

We sing the blessing over the third cup of wine.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech
ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְרִי הַגָּפֶן.

Praised are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,
who creates the fruit of the vine.

We drink the third cup of wine.

