

Havdallah (If the Seder falls on a Saturday night, after sunset we say Havdallah, before lighting the candles)

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LEADER:

When a Seder falls on Saturday night, the end of Shabbat, we say Havdalah before lighting the festival candles. Havdallah is a ceremony that marks the separation between Shabbat and the beginning of the week. Tonight, we mark the separation between the end of Shabbat and another day of Pesach, *ben kodesh /kodesh*. The havdalah candle is comprised of many wicks braided to come together to create a large, single flame - much larger, brighter and warmer than if there were only a singlewick. Some questions we can consider are:

- Why make such a big deal about the separate wicks if they are a single flame?
- Which is more important - the separate wicks or the single flame? How does this add meaning to our Passover seder tonight?

The Blessing over Wine

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray pri hagafen.

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The Blessing over Spices

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיַּיִן בְּשָׂמִים.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray minay vesamim.

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe, Creator of the different spices.

The Blessing over the Candle

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray me'oray ha'aysh.

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe, Creator of the fire's lights.

The Blessing over Havdalah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ, בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמֵי
הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל.

*Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, hamavdilbayn kodesh lecholbayn or lechoshech bayn Yisrael
la'amim bayn yom hashevi'i leshayshet yemay hama'aseh. Baruch atah, Adonai, hamavdil bayn kodesh
lechol.*

Blessed are You, God, our Lord, King of the universe, who separates between the holy and the profane;
between the light and dark; between Israel and the other nations; between the seventh day and the six days
of the week. Blessed are You, God, who separates between the holy and the profane.