SHABBAT: KIDDUSH: CUP & WINE BOTTLES

Shabbat: Your Own Kiddush Cup

As on *Jewish festivals*, if you want to drink *kiddush* wine, you may hold your own cup of wine (or grape juice) during *kiddush* or receive wine or grape juice from the *kiddush* leader's cup, but neither is required.

Shabbat: Kos Pagum

Do not use a *kos pagum* for *kiddush*. *Kos pagum* means either:

- “Physically damaged or broken drinking utensil": (You may not use such a cup for *kiddush l'chatchila*), OR
- Cup of wine, grape juice, or any beverage that has been drunk from.

  This beverage may not be used for a *kos shel bracha* until at least a small amount more of some beverage has been added to the existing beverage.

Shabbat: Uncovered Wine Bottles/Cups

You do not need to close the wine bottle or cover the other wine cups while the first of several people says *kiddush*, whether on *Shabbat* or *Jewish festivals.*

Shabbat: Washing Wine Glass

There is no need to wash a wine glass before using it if it is already clean.

Shabbat: Pouring Back Wine

You may pour excess wine from *kiddush* back into the bottle as long as there is more wine already in the bottle than what you are pouring back and as long as the bottle has been *toveled*.
If there is less wine in the bottle than in your glass, you must pour at least one drop of wine from the bottle into your wine glass or cup before you pour it back into the bottle.

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