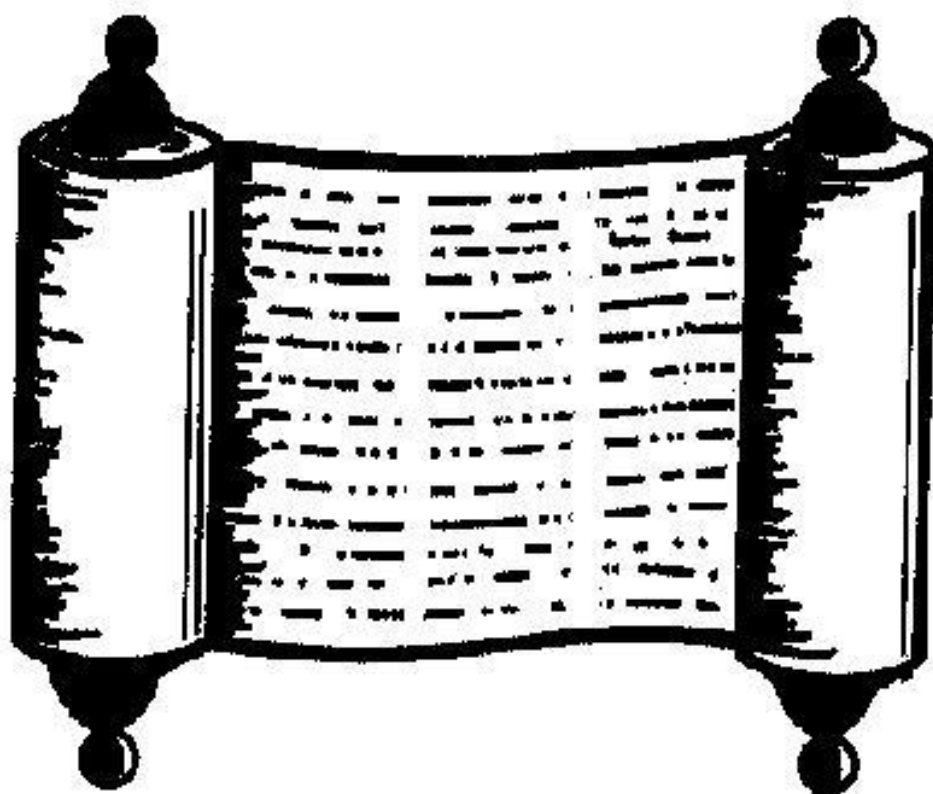


Simchat Torah & Consecration Service



Temple Shir Shalom

Tonight we welcome the happy holiday of Simchat Torah. On this day, we celebrate the end of a year of reading the Torah and the beginning of a new year of reading the Torah. We march with the scrolls of the Torah and we parade with flags held high.

Everyone: This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice in it!

We welcome (**Shabbat and**) the holiday with the blessing over the candles, praying that this Simchat Torah will be a sweet and pleasant time for each of us. We kindle these lights and bring our harvest of thanksgiving and joy, of love for family and friends. How blessed we are, how lucky we are to stand as one family adding the light from our hearts to the world.

Candle Blessing

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת ו') יוֹם טוֹב.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, a-share
keed-sha-nu be-meets-vo-tav, ve-tzee-va-nu le-had-leek
nayr shel (**Sha-bat v'**) Yom Tov.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe,
Who hallows us with commandments and commands us
kindle the lights of (**Shabbat and**) this holy day.

Long ago, there was no world, no earth, no water, no air, no plants, no animals and certainly no people.

But then the world was created, and we are lucky to be a part of it.

We are thankful for sunshine and rain, trees and grass, flowers and birds.

We are thankful for families, friends and the homes we have.

Our homes are special to us, because they house love and understanding.

Within our homes we find the warmth of our families and the protection we give each other.

So it was in ancient days when the Israelites wandered through the desert. They built a sukkah for their shelter. Before they went to sleep they could look up, see the moon and the stars and feel closer to God. With wine, the symbol of happiness, we give thanks to God for all these things.

Kiddush

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

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

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

We pray when something special happens – when we see a rainbow, or leaves changing to beautiful colors in the Fall, or when we celebrate a holiday.

