

BLESSINGS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT BLESSINGS FOR THE HOME

KINDLING SHABBAT CANDLES

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קּדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וִצִּוָנוּ לְהַדִלִיק נֵר שֵׁל שֵׁבָּת.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-nu bemeets-vo-tav, ve-tsee-va-nu, le-had-leek ner shel sha-bat.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with commandments and commands us kindle the lights of Shabbat.

FAMILY BLESSING FOR BOYS

יִשִׂימְךָ אֱלוֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכִמְנַשֶּׁה.

Ye-seem-cha E-lo-heem ke-Ef-ra-yeem ve-chee-Me-na-sheh. May God make you like Efrayim and like Menasheh.

FAMILY BLESSING FOR GIRLS

יִשִׂימֵך אֱלוֹהִים כִּשֶּׁרָה רִיבִקָּה לֵאָה וִרְחֵל.

Ye-see-mech E-lo-heem ke-Sa-rah, Reev-kah, Lay-uh ve-Ra-chel. May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel.

יְבַרֶּכְרָ יְיָ וְיִשְׁמְרֶדְ יָאֵר יְיָ פָּנִיו אֵלֶידָ וִיחֻנֶּדָ. יִשָּׂא יִי פָּנִיו אֵלֵידַ וִיָשֵׂם לְדָ שָׁלוֹם.

Ye-va-re-che-cha A-do-nai ve-yeesh-me-recha. Ya-air A-do-nai pa-nav ay-lecha vee-choo-ne-ka. Yee-sa A-do-nai pa-nav ay-le-cha ve-ya-same le-cha sha-lom.

May God bless you and protect you. May God's light shine upon you and may God be gracious to you. May you feel God's presence within you always and may God grant you peace.

KIDDUSH FOR SHABBAT EVENING

קידוּשׁ לְעֶרֶב שַּבְּת

וַיְכֵּל שָּבֶבְאָם. וַיְכֵל אֲבָאָם. וַיְכֵל הַשָּׁמֵים וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל אֲבָאָם. וַיְכֵל אֲבָאָם. וַיְכֵל אֲבָאָם. וַיְכֵל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, מְכָּל אֲעֶׁר עָשָׂה, וַיִּשְׁבִּית בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי, מְכָּל מְלַאִּכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה, וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ. כִּי בוֹ שְׁבַת מִכָּל מְלַאַכְתּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׁוֹת.

 $Va-ye-hee\ e-rev,\ va-ye-hee\ vo-ker,\ yom\ ha-shee-shee.\ Va-ye-chu-lu\ ha-sha-ma-yeem\ ve-ha-arets\ ve-chol\ tse-va-am,\ va-ye-chal\ E-lo-heem\ ba-yom\ ha-she-vee-ee\ me-lach-to\ a-sher\ a-sa;\ va-yeesh-bot\ ba-yom\ ha-she-vee-ee\ mee-kol\ melach-to\ a-sher\ a-sa,\ Va-ye-va-rech\ E-lo-heem\ et\ yom\ ha-she-vee-ee\ va-ye-ka-daysh\ o-to,\ kee\ vo\ sha-vat\ mee-kol\ me-lach-to\ a-sher\ ba-ra\ E-lo-heem\ la-a-sot.$

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶּן.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-olam, bo-ray pe-ree ha-ga-fen.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְרָצָה בָנוּ,
וְשַׁבַּת קִדְשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ זִפָּרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית,
פִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה לְמִקְרָאֵי קֹדֶשׁ, זֵכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרָיִם, כִּי בָנוּ בַחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתָנוּ,
קִדַשְׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים. וְשַׁבַּת קִדְשְׁךָ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu, mel-ech ha-o-lam a-sher ke-de-sha-nu be-meetz-vo-tav ve-ra-tsa va-nu, ve-sha-bat kad-sho be-a-ha-vah uv-ra-tson heen-chee-la-nu, zee-ka-ron le-ma-asay ve-ray-sheet. Kee hu yom te-cheela le-meek-rah-ay ko-desh, zay-cher le-tzee-at meetzra-yeem. Kee va-nu va-char-ta va-ota-nu kee-dash-tah meekol ha-a-meem, ve-sha-bat kodshe-cha be-a-havah uv-rats-on heen-chal ta-nu. Bar-uch a-tah A-do-nai, me-ka-daysh ha-shabat.

The sixth day - The heavens and the earth, and all within them, were finished. By the seventh day God had completed the work which God had been doing; and God rested from all work. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because on it God rested from all creation's work. Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has taught us the way of holiness through Mitzvot. Lovingly You have favored us with the gift of Your holy Shabbat as our inheritance. A reminder of creation, first among the sacred days, which recall the Exodus from Egypt. You have chosen us of all peoples for Your service, and You have given us a sacred purpose in life. In loving favor, You have given us Your holy Shabbat as a heritage. Praised are You, Adonai, Who hallows Shabbat.

