KADEISH: FIFTH CUP

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The fifth cup of wine at *seder*, for *Eliyahu* (*Elijah*) the prophet, symbolizes *v'heiveiti*--"I will bring them."

REASON In the future, everyone will drink five cups of *seder* wine. (Some say the term *v'heiveiti* is not part of the redemption and some say it is a stage that has not happened yet.)

The cup of *Eliyahu* (which is not intended to be drunk by *Eliyahu*) should be used for *kiddush* the next morning. Various customs dictate when to fill *Eliyahu's* cup; it may be filled anytime from the beginning of the *seder*.

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