

Home Service for Rosh Hashanah and Blessing for Yom Kippur

The New Year and the Sabbath Festivals are welcomed in the home with prayer and festivity. Congregational worship at Temple is enriched when preceded by a family home service. The family table should be given a festive appearance. At each plate there is a bit of honey, a slice of apple and a cup of wine. A round loaf of *challah* is also on the table as a symbol of God's sovereignty over the world. On the Sabbath, please add the words in parentheses below.

Welcoming Rosh Hashanah with a Special Reading

Eternal God, as we begin a new year, let Your light and Your truth come forth to lead us. We look back upon the days that are past and see troubled times and days of celebration. Now we look ahead with the prayer that the New Year be one of health and prosperity. When pains and troubles beset us, may we find strength to face them with courage; and when times are good for us, may we have the wisdom to be grateful for our blessings. Amen.

Blessing over the Festival Candles:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְ יוֹם טוֹב).

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel (Shabbat v'shel) yom tov.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has sanctified us by Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the (Sabbath and) Festival lights.

Blessing over the Wine:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, borei p'rei ha-gafen.

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

Blessing over the Challah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Who has brought forth bread from the earth.

Blessing over the Apple and Honey:

All present should dip the apple in the honey and recite:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, borei p'rei ha-etz.

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

Blessing of Children by Parents:

May God bless you and guide you. Seek truth always, be charitable in your words, just and loving in your deeds. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well.

For a Boy: **יְשִׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּאַפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה.**

Y'simcha Elohim k'Efrayim v'chi-M'naseh.

May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Ephraim and Menasheh, who carried forward the life of our people.

For a Girl: **יְשִׁמְךָ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, לֵאָה, וְרַחֵל.**

Y'simeich Elohim k'Sarah, Rivkah, Leah v'Rachel.

May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel, who carried forth the life of our people.

For Both: **יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ.**

יָאֵר יי פְּנֵי אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶךָ.

יֵשָׂא יי פְּנֵי אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha. Ya-eir Adonai panav alecha ve-chu-necha. Yisah Adonai panav alecha v'yasem l'cha shalom.

May God bless you and keep you. May God shine light upon you and be gracious unto you. May God reach out to you in tenderness and give you peace.

Blessings of Praise:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעַנוּ לַיָּמֵן הַזֵּה.

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'kiyamanu, v'higi-anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has given us life, sustained us and brought us to this joyous season.

**יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ,
שֶׁתַּחַדְשׁ עֲלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה.**

Y'hi ratzon mil-fanecha Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, she-t'chadesh aleinu shanah tovah u'm'tukah.

Our God and God of our people, may this new year be a good and sweet new year.

Upon returning from your homes on Yom Kippur Day for your Break-Fast, it is appropriate to begin your meal with the blessing over the bread, thanking God for the food you are about to eat.

לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה.

L'shanah tovah u'm'tukah.

May you have a good and sweet new year.