RITUAL FOR LIGHTING SABBATH CANDLES

Come, let us welcome the Sabbath. May its radiance illumine our hearts as we kindle these tapers.

Light is the symbol of the divine. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Light is the symbol of the divine in man. The spirit of man is the light of the Lord.

Light is the symbol of the divine law. For the commandment is a lamp and the law is a light.

Light is the symbol of Israel's mission. I, the Lord, have set thee for a covenant of the people, for a light unto the nations.

Therefore, in the spirit of our ancient tradition that hallows and unites Israel in all lands and all ages, do we now kindle the Sabbath lights.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָ אֶלהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קּדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצִנָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל־שַׁבָּת:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast sanctified us by Thy laws and commanded us to kindle the Sabbath light.

May the Lord bless us with Sabbath joy.

May the Lord bless us with Sabbath holiness.

May the Lord bless us with Sabbath peace.

Amen.

Reader

Lord of the universe, we lift up our hearts to Thee who made heaven and earth. The infinite heavens and the quiet stars tell of Thine endless power. We turn from our daily toil, from its difficulties and its conflicts, from its clamor and its weariness, to meditate on the serene calm of Thy presence which pervades all creation and hallows our life with the blessing of Sabbath peace.

Father of Peace, bless Thou our worship on this Sabbath day. Enlighten our eyes to behold Thy guiding power in all nature from the remotest star to our inmost soul. Inspire our hearts to love Thee and to make Thy will the law of our life. Grant us comfort in sorrow, strength in trial and the courage to serve Thee in all our ways. May our words of prayer and our unspoken meditations be acceptable unto Thee, our Creator and Redeemer. Amen.

Reader

I rejoiced when they said unto me: Let us go unto the house of the Lord.

Congregation

Wherewith shall I come unto the Lord and bow before God on high?

It hath been told thee, O man, what is good, and what the Lord doth require of thee.

Only to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?

Why do we deal treacherously brother against brother?

Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof. Let justice well up as waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Seek good and not evil that ye may live.

And so the Lord God of hosts shall be with us.

(Congregation rises)

Reader

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יִיָ הַמְבֹרָךְ:

Praise ye the Lord, to whom all praise is due.

Choir and Congregation

Praised be the Lord to whom all praise is due forever and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

Reader

O Lord, how can we know Thee? Where can we find Thee? Thou art as close to us as breathing and yet art farther than the farthermost star. Thou art as invsterious as the vast solitudes of the night and yet art as familiar to us as the light of the sun. To the seer of old Thou didst say: Thou canst not see my face, but I will make all My goodness pass before Thee. Even so does Thy goodness pass before us in the realm of nature and in the varied experiences of our lives. When justice burns like a flaming fire within us, when love evokes willing sacrifice from us, when, to the last full measure of selfless devotion, we proclaim our belief in the ultimate triumph of truth and righteousness, do we not bow down before the vision of Thy goodness? Thou livest within our hearts, as Thou dost pervade the world, and we through righteousness behold Thy presence.

(Congregation rises)

Reader, then Choir and Congregation: שָׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶּחָר

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. ברוּך שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלֶם וַעֵּד:

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

(Congregation is seated)

Reader

וְאָהַרְתָּ אֵת יָיָ אֶלֹהֶיךְ בְּכָל־לְבָרְךְ וּבְּכְל־נַפְּשְׁךְ
וֹּבְכָל־מִאֹדֶךְ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי
מְצַוְּךְ הַיּוֹם עַל־לְבָבֶךְ: וְשִׁנַנְתָּם לְבָנֵיךְ וְדְבַּרְתָּ מְצַוְּךְ הַיּוֹם עַל־לְבָבֶך: וְשִׁנַנְתָּם לְבָּנֵיךְ וּבְשְּׁרְתָּ בְּם. בְּשִׁרְתָּם לְּאוֹת עַל־יָדֶךְ. וְהָיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת וֹבְקוֹמֶךְ: וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יָדֶךְ. וְהָיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךְ: וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל־מְוֹוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבְשְׁעֶרִיךְ: לְמַעֵן תִּוְפְרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתִי וְהְיִיתָם קְדוֹשִׁים לָאלֹהִיכָם: אַנִי יִי אֵלֹהִיכֵם:

Congregation and Reader

Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when

thou fiest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates: That ye may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

Responsive Reading

Reader

Eternal truth it is that Thou alone art God and there is none else.

Congregation

May the righteous of all nations rejoice in Thy grace and exult in Thy justice.

