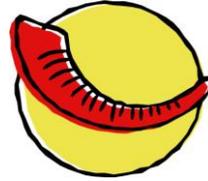


**Rosh Hashanah
and
Yom Kippur
Blessings and Prayers
for the Home**

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HOME SERVICE FOR ROSH HASHANAH



The Holiday Table is set with the following item: Candlesticks and candles; Kiddush cups for each family member filled with wine, a round challah and a challah cover; slices of apple and a dish of honey; flowers- The following service may be read by different family members as they gather around the table for the festival meal.

Reader: Summer is passing and the days grow shorter. In the coming weeks the sounds and colors of nature, the stirring of the wind, will speak to us of changes in the world. We are about to enter upon a new season of the spirit, of the soul. It reminds us of our changing lives and fortunes, of the changes that take place within our homes; our communities, our world. It bids us to look upon the changes that have taken place within us over the past year. Awed and subdued, we stand on the threshold of a New Year. With loved ones, we stand between the year that was and the year that has yet-to-be. God, Source of life and blessing, grant us a year of strength and challenge, of opportunities to love and care, a year of health and inspiration. O God, grant us, a year of blessing and of peace.

(The candles are lit and then the blessing is recited by a member of the family.)

Candle Lighting ✧



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וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק (נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת) נֵשֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav Vtzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel (Shabbat v'shel) yom tov.

We praise You Eternal God, Creator of the world, You hallow us with the gift of life and obligate us to kindle lights (of Shabbat and) of the New Year.

Reader: May our home be sanctified by Your light, O God, may it shine upon us as a blessing of love and peace. Amen.

Reader: Wine is our symbol of joy. As it sweetens our lips we pray that this New Year will sweeten our lives. May this cup of goodness overflow into this year. O God, we ask You for strength with which to make this a New Year of L'chayim, of life, of happiness and of wondrous possibilities.



Raise Kiddush cup as the blessing is said and then wine is tasted
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
 Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, bo-rei p'ri ha-ga-fen.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The challah cover is removed, the blessing recited and then the challah eaten

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצֵיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.
 Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, Hamotzee Lechem Meen Ha'aretz

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who brings forth wheat from the earth.



Each person takes a piece of apple and dips it in the honey
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.
 Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, Boray Pa'ree Ha'aytz

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of trees.

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(The apples and honey are now eaten)

Reader: As we now welcome this New Year we look forward to the opportunities that a New Year brings. Opportunities...

- to perform acts of righteousness,
- for families to be together,
- to commemorate the cycles of life,
- to make time for study and prayer,
- for days filled with good health and with love,
- to bring the blessing of peace upon the world.



S'hechee-ya-nu

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 וְהַפִּיעַנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah adonai Eloheynu Melech Haolam Shahecheyanu, Vikeyahmahu, Vihigeeyahnu Lazman Hazeh.

Blessed are You, Creator of our world, for providing for us, for sustaining us and for allowing us to reach this moment

HOME SERVICE FOR YOM KIPPUR



Yom Kippur is a time of reflection and self evaluation. The period preceding Yom Kippur is quiet and meditative. According to tradition, the meal which precedes the fast should be simple. No Kiddush is recited as the meal is not part of the Holy Day itself.

The following prayers can be recited at the conclusion of the meal, for it is only after the meal that Yom Kippur actually begins:

Reader:

Adonai, our God, and God of our mothers and fathers, grant us insight and fortitude as we begin this Day of Atonement. Help us to look deep into ourselves and give us the ability to do so with honesty and courage. Help us to alleviate the jealousy and haughtiness, pettiness and shortsightedness, that clouds our vision and befouls our lives.

May this New Year bring to all people and to all nations the ability to live justly and to repair our broken world. May our hearts be open and our hands extended to forgive others and to forgive ourselves.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, offered in the hours of this most solemn of days, bridge the gap between our conscience and our conduct, between what we believe and what we do.

We pray that in turning to you, we may return to our best selves. Amen.



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Reader:

O God, You are the Creator of mercy and forgiveness. We pray that you will open the gates of heaven and that our prayers on this Day of Atonement may ascend and be received on high. O God, pardon our transgressions against You, even as we forgive all who may have transgressed against us in the year gone by. Help us to purify hearts that we may serve You in truth.

(When there are children present)

Parents:

Make me worthy to raise up children who will walk in the path righteousness. May they be loyal to the teachings of Your Torah and through it may they find boundless opportunities to perform deeds of goodness and compassion. Shield them from shame, grief and worry; and send healing to them in their time of need. May they learn how to forgive and be forgiven.

(Father and/or mother may wish to place a hand upon the head of each child and recite the following or any blessing as the heart may prompt.)

May the God of our fathers and mothers bless you and keep you. May the One Who has guided us to this day lead you on a path of honor and dignity. May Adonai protect you from harm and allow you to become a blessing to our people and to all humanity. Amen.

(In many families it is custom to kindle a Yahrzeit candle at this time to burn throughout Yom Kippur as a remembrance of loved ones. The following may be recited prior to the lighting of the candle:

Eternal God, with feelings of reverence and love I recall, the memory of my dear one this sacred eve of Yom Kippur. I am grateful for the years we shared, for the abiding influence of those years and for the memories that live on in my heart. I am grateful too, O God, for the healing which time brings and for the hope which faith and trust inspire.



May the remembrance of my _____ encourage me to live with integrity and with compassion. May my deeds reflect bring honor to him/her. As memory has sustained our people throughout the generations, so too may memory sustain me.

I now light this Memorial Light in memory of my departed _____
May the memory of my _____ strengthen my resolve to be a source of blessing to all those whose lives, I may touch. Amen.

(The Yahrzeit Candle is lit)

Reader:

O God, remember us unto life. Inscribe us in the Book of Life for a year of blessing and of peace. Amen.



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