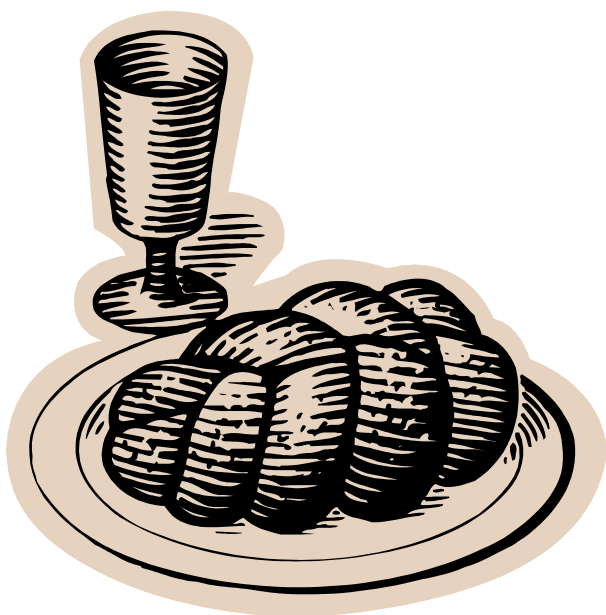


# Celebrating Erev Shabbat



*The wife begins the blessings of Shabbat by praying the following:*

Blessed are you, YHWH our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us by Your commandments and has commanded us to set apart the Shabbat.

May it be Your will, YHWH, my God and God of my forefathers, that You show favor to me (my husband, my sons, my daughters, my father and my mother) and all my relatives; and that You grant us and all Israel a good and long life; that You remember us with Your boundless grace and mercy; that You consider us with a consideration of salvation and compassion; that You bless us with great blessings; that You make our households complete; that You cause Your Set-Apart Spirit to dwell among us.

Privilege me to raise children and grandchildren who are wise and understanding, who love You, Father YHWH, and fear You; people of truth, set-apart offspring, committed to You, who illuminate the world with the entirety of your Torah and good deeds and with every labor seek to serve You, our Creator. Please, hear my supplication at this time, in the merit of Yeshua and cause our light to illuminate that it be not extinguished forever, and let Your countenance shine so that we are saved. AMEN.

*All sing: I Love You, YHWH.*

**I love you, YHWH, and I lift my voice,  
To worship you; Oh, my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

*Repeat a second time – parts are encouraged.*

***BLESSING THE CHILDREN:***

*(The husband gets up and goes around the table to each child resting his hand on the head of each one, personalizing the blessing for each child.)*

***Use this ending with:***

*a Son:*

May YHWH make you like Ephraim and Manasseh,  
Like Caleb, Joshua, Cornelius and Joseph.  
May YHWH make you like King David and the Apostle  
Sha-ul,  
And like all the godly men of the scriptures  
--And especially like Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the  
Messiah).

*a Daughter:*

May YHWH make you like Rachel and Leah,  
Like Rebecca (Rivkah) and Tamar,  
Like Ruth and Queen Esther (Hadassah),  
And like all the godly women of the scriptures  
--And especially like Yeshua Ha'Mashiach (Jesus the  
Messiah).

***Husband says:***

May YHWH bless you and keep you.

May YHWH make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

May YHWH turn his face toward you and give you peace.

*All sing: **Bless Our Home** (tune: Edelweiss)*

**Bless our home, bless our food;  
Come, O Lord, and sit with us;  
May our talk glow with peace,  
May Your love surround us;  
Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow,  
Bloom and grow forever;  
Bless our home, bless our food;  
Come, O Lord, and sit with us.**

***BLESSING OF THE WIFE/MOTHER:***

A wife of noble character, who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her,  
and he lacks nothing of value.

She brings him good, not harm

All the days of her life.

She is clothed with strength and dignity;

She can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom

And faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household,

And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed.

*(The children may stand and act this part out.)*

Her husband, also, and he praises her:

“Many women do noble things,

but you surpass them all!”  
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
But a woman who fears YHWH is to be praised!

***BLESSING OF THE HUSBAND/FATHER:***

Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of the mockers.  
But his delight is in the Torah of YHWH,  
and upon this Torah he meditates day and night.  
And he shall be like a tree, planted by streams of water,  
which brings forth its fruit in its season,  
whose leaf does not wither,  
and whatever he does prospers.  
For YHWH knows the way of the righteous: but the way of  
the ungodly shall perish.

