

Candle Blessing and Kiddush Instructions

Thank you for volunteering to bless the Shabbat candles and lead the Kiddush at Shabbat evening services. Here are a few instructions.

1. Please arrive at the Temple about fifteen minutes before the scheduled start of services and let the Rabbi know you have arrived.
2. After the opening song, the Rabbi will call you forward by name and announce the page numbers.
3. The person blessing the Shabbat candles goes first.
 - a. First, light the two unlit Shabbat candles with the candle which is already lit.
 - b. Next, read the blessing in Hebrew and English.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doe-neye, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech ha-o-lom, a-sher kid-sha-nu bi-mitz-vo-tav, vi-tzi-va-nu li-hahd-leek nair shel Shab-bot.	בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.
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“Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.”

- c. Then wait at the table while the Cantor sings the blessing.
4. When the Cantor finishes, the person leading the Kiddush should first remove the top from the Kiddush cup and then raise the cup.

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a. Read the blessing in Hebrew and English.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-doe-neye, E-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech ha-o-lom, bo-ray pree ha-ga-fen.	בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
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Praise to you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,
Creator of the fruit of the vine.”

b. Wait until the Cantor finishes singing the full *Kiddush*, take a sip of wine, and place the cup back on the table.