THE MOTZI הַמּוֹצִיא

בַּרוּךָ אַתַּה יִיַ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךָ הַעוֹלֶם, הַמּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הַאַרֵץ.

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu Me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzee le-chem meen ha-a-retz.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

HAVDALAH BLESSINGS FOR SATURDAY EVENING

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray p'ree ha-ga-fen.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe Who has sweetened creation with the fruit of the vine.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray me-nay v'sa-meem.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has filled creation with all manner of spices.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray m'oh-ray ha-aysh.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has filled creation with light and fire.

אֵלְיָהוּ הַנָּבִיא, אֵלְיָהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי, אֵלְיָהוּ, אֵלְיָהוּ, אֵלְיָהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי. בִּמְהֵרָה בְיָמֵינוּ, יָבֹא אֵלֵינוּ עִם מַשִׁיחַ בֵּן דַּוִד.

Eli-ya-hu ha-na-vi, Eli-ya-hu ha-tish-be Eli-ya-hu, Eli-ya-hu, Eli-ya-hu ha-gi-la-dee. Beem hay-ra ve-ya-may-nu, ya-vo ey-lay-nu Eem ma-shee-ach ben da-veed.

Elijah the Prophet. Elijah from Tishbi. Elijah the Giladee - May he come to us quickly in our days with the Messianic Age.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמַּבְדִיל בֵּין לְּדֵשׁ לְחוֹל, בֵּין אוֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ, בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לָעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׂשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּבְדִיל בֵּין לִדֶשׁ לְחוֹל.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mav-deel bayn ko-desh l'chol, bayn or l'cho-shech, bayn yees-ra-ayl l'ah-meem, bayn yome hash-vee-ee l'shay-shet y'may ha-ma-ah-say. Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, ha-mav-deel bayn ko-desh l'chol.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who separates sacred from profane, light from darkness, the seventh day of rest for the six days of work. Praised are You, God, Who separates the sacred from the profane.

Sha-vu-a Tov. !שַבוּע טוֹב

May you have a good week!



FIRST DAY OF HOLIDAY OR WHEN DOING SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME

SHEHECHIYANU

בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵךָ הָעוֹלָם, שֵׁהַחֵיָנוּ וִקִיִמֶנוּ וַהִגִּיעַנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֵה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-chee-ya-nu ve-kee-ya-ma-nu, ve-hee-gee-ya-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gives us life, sustains us and enables us to reach this joyous occasion.

TRAVELER'S PRAYER

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמוֹתֵּינוּ, שֻׁתּוֹלִיכֵנוּ, לְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַצְּעִידֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַצְּעִידֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַצְּעִידֵנוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְתַצְילֵנוּ מְכַּף כָּל אוֹיֵב וְאוֹרֵב בַּדֶּרֶךְ, וּמִכָּל מִינֵי לְחַיִים וּלְשִׁמְחָה וּלְשָׁלוֹם וְתַצִּילֵנוּ מִכַּף כָּל אוֹיֵב וְאוֹרֵב בַּדֶּרֶךְ, וּמִכָּל מִינֵי פַּרְעָנִיּוֹת, הַמְּתְרַגְּשׁוֹת לָבוֹא לָעוֹלָם, וְתִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה בְּּכָל מֵעֲשֵׂה יָדֵינוּ פָּרְעָינִי לְחֵן וּלְחֶסֶד וּלְרַחֲמִים בְּעֵינֶיךְ וּבְעֵינֵי כָל רוֹאֵינוּ. וְתִשְׁמַע, קוֹל תַּחֲנוּן אָמָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מוֹמֵע הְּפָלָה וְתַחֲנוּן אָמָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, שׁהֹמֵע הִפָּלָה וְתַחֲנוּן אָמָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, שׁהֹמֵע הִפְּלָה וְתַחֲנוּן אָמָה.

Y'he ra-tzon me-l'fa-necha, A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu Vay-lo-hay-nu A-vo-tay-nu V'ee-mo-tay-nu, she'toe-lee-chenu l'shalom, v'tatzeedaynu l'shalom, v'tod-ree-chenu l'sha-lom, v'ta-gee-ay-nu leem-chooz chef-tzay-nu l'chayim oo-le-seem-cha oo-le-sha-lom, v'ta-tzee-lay-nu me-kaf kol oyayv v'oh-rayv ba-deh-rech, oo-me-kol me-nay pur-a-nee-yot ham-meet-rawg-shote lah-voe lah-oh-lam, v'teesh-lach bra-chah b'chol mah-ah-say ya-day-nu, ve-teet-nay-nu le-chen oo-le-che-sed oo-le-rah-cha-meem be-ay-ne-cha oo-vay-ney chol row-aye-nu, ve-teesh-mah kol ta-cha-nu-nay-nu, ki ayl show-may-ah te-fee-lah v'tach-nun atah. Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, sho-may-ah te-fee-lah.

