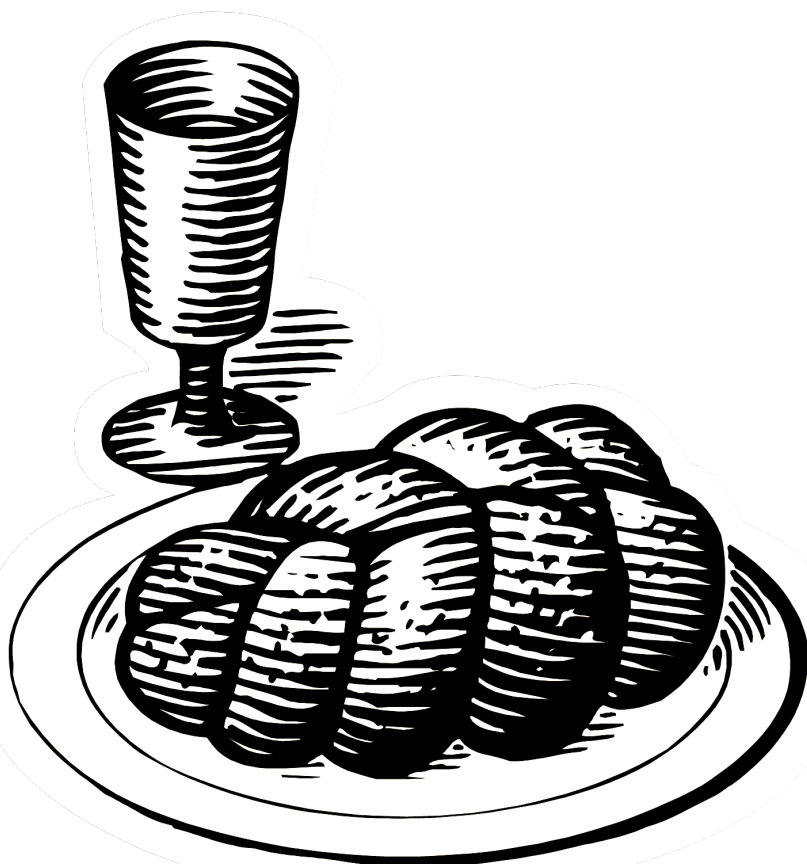


# CELEBRATING EREV SHABBAT



## **BEFORE SHABBAT AND GUESTS COME:**



### ***WIFELY BLESSING FOR THE SHABBAT:***

Blessed are you, YHVH our God, King of the universe, who has given us new life through Your Son, Yeshua, has sanctified us by Your commandments, and has commanded us to set apart the Shabbat.

May it be Your will, YHVH, 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 our friends gathered here with us); that You grant us and all Israel a good and long life; that You remember us with Your boundless grace and mercy; that You bless us with great blessings; and 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 YHVH, 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 and cause our light to illuminate this world with Your NAME, and let Your countenance shine so that the whole world may know You.  
**AMEN.**

### ***BLESSING THE CHILDREN:***

*a Son:*

May YHVH make you like Ephraim and Manasseh,  
Like Caleb, Joshua, Cornelius and Joseph.  
May YHVH make you like King David and the Apostle Paul,  
And like all the godly men of the scriptures  
--And especially like Yeshua the Messiah.

*a Daughter:*

May YHVH make you like Rachel and Leah,  
Like Rebecca, Tamar, Tabitha and Priscilla,  
May YHVH make you like Ruth and Queen Esther,  
And like all the godly women of the scriptures  
--And especially like Yeshua the Messiah.