Let them beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks:

Let nation not lift up sword against nation nor learn war any more.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Treasures of wickedness profit not but righteousness delivereth from death.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart:

But thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born.

For ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

What mean ye that ye crush My people and grind the face of the poor, saith the Lord.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor, and the right of the needy.

Choir

Who is like unto Thee, O Lord? Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness, awe-inspiring, working wonders?

Reader

Thy children acknowledged Thy sovereign power, and exclaimed:

Choir

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Reader

As Thou hast redeemed Israel and saved him from arms stronger than his own, so mayest Thou redeem all who are oppressed and persecuted. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Redeemer of Israel.

Choir

The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the the children of Israel forever. Choir

מִי־כָמְכָה בָּאֵלִים יְיָ. מִי כָּמְכָה נָאְדָּר בַּקּּדֶשׁ נוֹרָא תְהִלֹת עִשֵּׁה פֶּלָא:

Reader

מַלְכוּחָדְּ רָאוּ בָנֵידְ. זֶה אֵלִי עָנוּ וְאָמְרוּ:

Choir

יָי יִמְלֹךְ לְעלָם וָעֶר:

Reader

וְנֶאֲמַר כִּי־פָּדָה יְהוָה אֶת־יַצַקֹב וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חָזָק מִמֵּנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ נָאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל:

Choir

וְשָּׁמְרוּ בְנֵי־יִשְּׂרָאֵל אֶת־הַשַּׁבָּת לַּעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־ הַשַּׁבָּת לְדֹרֹתָם בְּרִית עוֹלָם: בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹת הָוֹא לְעֹלָם:

Reader

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ. אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וַאלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. הָאֵל הַנְּדוֹל הַנְּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא. אֵל עֶלְיוֹן. נּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים. וְקנֵה הַכֹּל וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת. וּמֵבִיא נְאֻלָּה לִבְנִי בְנִיהָם. לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהָבָה: מֶלֶךְ עוֹוֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ זּמֶנּן. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יָיָ מֶנֵן אַבְרָהָם: אַתָּה גָּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנִי. רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ. מְכַלְבֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶטֶד. מְחַיֵּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים. סוֹמֵך נוֹפְלִים וְרוֹפֵּא חוֹלִים וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים. וּמְקַיֵּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישֵׁנִי עָפָר. מִי כָמְוֹךְ בַּעַל גְּבוּרוֹת. וּמִי דְוֹמֶה־לָךְ. מֶלֶךְ מֵמִית וּמְחַיֶּה. וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיַ נֹמֵעַ בִּתוֹכֵנוּ חַיֵּי עוֹלָם:

Reader

Praised be Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, great, mighty, and exalted. Thou bestowest lovingkindness upon all Thy children. Thou rememberest the devotion of the fathers. In love Thou bringest redemption to their descendants for the sake of Thy name. Thou art our King and Helper, our Savior and Protector. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Shield of Abraham.

Eternal is Thy power, O Lord, Thou art mighty to save. In lovingkindness Thou sustainest the living; in the multitude of Thy mercies, Thou preservest all. Thou upholdest the falling, and healest the sick; freest the captives and keepest faith with Thy children in death as in life. Who is like unto Thee, Almighty God, Author of life and death, Source of salvation? Praised be Thou, O Lord, who hast implanted within us eternal life.

Reader

O Lord, though we are prone to seek favors for ourselves alone, yet when we come into Thy presence, we are lifted above petty thoughts of self. We become ashamed of our littleness and are made to feel that we can worship Thee in holiness only as we serve our brothers in love.

How much we owe to the labors of our brothers! Day by day they dig far away from the sun that we may be warm, enlist in outposts of peril that we may be secure and brave the terrors of the unknown for truths that shed light on our way. Numberless gifts and blessings have been laid in our cradles as our birthright.

Let us then, O Lord, be just and great-hearted in our dealings with our fellowmen, sharing with them the fruit of our common labor, acknowledging before Thee that we are but stewards of whatever we possess. Help us to be among those who are willing to sacrifice that others may not hunger, who dare to be bearers of light in the dark loneliness of stricken lives, who struggle and even bleed for the triumph of righteousness among men. So may we be co-workers with Thee in the building of Thy kingdom which has been our vision and goal through the ages.

