Minhaguim of Sheba Berakhot

Today is the 21 of Sivan, 5771
As we have explained last week (see HERE), part of the celebration of the **seven days of celebration** after the wedding is the recitation of the Sheba Berakhot (seven blessings).
These blessings are recited only when a few conditions are met:
According to the Sephardic custom in Israel (Rabbi O. Yosef)
1.There must be **ten adult males** present (the chatan is considered one of them)
2.The meal has to take place **in the residence of the bride and groom** (*bet chatanim*)
3. There must be **at least two new guest** (*panim chadashot*).
When one of these conditions is not met, then if at least three adult male are partaking of the formal meal, **they recite just the last berakha** (*ashe bara…*)
The custom in the Mashadi community is the same except that **the sheba berakhot are recited, regardless of where the meal is taking place** (Rabbi Ben Hayim).
The Ashkenazi custom also allows to recite the sheba berakhot **even if the meal does not take place in the residence of the new couple**, and even if just one new guest, not two is present (Rabbi Knohl).
When the Sheba Berakhot are recited, **the custom is to have two cups of wine:** with the first cup, one says Birkat haMazon and **at the end of the Sheba Berakhot**, **he himself** says "bore peri hagefen". With the second cup, they say the other six berakhot. After bore peri hagefen, **the wine of the two cups is mixed and given to the bride and the groom** (R. O. Yosef)
When only the berakha Asher Bara is recited, the custom is to say first **bore peri hagefen** and then **asher bara**.

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