*Let your Light  
so Shine before men,  
that they may see your  
good works, and glorify  
your Father which  
is in Heaven*

- Matthew 5:16

**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.  
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 YHVH is to be praised! (**Proverbs 31**)

Who can find a  
virtuous woman?  
for her price is  
far above rubies.  
Proverbs 31:10



**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 YHVH,  
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 YHVH knows the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (**Psalm 1**)



**AT START OF SHABBAT (WITH GUESTS):**

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ :  
יְאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ :  
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׁם :  
לְךָ שְׁלוֹם :

**HUSBAND SAYS:**

Y'varekh'kha YHVH v'yishm'rekha.  
Yaer YHVH panav eleykha vichunnekha.  
Yissa Adonai panav eleykha v'yasem l'kha shalom.

May YHVH bless you and keep you.  
May YHVH make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
May YHVH turn his face toward you and give you peace.

***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.



***KIDDUSH:***

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

*“Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and set it apart. He made it special because on that day he rested from all the work he did while creating the world.” (Genesis 2:1-3)*

*“You must **REMEMBER**<sup>1</sup> to keep the Sabbath a special day. You may work six days a week to do your job. But the seventh day is a*

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<sup>1</sup> *zaw-kar*—make mention of, recount, be mindful of

*day of rest in honor of YHVH 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 YHVH 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 YHVH blessed the Sabbath--the day of rest. He made that a very special day."*

**(Exodus 20:8-11)**

*"You must **KEEP**<sup>2</sup> the Sabbath a special day like YHVH your God commanded.*

*"Work six days a week and do your job, but the seventh day is a day of rest in honor of YHVH 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. YHVH your God brought you out of Egypt with his great power and made you free. That is why YHVH your God commands you to always make the Sabbath a special day." **(Deuteronomy 5:12-15)***

*"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 YHVH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed." **(Exodus 31:16-17)***

### ***I Love You, Yah***

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

*(Repeat a second time – parts are encouraged.)*

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<sup>2</sup> **shaw-mar**—observe, protect, preserve, guard

## ***This is the Day***

This is the day, (*repeat*)  
That YHVH has made (*repeat*)  
We will rejoice (*repeat*)  
And be glad in it (*repeat*)

This is the day that YHVH has made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day (*repeat*)  
That YHVH has made

This is the Shabbat,  
That YHVH has made... (etc.)

*“The earth is YHVH'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 YHVH? 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.” (Psalm 24:3-4)*

### ***BLESSING THE CUP:***

*All take the cup in the right hand as the husband recites:*

Blessed are You, YHVH, our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine and gives us the true vine, Yeshua, of which we are His branches because of the blood which He shed for us.

Blessed are You, YHVH, our God, King of the universe, who has set us apart 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 set us apart from all the nations through your Son. And Your holy Sabbath You gave us with love and favor as a heritage.

Blessed are You, YHVH, who sets apart the Sabbath.



*“What shall I render to YHVH for all his benefits to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of  
YHVH.” (Psalm 116:12-13)*

*All say: AMEN.*

*All take a drink from their cups.*

***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, YHVH, our God, King of the universe, who  
brings forth bread from the earth, and gave us Your Son, who was  
broken and crucified, who was buried in the earth, and came out  
from the earth to give us eternal life, the first fruits of the  
resurrection.

*“But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was  
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement  
that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.”  
(Isaiah 53:5)*

*“I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If  
anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the  
bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for  
the life of the world.” (John 6:51)*

*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.)*



## **AFTER SHABBAT MEAL (WITH GUESTS):**

*When you have eaten and are satisfied, then you shall bless YHVH your God for the good land He has given you. But remember YHVH, 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. (Deuteronomy 8:10, 18)*

### ***Psalm 126 – A Song of Ascents***

*A song of ascents; When YHVH 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,  
"YHVH has done great things for them."*

*Yah has done great things for us,  
We will rejoice.*

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

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



### ***Hodu l'YHVH Ki Tov***

Hodu l'YHVH ki tov, ki le'olam chas'do (repeat)  
Hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu, hodu l'YHVH ki tov (repeat)

Give thanks to YHVH, He is good;  
His mercy forever endures. (repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks,  
Give thanks to YHVH, He is good. (repeat)