We pray sometimes to say, “Thank You,” for the things that happen everyday – when the sun rises, when we enjoy a meal or when someone is kind to us.

Thank You Song

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי

Thank You God.

*Thank You for our Mommies. Thank You for our Dads.
They love me when I’m happy. They love me when I’m sad.*

*Thank You for my friends. And thank You for my toys.
Thank you God for watching over all the girls and boys.*

Prayers are another way we say, “Thank You.” We say many kinds of prayers today, and now it is time for the Call to Worship.

(Please rise)

בְּרַחוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.

Bar-chu et A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach!

Praised be our God, to Whom all praise is due!

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach le-o-lam va-ed!

Praised be our God, to Whom all praise is due now and forever!

When we look around and see the world God has made for us, we feel grateful.

God loves us so much that God gave us a wonderful gift, the Torah.

*The Torah teaches us who we are and how to live.
Thank You, God, for giving us the gift of Torah.*

One way we can show God our love is by doing what the Torah tells us to do – we love God when we love each other and we take care of the world God gave us. We join together to say the Shema, closing our eyes and thinking of all the ways we sense God's love in our world.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

She-ma Yees-ra-ayl A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu, A-do-nai E-chad!

Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is One!

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-ruch shaym ke-vod ma-le-chu-to le-o-lam va-ed!

Praised be God's name Whose majesty is forever and ever!

(Congregation is seated)

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ, וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ, וּבְכָל
מְאֹדְךָ.

*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul and with all your might.*

The Sukkah is a beautiful booth, decorated with fruits and vegetables from the Fall harvest. We cover its roof with branches and greenery.

The Sukkah allows the warmth of the sun to come in by day, and the stars and the moon by night.

Unless we let God's light shine into our house, it is not complete. It is not a home.

Come into our Sukkah, O God, and hear our voices.

The Sukkah has many meanings. Once it was a simple shelter where farmers paused to rest between the gathering of the harvest. Then the Sukkah became a reminder of the booths in which the Israelites found protection from the burning sun and the swirling sands of the wilderness.

Blessed are You, O Eternal God, for giving us hope in a better tomorrow and for our belief that, even in the darkest night, we can see a light from above.

(The Lulav and Etrog are picked up and held)

There are many different meanings behind the waving of the Lulav and the Etrog. At one time it symbolized the Jewish people's hope for a good harvest. The four types of plants making up the Lulav and Etrog are just another reminder of God's gifts.

We hold them tightly to remind us that our world is precious.

The Lulav is named for the palm branch. It is straight; it does not bend.

Like the Lulav, Jews always must walk tall and proud.

The leaf of the willow has the shape of human lips.

The willow reminds us to choose our words with care.

The leaf of the myrtle has the shape of the human eye.

The myrtle reminds us to watch carefully, to learn from everything and everyone we see.

The Etrog smells sweet and good; its color is bright and beautiful.

Like the Etrog, our Jewish way in life is colorful and sweet.



Blessing over the Lulav

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת לֻלָּב.

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

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

Torah Service

(We parade around together as
we carry the Torah around Temple)

עַל שְׁלוֹשָׁה דְּבָרִים הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד :
עַל הַתּוֹרָה, וְעַל הָעֲבוֹדָה וְעַל גְּמִילוּת חַסְדִּים.

*Al she-lo-sha de-va-reem ha-o-lam o-mayd:
al ha-To-rah, ve-al ha-ah-vo-dah,
ve-al ge-mee-lut cha-sa-deem.*

The world is sustained by three things: by Torah, by
worship, by loving deeds.

Blessing Before the Torah

בְּרַחוּ אֶת יי הַמְבָרֵךְ.
בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, נוֹתֵן
הַתּוֹרָה.

Ba-re-chu et A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach!

Ba-ruch A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach le-o-lam va-ed!

*Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam,
a-sher ba-char ba-nu mee-kol ha-a-meem, ve-na-tan la-nu et
To-ra-to. Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai, no-tayn ha-To-rah.*

Praised be the Eternal to Whom our praise is due!
Praised be the Eternal to Whom our praise is due, now and
forever. Praised is the Eternal, Ruler of the universe, Who
has chosen us from all peoples by giving us the Torah.
Revered is the Eternal, Giver of the Torah.

