

# Blessings

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Now in the presence of loved ones we gather for our sacred celebration. With the household of Israel, linking generations and bonding the past with the future, we heed once again the divine call. Living our story that is told for everyone, whose shining conclusion is yet to unfold, we gather to observe the Passover:

You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your people out of Egypt. You shall observe this day throughout the generations for all times. ~Exodus 12:17

The world was created through holy sparks, out of nothingness, filling the void to become Life. Now the power of creation is within each of us, to light the hold sparks of Tikkun Olam. *(Light the candles)*

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

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'Olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel (Shabbat v'shel) yom tov.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified our lives through Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the (Shabbat and) festival lights.

*(on the first night)*

**ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה**

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'Olam, sheh-hech-chi-ahnoo, vih-kee-yih-mah-noo, vih-hig-ee-ahnoo, lahz-mahn, hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive and brought us to this happy moment in our lives.

*(Pour first cup of wine)*

**ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם בורא פרי הגפן**

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'Olam Borey P'ree Hagafen.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

