

Shabbat Kiddush

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וַיְהִי עֶרֶב וַיְהִי בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי. וַיְכַלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל
צְבָאָם. וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה,
וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה. וַיְבָרֶךְ
אֱלֹהִים אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ, כִּי בּו שְׁבֹת מִכָּל
מְלַאכְתּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן.

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עַם וְרוֹמַמְנוּ מִכָּל לָשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וַתִּתֶּן לָנוּ יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאַהֲבָה שְׁבֹתוֹת לְמִנוּחָה וּמוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה, חַגִּים
וְזִמְנִים לְשִׂשׁוֹן, אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבֹת הַזֶּה וְאֶת יוֹם חַג הַמִּצּוֹת
הַזֶּה, זְמַן חֲרוּתֵנוּ בְּאַהֲבָה מִקָּרָא קִדְּשׁ, זִכָּר לִיצִיאַת
מִצְרָיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְּחֵרֶת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשִׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, וְשְׁבֹת
וּמוֹעֲדֵי קִדְּשֶׁךָ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן בְּשִׂמְחָה וּבְשִׂשׁוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, מִקְדֵּשׁ הַשְּׁבֹת וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַזְּמַנִּים.

As on all Festivals and every Shabbat, Jews begin the meal with a prayer over the wine. Wine is a symbol of joy and freedom. This *Kiddush* (literally "holiness") sets the tone for an evening dedicated to celebration and reflection.

Vay'hi erev bay'hi voker yom hashishi. Vay'chulu hashamayim v'haaretz v'chol tz'vaam. Vay'chal Elohim bayom hash'vi-i m'lachto asher asah. Vayishbot bayom hash'vi-i mikol m'lachto asher asah. Vay'varech Elohim et yom hash'vi-i vay'kadeish oto ki vo shavat mikol v'lachto asher bara Elohim laasot.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, borei pr'ri hagafen.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher bachar banu mikol am v'rom'manu mikol lashon v'kid'shanu b'mitzvotav. Vatiten lanu Adonai Eloheinu b'ahavah Shabbatot lim'nuchah u moadim l'simchah chagim uz'manim l'sason et yom haShabbat hazeh v'et yom chag hamatzot hazeh z'man cheiruteinu b'ahavah mikra kodesh zeicher litziat Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mikol haamim v'Shabbat umoadei kodsh'cah b'ahavah uv'ratzon b'simchah uv'sason hinchaltanu. Baruch atah Adonai, m'kadeish haShabbat

v'Yisrael v'hazmanim.

And it was evening, and it was morning, the sixth day. Now the whole universe—sky, earth, and all their array—was completed. God completed the work of creation on the seventh day and rested, for all the work was completed. Then God blessed the seventh day and called it holy, for God rested on that day, having completed the work of creation. (Genesis 1:31-2:3)

Blessed are You, Our God, Ruler of the world, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are You, Our God, Ruler of the world, You have chosen us from all peoples, exalting us and sanctifying us with mitzvot. In Your love, Our God, You have given us Sabbaths of rest, feasts of gladness and seasons of joy; this Shabbat day and this festival of matzot, season of our freedom, in love, a holy commemoration, a reminder of the Exodus from Egypt. God, You have chosen us from all peoples, consecrating us to your service, giving us the Sabbath, a sign of your love and favor and the Festivals, a time of gladness and joy.

Blessed are You, who sanctifies Shabbat, our people Israel, and the Festivals.