Blessing After the Torah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת
אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, נוֹתֵן
הַתּוֹרָה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hay-nu, me-lech

ha-o-lam, a-sher na-tan la-nu To-rat e-met,

ve-cha-yay o-lam na-ta be-to-chay-nu.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, no-tayn ha-To-rah.

Praised be the Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who has given us a Torah of truth;
implanting within us eternal life.
Revered is the Eternal, Giver of the Torah.

Consecration

*(Consecrates are called to the Bimah individually.
They are presented with a certificate and a gift.)*

Blessing our New Students

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

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 enable us to reach this
joyous occasion.

(Consecrates return to their seats)

Parents and Grandparents Rise

Thinking back through all the generations of our people
who passed the Torah to their children, we recall Moses,
Aaron and Miriam; Joshua and Deborah and Samuel;
our Kings – Saul, David and Solomon. We recall the
majesty of our ancient Temple in Jerusalem, standing
proud above the hills. We still hear the echoes of the
words of our prophets and our rabbis. Like us, they paid
honor to the Torah, passing it *me-dor le-dor*, from
generation to generation.

We recall those who built this Temple and others like it.

We thank them for creating a place for prayer and study.

We thank them for giving us a place of learning and meeting.

We thank them for giving us a place to learn Hebrew.

We thank them for giving us a place to share our holidays and festivals.

Here we learn Torah and teach Torah.

Thank You God for the Torah and for all the generations who have kept it alive.

We promise to study it, to hold it dear, to teach it to our children.

Me-dor le-dor, from one generation to the next,

From us to all generations of our people forever.

Returning the Torah to the Ark

עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה, ותמכה מאשר.
דרכיה דרכי נעם, וכל נתיבותיה שלום.

*Ayts cha-yeem hee la-ma-cha-zee-keem ba, ve-to-me-che-ha
me-u-shar. De-ra-che-ha dar-chay no-am, ve-chol
ne-tee-vo-te-ha sha-lom.*

Shalom, Shalom. Shalom, Shalom.

It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it
And all of its supporters are happy.
It is a tree of life to those who hold fast to it
And all of its supporters are happy.

Shalom, shalom...

Adoration

ואנחנו כורעים ומשתחוים ומוזדים, לפני מלך מלכי
המלכים, הקדוש ברוך הוא.

*Va-a-nach-nu ko-re-eem, u-meesh-ta-cha-veem
u-mo-deem. Leef-nay me-lech, mal-chay
ham-la-cheem, ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch Hu.*

We bow our heads in reverence and worship the Holy
One, Ruler of all, praised be God.

Kaddish

Today, as we do on all holidays, we remember people in our family who lived long ago, and the ones who lived with us until just a little while ago. Even though they are gone, we remember them and love them. With the *Kaddish* prayer, we celebrate all those lives that came before us.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא
דִּי בָרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וַיְמַלִּיד מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֶגְלָא וּבְזֶמֶן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם
וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא, וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִידָא הוּא, לְעֵלְמָא מִן
כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנַחֲמָתָא, דְּאֲמִירוֹן בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה
שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

*Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mei ra-ba B'al-ma di-v'ra
chi-r'u-tei, v'yam-lich mal-chu-tei b'cha-yei-chon
u-v'yo-mei-chon u-v'cha-yei d'chol beit Yisrael,
ba-a-ga-la u-viz-man ka-riv, v'i-m'ru: a-mein.*

*Y'hei sh'mei ra-ba m'va-rach l'a-lam
u-l'al-mei al-ma-ya.*

*Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach, v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam
v'yit-na-sei, v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-le v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei
d'kud-sha, b'rich hu, l'ei-la min kol bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta,
tush-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran b'al-ma,
v'i-m'ru: a-mein.*

*Ye-hay sheh-la-ma ra-ba meen sheh-ma-ya v'cha-yim
a-lei-nu v'al kol Yisrael, v'i-m'ru: a-mein.*

*O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-se sha-lom
a-lei-nu, v'al kol Yisrael, v'i-m'ru: a-mein.*

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn
and comfort to all who are bereaved.