

## Erev Shabbat

### Mitzvah of Tzedakah Blessing

It is customary to give charity by putting a few coins in a Tzedakah (charity) box before lighting the Shabbat candles.

*Baruch a-tah A-do-nay Elo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam a-sher ki-dee-sha-nu bi-mitz-vo-tav, vi-tzi-va-noo al ha-tzi-da-kah.*

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us about the Tzedakah.

### Lighting the Candles

*Baruch a-tah A-do-nay Elo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam a-sher ki-dee-sha-nu bi-mitz-vo-tav vi-tzi-va-noo li-had-leek ner shel Sha-bbat.*

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Shabbat lights.

**May it be your will** L-rd my G-d and G-d of my fathers, to be gracious to me and to all my family, crowning our home with the feeling of your divine presence dwelling among us. Make me worthy to raise learned children and grandchildren who will dazzle the world with Torah and goodness, and ensure the glow of our lives will never be dimmed. Show us the glow of your face and we will be saved. Omein.

**Blessing the Woman** ... Proverbs 31:10-31 read by the husband

**Blessing the G-dly Man** ... Psalm 112 read by the wife

**Blessing the Children** ... Numbers 6:24-26 Aaronic Blessing

~ For Boys ... May G-d make you like Ephraim and Manasseh  
~ For Girls ... May G-d make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah

May the L-rd bless you and keep you.

May the L-rd make His face shine on you and show you His favor.

May the L-rd lift His face toward you and give you peace.

### Kiddush - Blessing the Wine or Juice

*Baruch atah A-donoy, Elo-heinu Melech Ho'Olam, bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen. Omein.*

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Omein.

### Netilat Yadayim - Washing of Hands

*Baruch atah A-donoy, Elo-heinu Melech Ha'Olam, asher kidshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu al netilat yadayim. Omein.*

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to wash our hands.

### Ha Motzi - Blessing the Bread

*Baruch atah A-donoy, Elo-heinu Melech Ho'Olam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz. Omein.*

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. Omein.

## Oneg Shabbat ... Let's Eat!

### Birkat Hamazon - Prayer of Thanksgiving After the Meal

**Blessed are You**, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who, in His goodness, nourishes the entire world with grace, with kindness, and with mercy. He gives food to all flesh, for His kindness is everlasting. Through His great goodness to us continuously we do not lack, and may we never lack food, for the sake of His great Name. For He is G-d, who nourishes and sustains all, does good to all, and prepares food for all His creatures whom He has created, as it is said: You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, who nourishes all. Omein.

**Shabbat Shalom! ... Good Shabbos to all!**