

We all appreciate the time and effort it takes to make your *mikdash m'at* a reality.
May it add joy and deepen meaning to your home experience of these Yamim Noraim.

Verses and blessings to help create your sacred space/*mikdash m'at*:

Numbers 24:5

מה־טבו אהליך יעקב משכנת־ך ישראל:

How good are your tents, O Jacob, Your sacred places, O Israel!

2. Birkat Habayit (home blessing):

בְּזֶה הַשַּׁעַר לֹא יָבֹא צָרָה
בְּזֶה הַשַּׁעַר לֹא תִבּוֹא צָרָה
בְּזֶה הַשַּׁעַר לֹא תִבּוֹא בְּהֵלָה
בְּזֶה הַשַּׁעַר לֹא תִבּוֹא מַחְלֹקֶת.
בְּזֶה הַמָּקוֹם תִּהְיֶה בְּרָכָה וְשָׁלוֹם

Let no sorrow come through this gate.
Let no trouble come in this dwelling.
Let no fright come through this door.
Let no conflict come to this section.
Let there be blessing and peace in this place.

3. Exodus 20:21:

בְּכֹל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אֶזְכְּרֶה אֶת־שְׁמִי אָבֹא אֵלֶיךָ וּבֵרַכְתִּיךָ

In every place where My name is mentioned, I will come to you and bless you.

4. Exodus 3:5

כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עוֹמֵד עָלָיו אֲדַמְתָּ לְקֹדֶשׁ הוּא:

Indeed, the place on which you stand is holy ground.

5. Psalms 121:8

ה' יִשְׁמַר־צֵאתְךָ וּבֹאֶךָ מִמְעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:

Adonai will guard your going and coming, now and forever.

6. Pirke Avot 1:4

יְהִי בֵּיתְךָ בֵּית וְעַד לַחֲכָמִים, וְהָיוּ מִתְאַבְּקִים בְּעַפְרֵי רַגְלֵיהֶם, וְהָיוּ שׁוֹתֵי בְּצֵמָה אֶת דְּבָרֵיהֶם:

Let thy house be a house of meeting for the wise, sit at their feet, and drink in their words.

7. The last line of the blessing said at Havdalah separating Shabbat from weekday can be used to “separate” this sacred space, separating the “ordinary” from the “holy”:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה',
הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין חוֹל לְקֹדֶשׁ

Baruch atah Adonai, hamavdil bayn chol lekodesh.

Blessed are You Adonai, who separates between ordinary and holy.

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