Congregation and Reader

Our God and God of our fathers, grant that our worship on this Sabbath be acceptable to Thee. Sanctify us through Thy commandments that we may share in the blessings of Thy word. Teach us to be satisfied with the gifts of Thy goodness and gratefully to rejoice in all Thy mercies. Purify our hearts that we may serve Thee in truth. O help us to preserve the Sabbath as Israel's heritage from generation to generation, that it may ever bring rest and joy, peace and comfort to the dwellings of our brethren, and through it Thy name be hallowed in all the earth. Praised be Thou, O Lord, who sanctifiest the Sabbath.

Choir: Amen.

Silent Prayer

(or such other prayer as the heart may prompt)

In this moment of silent communion with Thee, O Lord, a still, small voice speaks in the depth of my spirit. It speaks to me of the things I must do to attain holy kinship with Thee and to grow in the likeness of Thee. I must do my allotted task with unflagging faithfulness even though the eye of no taskmaster is on me. I must be gentle in the face of ingratitude or when slander distorts my noblest motives. I must come to the end of each day with a feeling that I have used its gifts gratefully and faced its trials bravely. O Lord, help me to be ever more like Thee, holy for Thou art holy, loving for Thou art love. Speak to me, then, O Lord, as I seek Thee again and again in the stillness of meditation, until Thy bidding shall at last become for me a hallowed discipline, a familiar way of life, so that I may live on in deeds that bless other lives and leave behind me the heritage of a good name. Amen.

(or the following Psalm)

(Psalm xv)

Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell upon Thy holy mountain? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh truth in his heart; that hath no slander upon his tongue, nor doeth evil to his fellow, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord; he that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not; he that putteth not out his money on interest, nor taketh a bribe against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

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READING FROM SCRIPTURE

(For ADORATION and KADDISH, turn to page 71)

(Mourners rise)

Reader

Extolled and hallowed be the name of God throughout the world which He has created according to His will. And may He speedily establish His kingdom of righteousness on earth. Amen.

Congregation

Praised be His glorious name unto all eternity.

Reader

Praised and glorified be the name of the Holy One, though He be above all the praises which we can utter. Our guide is He in life and our redeemer through all eternity.

Congregation

Our help cometh from Him, the creator of heaven and earth.

Reader

The departed whom we now remember have entered into the peace of life eternal. They still live on earth in the acts of goodness they performed and in the hearts of those who cherish their memory. May the beauty of their life abide among us as a loving benediction.

Congregation: Amen.

Reader

May the Father of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort all the bereaved among us.

Congregation: Amen.
(Mourners are seated)

(Mourners rise) Reader

יִתְנַדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְּׁמֵה רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִּרְעוּתֵה. וְיַמְלִיךְ מֵלְכוּתֵה. בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בִּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בַּעֲנָלָא וּבִוְמַן קָרִיב. וֹבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בִּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בַּעֲנָלָא וּבִוְמַן קָרִיב. וֹאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: Congregation

יָהֵא שְׁמֵה רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָא:

Reader

יִתְבָּרֵךְ וְיִשְׁתַבָּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׁא וְיִתְהַדֵּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלֵּל שְׁמֵה דְּקוּדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעַלָּא מִן בָּל־בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא. הְשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנָחָמָתָא. דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

על יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעֵל צַדִּיקַיָּא. וְעַל־כֶּל־מֵן דְאָתְפְּטֵר מִן עָלְמָא הָבִין כִּרְעוּתֵה דָּאֶלְהָא. יְהֵא לְהוֹן שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא וְחָנָּא וְחָסְדָּא מִן־קֶדָם מָרֵא שְׁמַיָּא וְאַרְעָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

יָהַא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן־שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים. עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־ בָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עשָׁה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמִיו. הוּא יַעֲשָׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַלֹּ־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

(Mourners are seated)

spirit. May the coming year bring a new Passover of freedom to all Thy children in every land. Amen.

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FOR SABBATH DURING SUCCOS

Responsive Reading

Reader

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness and girdest the hills with joy.

Congregation

The meadows are clothed with flocks, the valleys are covered with grain.

God be gracious unto us and bless us.

May He cause His face to shine upon us.

Let Thy way be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations.

Let the people give thanks unto Thee, O God, let the nations be glad.

For Thou wilt judge the peoples with equity.

Thou wilt lead the nations upon earth.

The earth has yielded her increase; may the Lord, our God, bless us.

Let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

Reader

Lord of the universe, the stars in their courses and the changing seasons tell of Thine infinite might. In these autumn days the waning summer and the falling leaves bring no melancholy into our hearts. The season begins in joy with the bounteous gifts of Thine unfailing goodness. We behold the fruits of tree and vine and gather to celebrate the harvest, the joyous festival of Tabernacles.

