

# Candle Lighting

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Source:

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by thy commandments and commanded us to kindle the Festival lights.

*Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitz-votav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel yom tov.*

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

Lighting the candles marks the beginning of Passover as well as the end of the huge work of preparation. It contributes to the transition of sanctity.



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