

# Rosh Hashanah Home Service

## LIGHTING OF HOLIDAY (AND SABBATH) LIGHTS

(Light candles)

With the setting of this evening's sun, united with Jews in every place and every time, we will proclaim a new year of hope. May the light of God show us the paths we can follow to do good and create a world of peace. Let the fire we kindle be a warming flame that brings our family closer together and leads us into a year of health and wholeness.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו  
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של (שבת ושל) יום טוב.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam a-she-  
r ki-d'sha-nu b'mits-vo-tav v'tsi-va-nu l'had-lik neir shel (Shabbat  
v'shel) Yom Tov.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,  
who has made us holy with commandments and com-  
manded us to kindle the lights of (Shabbat and) this Festival.

## BLESSING OF CHILDREN

(At this point parents may wish to bless their children. A  
traditional prayer follows, although any words—even a  
silent prayer—can suit the moment. Some parents might  
want to place their hands on their children's heads.  
Others might hold their children's hands.)

יברכה יי וישמרך  
יאר יי פניו אליך ויחנה  
ישא יי פניו אליך וישם לך שלום.

*Y'va-reh-ch'cha Adonai v'yish-m'reh-cha; Ya-er Adonai pa-  
nav ei-leh-cha vi-chu-neh-kah; Yi-sa Adonai pa-nav ei-leh-  
cha v'ya-seim l'cha sha-lom. Amen.*

May God bless you and keep you. May God look kindly upon  
you and be gracious to you. May God bestow all blessings  
upon you and give you peace. Amen.

## BLESSINGS FOR THE MEAL

(A round challah is used to symbolize the continu-  
ously unfolding cycle of life.)

In a world of famine we have been blessed with plenty. In a  
world of hunger we have been blessed with sustenance.  
May this be the year in which we share the blessing of bread  
with all who are in need.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam ha-mo-tzi  
leh-chem min ha-a-retz.*

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

## KIDDUSH FOR ROSH HASHANAH

(Holding the cup)

We praise You, O God and give thanks for the year that  
is gone; for life, health, and strength; for home, love, and  
friendship. May our cup of life be filled with blessings in  
the year ahead.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam bo-rei  
p'ri ha-ga-fen.*

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

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר בחר בנו מכל-עם  
ורוממנו מכל-לשון וקדשנו במצותיו.

ותתן לנו יי אלהינו באהבה את-יום [השבת הזה ואת-יום]  
הזכרון הזה יום תרועה מקרה קדש וקר ליציאת מצרים.  
כי-בנו בחרת ואותנו קדשת מכל-העמים ודברך אמת וקיים לעד.  
ברוך אתה יי מלך על כל-הארץ מקדש [השבת ו] ישראל ויום  
הזכרון.

## SHEH-HE-CHE-YA-NU

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן  
הזה.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-  
he-che-ya-nu, v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe,  
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to  
reach this moment.

(The wine is drunk.)

(Slices of apple are dipped in honey and before  
eating the following is said.)

Adonai our God and God of our people, may the new  
year be good and sweet for us.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי העץ.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai Eloheinu meh-lech ha-o-lam bo-rei  
p'ri ha-etz.*

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

(After the meal Birkat Hamazon can be said. The  
text is available in the Temple office.)