The structures of stone and steel which our hands have wrought may make us boastful of human strength; but the fruits of field and orchard re-awaken our thoughts of Thee. When on this festival we bring into Thy house the products of soil and sunlight, our thoughts turn to the miracle of the seed, the mystery of growth, the refreshing rain and the ripening sun. We learn anew that it is Thou who blessest our toil wherever we labor. All that we have comes from Thee and we must devote it to purposes pleasing in Thy sight.

Thy bounty, O Lord, provides for all the needs of man if he be wise and understanding in the use of Thy blessings. Teach us then to employ Thy gifts for the happiness of all Thy children. Let there be no famine or scarcity in any household or in any land. As soil and rain and sun unite to do Thy will, so unify the hearts of Thy children to fulfil Thy command to live together in mutual blessing. Spread over us the tabernacle of peace and brotherhood, now and evermore. Amen.

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FOR SABBATH OF REPENTANCE

Reader

O Lord our God, and God of our fathers, Thou hast placed us upon this earth and hast appointed us to do Thy will. But we follow too often our evil inclination and transgress Thy laws. In Thy gracious love, Thou hast given us the Sabbath, that we pause in our striving after worldly goods and seek the treasures of the spirit which consecrate life unto Thee. And this Sabbath of Repentance admonishes us to turn from the pursuit of life's vanities. It bids us consider well our earthly pilgrimage and measure the deeds of the past year in the light of what we might have accomplished, had we given ourselves wholly unto Thee. We are overcome with shame and self-reproach as we realize wherein we have fallen short. Truly, O God, we know our weakness, and feel humbled and chastened.

O God of mercy, we trust in Thee. In deep humility we approach Thy throne and lay our supplication before Thee. Strengthen our faith in Thee, that with wisdom and courage we may do Thy will. Help us to right the wrongs we have done to others and give us the grace to pardon those who offend against us. Enlighten our minds with Thy truth and touch our hearts with Thy mercy. May this day summon our energies to the fulfillment of the divine plan of our life, and may it bring to our souls that inner peace in which alone the voice of Thy spirit is heard. Be Thou with us, O God, and receive us in Thy boundless love for Thou art our hope and support. Amen.

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KIDDUSH קרוש

The Reader lifts the Kiddush cup and says:

בְּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָ אֶלהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קּדְשֵׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיוֹ וְרֵצָה בֶנוּ. וְשַׁבַּת לֶּדְשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְּרָצוֹן הָנְחִילֵנוּ. וְבָּרוֹן לְמַצְשֵׁה בְרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלֶּה לְמִקְרָאֵי־קְׂדֶשׁ וַכֶּר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרֵיִם. כִּי בֻנוּ בָּחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתֵנוּ קִדְשְׁתָּ. וְשַׁבַּת לֶּדְשִׁךְּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתֵנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ. מְקַדְשִׁךְּ הַשַּׁבָּת:

Let us praise God with this symbol of joy, and thank Him for the blessings of the past week, for life and strength, for home and love and friendship, for the discipline of our trials and temptations, for the happiness that has come to us out of our labors. Thou hast ennobled us, O God, by the blessings of work, and in love hast sanctified us by Sabbath rest and worship as ordained in the Torah: Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to be hallowed unto the Lord, thy God.

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יָיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם בּוֹרֵא פַּרִי הַנֶּפֶן:

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אָדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מָלַךְ. בְּשֶׁרֶם כָּל־יְצִיר נִבְרָא: לְעַת נַעֲשָּׁה בְחֶפְצוֹ כֹּל. אֲזַי מֶלֶךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא:

וְאַחֲרֵי כִּכְלוֹת הַכֹּל. לְבַדּוֹ יִמְלֹדְ נוֹרָא: וְהוֹא הָיָה וְהוֹא הֹנָה. וְהוֹא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְּאָרָה:

וְהוּא אֶחֶד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי. לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחְבִּירָה: בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית. וְלוֹ הַעִּז וְהַמִּשְׂרָה:

וְהוּא אֵלִי וְחֵי נֹּאֲלִי. וְצוּר חֶבְלִי בְּעֵת צְרָה: וְהוּא נִפִּי וּמָנוֹם לִי. מְנָת כּוֹסִי בְּיוֹם אֶּקְרָא:

בְּיָדוֹ אַפְּקִיד רוּחִי. בְּעֵת אַישַׁן וְאָעִירָה: וְעָם רוּחִי גְּוִיָּתִי יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָאּ:

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