May it be Your will, Adonai our God and God of our ancestors, to guide us in peace, to sustain us in peace, to lead us to our desired destination in health and joy and peace and to bring us home in peace. Save us from every enemy and disaster on the way and from all calamities that threaten the world. Bless the work of our hands. May we find grace, love and compassion in Your sight and in the sight of all who see us. Hear our prayer, for You listen to prayer and supplication. Praised are You, Adonai, Who hears prayer.

YAHRZEIT PRAYER

(To be recited on the evening prior to the English date of death or on the evening of the Hebrew date of death upon lighting the yahrzeit candle.)

O God of all generations and Spirit of eternal life, as my ancestors gathered during the anniversary of a death, so do I come at dusk to remember and honor...

Though I cannot see their physical presence any longer, I am thankful for the memory of our time together. Though a link has been broken in the chain which brought us together, I believe that strong bonds of memory and love are more powerful than death. Thankful for the companionship we shared and for the precious moments we spent together, I praise God's name. The Eternal has given me the strength to know that a tear is the price we pay for loving.

As this light burns, so may the memory of.....illumine our lives.

(Light Yahrzeit Candle)

BLESSING FOR EATING BREAD

בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵךָ הָעוֹלֶם הַמּוֹצִיא לֵחֵם מִן הָאָרֵץ.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, ha-mo-tzee le-chem meen ha-a-rets.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

FOR GRAINS

בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה יִיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵדָ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִינֵי מְזוֹנוֹת.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray me-nay me-zo-note.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of species of nourishment.

FOR WINE AND GRAPE JUICE

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray pe-ree ha-ga-fen.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

FOR TREE GROWN FRUIT

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray pe-ree ha-ayts.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

FOR FOOD THAT GROWS ON THE GROUND

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray pe-ree ha-a-da-mah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the ground.

FOR ALL OTHER FOOD AND DRINK

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-ha-kol nee-yeh bee-de-va-ro.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, through Whose word everything came to be.

FOR SMELLING FRAGRANT FLOWERS

בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֵלֵךָ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא עִשְׂבֵי בִשְּׁמִים.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, bo-ray ees-vay ve-sa-meem.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of fragrant herbs, grasses and flowers.

BLESSINGS FOR MITZVOT

AFFIXING A MEZUZAH

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קּדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וִצְוַנוּ לִקבּעַ מִזוּזָה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-nu be-meets-vo-tav, ve-tzee-va-nu leek-bo-ah me-zu-zah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with commandments and commands us to affix the mezuzah.

ENGAGING IN SOCIAL ACTION

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁנָתַן לָנוּ הִזְדַמְנוּת לְתַקֵן אֶת הָעוֹלָם.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-na-tan la-nu heez-dam-noot le-ta-kayn et ha-o-lam.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who gives us the opportunity to mend our world.



SUKKOT - FOR DWELLING IN A SUKKAH

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קּדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וִצְוַנוּ לֵישֵׁב בַּסַכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-nu be-meets-vo-tav, ve-tzee-va-nu lay-shave ba-soo-kah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with commandments and commands us to dwell inside the sukkah.

SUKKOT - FOR SHAKING THE LULAV AND ETROG

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קּדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וִצְוַנוּ עַל נִטִילַת לוּלַב.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-nu be-meets-vo-tav, ve-tzee-va-nu al ne-tee-lot loo-lav.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with commandments and commands us to shake the lulav.

CHANUKAH - LIGHTING THE CANDLES

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר שֵׁל חֲנֵכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher keed-sha-nu be-meets-vo-tav, ve-tzee-va-nu le-had-leek nayr shel cha-nu-kah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with commandments and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָמִים הָהֵם בַּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa nee-seem la-a-vo-tay-nu ba-ya-meem ha-haym baz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

On the first night add:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזָה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-chee-ya-nu ve-kee-ya-ma-nu, ve-hee-gee-ya-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gives us life, sustains us and enables us to reach this joyous occasion.

BLESSINGS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

SEEING A RAINBOW IN THE SKY

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, זוֹכֵר הַבְּרִית, וְנָאֱמֶן בִּבְרִיתוֹ, וִקַיַם בִּמַאֵמַרוֹ.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, zo-chayr ha-breet, ve-ne-eh-man bee-vree-to, ve-ka-yam be-ma-a-ma-ro.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who remembers the covenant and can be trusted to fulfill the promise.

HEARING THUNDER

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁכֹּחוֹ וּגִבוּרָתוֹ מָלֵא עוֹלָם.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-ko-cho oog-voo-ra-to ma-lay o-lam.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, for Your strength and power to fill the universe.

SEEING LIGHTNING

בָּרוּךָ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, עוֹשֶׂה מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hay-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, o-seh ma-a-seh ve-ray-sheet.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who does the work of Creation.