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Lighting the Festival Lights

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To symbolize the joy which the festival brings into the Jewish home, the mistress kindles the lights and recites the following blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל- (שַׁבָּת וְשֵׁל)-יוֹם טוֹב.

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM ASHER KIDD'SHONU B'MITZVOSOV V'TZIVONU L'HADLIK NER SHEL (on Sabbath add: SHABBOS V'SHEL) YOM TOV.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם. שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהַגִּיעְנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה:

BORUCH ATTO ADONOI ELOHENU MELECH HO'OLOM SHEHEHEYONU V'KIY'MONU V'HIGIONU LAZMAN HAZZEH.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments, and hast commanded us to kindle the (on Sabbath add: Sabbath and) festival lights.

Praised art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season.

May our home be consecrated, O God, by the light of Thy countenance, shining upon us in blessing, and bringing us peace!

Company: Amen.