## **KIDDUSH:**

*(Setting apart, or making holy, the Shabbat)*

God finished the work he was doing, so on the seventh day he rested from his work. God blessed the seventh day and made it a holy day. He made it special because on that day he rested from all the work he did while creating the world.” (Gen. 2:2-3 ERV)

You must **REMEMBER** (*zaw-kar*—make mention of, recount, be mindful of) to keep the Sabbath a special day. You may work six days a week to do your job. But the seventh day is a day of rest in honor of YHWH your God. So on that day no one should work--not you, your sons and daughters, or your men and women slaves. Even your animals and the foreigners living in your cities must not work! That is because YHWH worked six days and made the sky, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. And on the seventh day, he rested. In this way YHWH blessed the Sabbath--the day of rest. He made that a very special day.” (Ex. 20:8-11 ERV)

“You must **KEEP** (*shaw-mar*—observe, protect, preserve, guard) the Sabbath a special day like YHWH your God commanded.

Work six days a week and do your job, but the seventh day is a day of rest in honor of YHWH your God. So on that day no one should work--not you, your sons and daughters, foreigners living in your cities or your men and women slaves. Not even your cattle, donkeys, and other animals should do any work! Your slaves should be able to rest just as you do. Don't forget that you were slaves in the land of Egypt. YHWH your God brought you out of Egypt with his great power and made you free. That is why YHWH your

God commands you to always make the Sabbath a special day.” (Deut. 5:12-15 ERV)

Thus the heavens and earth were finished, and all their array. On the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He abstained on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it He abstained from all His work which God created to make.

And the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to make the Sabbath an eternal covenant for their generations. Between Me and the Children of Israel it is a sign forever that in six days YHWH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.

*Everyone sing: **This is the Day***

*This is the day, (Males sing)*

*This is the day, (Females sing)*

*That YHWH has made*

*That YHWH has made*

*We will rejoice*

*We will rejoice*

*And be glad in it*

*And be glad in it*

**This is the day that YHWH has made**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*This is the day,*

*This is the day,*

**That YHWH has made**

*This is the Shabbat,*

*That YHWH has made... (etc.)*

### **HUSBAND'S PRAYER:**

*Husband recites:*

The earth is YHWH's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of YHWH? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. (*Psalms 24:3-4, NIV*)

### **BLESSING THE WINE:**

*All take the cup of wine or grape juice in the right hand as the husband recites:*

Blessed are You, YHWH, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are You, YHWH, our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments, took pleasure in us, and with love and favor gave us His holy Sabbath as a heritage, a remembrance of creation. For You chose us and You sanctified us from all the nations. And Your holy Sabbath, You gave us with love and favor as a heritage. Blessed are You, YHWH, Who sanctifies the Sabbath.

*All say: AMEN.*

### **BLESSING THE BREAD:**

*Husband then takes the bread, lifts it up, and recites:*

Even as this bread sustains life, let us remember the Bread of Life, who was buried (*uncover the bread*) and who rose again.



Blessed are You, YHWH, our God, King of the universe,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.

*All say: AMEN.*

*Husband breaks off a piece and passes it around the table.  
Each person breaks off a piece until all have partaken.*

*The wife says:*

Let the celebration begin!

*(Dinner is served.)*

***GRACE AFTER THE MEAL:***

*Husband says:*

When you have eaten and are satisfied, then you shall bless  
YHWH your God for the good land He has given you. But  
remember YHWH, your God: for it is HE who has given  
you the ability to produce wealth, that HE may establish His  
covenant which HE has sworn to your forefathers, as it is  
today. (Deut. 8:10, 18)

*People sing: Psalm 126 – A Song of Ascents*

A song of ascents; When YHWH returned  
Our exiles to Zion, we were like dreamers.  
Then our mouths were filled with laughter  
And our tongues with joyful songs.

Then it was said among the nations,  
"YHWH has done great things for them."  
YHWH has done great things for us,  
We will rejoice.

Oh, YHWH, return our exiles  
Like streams in the desert.  
Those who sow in tears  
Shall reap in joyful song.

Though one weaps as he goes out  
Bearing the seed to be sown,  
He will come with joyful song,  
Bearing his bundles of grain.

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*People sing: **Hodu l'YHWH Ki Tov***

Hodu l'YHWH ki tov, ki le'olam chas'do  
Hodu l'YHWH ki tov, ki le'olam chas'do

Hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu l'YHWH ki tov  
Hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu l'YHWH ki tov

Give thanks to YHWH, He is good; His mercy forever  
endures.

Give thanks to YHWH, He is good; His mercy forever  
endures.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks,

Give thanks to YHWH, He is good.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks,

Give thanks to YHWH, He is good.

*All say: **AMEN.***