



# Home Service and Blessings

The New Year and Festivals are welcomed in the home with prayer and festivity. Enrich your congregational worship by starting the holiday with this service at home.

## A Special Rosh Hashanah Blessing to Welcome the New Year

Eternal God, as we begin this 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

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו  
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik neur shel yom tov.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Festival lights.

## Blessing Over the Wine

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri ha-gafen.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

## Blessing Over the Challah

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, המוציא לחם מן הארץ.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min ha-aretz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

## Blessing Over the Apple and Honey on Rosh Hashanah

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי העץ.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri ha-etz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

### Blessing of Children

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.

#### Blessing for Boys

יְשִׁימָךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּאֶפְרַיִם וְכַמְנַשֶּׁה.

*Y'simcha Elohim k'Efrayim v'chiM'nasheh.*

May God inspire you to live like Ephraim and Menasheh.

#### Blessing for Girls

יְשִׁימָךְ אֱלֹהִים כְּשָׂרָה, רִבְקָה, רָחֵל, וְלֵאָה.

*Y'simeich Elohim k'Sarah, Rivkah, Racheil, v'Leah.*

May God inspire you to live like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah.

#### For All Children

בְּרַכְךָ יי וַיְשִׁמְרֶךָ. יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנְּךָ.  
יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם.

*Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yishm'recha. Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha vichuneka. Yisa Adonai panav eilecha v'yaseim l'cha shalom.*

May God bless you and keep you. May God's light shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you. May you feel God's Presence within you always, and may you find peace.

### Blessing of Praise

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'hi-gi-anu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

הֵי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ,  
שֶׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ עֲלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוֹקָה.

*Y'hi ratzon milfanecha Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, shet'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.

לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוֹקָה.

*L'shanah tovah u'm'tukah.*

*May you have a good and sweet New Year.*

