

ELIJAH'S CUP: TAKING ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

For the majority of the seder, the focus is to remember, retell, discuss, and experience history. As we pour this fifth and final glass of wine, our focus changes from the past to the future. This final cup is only for Elijah. We don't share in this ceremonious final cup of wine with the prophet Elijah because our history is not yet complete. We still have a chance to write our future. The final cup represents a change in the focus of the seder, from our history to our hopes. As we open the door for Elijah, our guest, we open the door for collaboration and new possibilities as we work to solve climate change and environmental injustice. This open door is an opportunity, for every individual to make a commitment this year to take part in writing our communal environmental future. Here are some actions you can take: Advocacy: Get involved with RAC-NY's Climate Covenant campaign.



EDUCATION:

Host an environmental film screening or propose reading an environmentally related book for a book club.

ENGAGEMENT:

Find a local environmental organization or campaign in your community and get involved.

GREENING:

Be more conscious about the energy and water you use and try to reduce it.

What commitment can you make to take environmental action in this coming year? Share with the community around you as you welcome in Elijah.

TOGETHER, WE SING:

Eliyahu haNavi, Eliyahu haTishbi, Eliyahu Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi, Bimheirah v'yameinu, Yavo eileinu, Im mashiach ben David

May Elijah the Prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead, quickly in our day come to us heralding redemption.

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