

הַבְּדִלָּה

Havdallah Blessings

We say these blessings to end Shabbat on Saturday nights at sundown.

Havdallah comes from the Hebrew word that means separation.

These four blessings help us end Shabbat and transition into the new week. Each of the blessings interact with our different senses; the taste of wine, the smell of spices, the sight and the warmth of fire burning on a special twisted candle, and the sound of the candle being extinguished in the wine as we end Shabbat.

Blessing #1 - Wine

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.

*Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam
Borei p'ri hagafen.*

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

Blessing #2 - Spices

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מִיְיָ בְּשָׂמִים.

*Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam
Borei minei v'samim.*

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates different spices.

Blessing #3 - Candle

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ .

*Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam
Borei m'orei ha'eysh.*

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates the light of fire.

Blessing #4 – Separating Shabbat from the rest of the week

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל .

*Baruch atah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam
Hamavdil bein kodesh l'hol.*

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who separates the holy from the ordinary.