

## FOR THE EVE OF ROSH HASHANAH

### 1. Lighting the festival candles

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

*Baruch ata Adonai, eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel yom tov.*

Blessed are You, Source of the universe, who has called us to holiness through the mitzvah of lighting the festival candles.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ יְקִימָנוּ וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam shehecheyanu v'kiymanu v'yigi-anu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, source of the universe, who has kept us in life and sustained us and brought us to this moment.

### 2. Blessing the ones we love

#### Blessing our children

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ.

יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחֲנֶנֶךָ.

יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיָּשֶׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם.

Y'varechicha Adonai v'yishm'recha  
Ya-eir Adonai panav ei-lecha viychunneka  
Yisa Adonai panav ei-lecha v'yasem l'cha shalom

May God bless you and watch over you.  
May the Light of God's Grace shine on you.  
May God be with you and bless you with peace.

This blessing can also be sung:  
(lyrics and music by Debbie Friedman)

May God bless you and keep you every moment every day  
May God smile at you and fill your heart in every way  
May God help you find the goodness in everything you do  
May you be blessed with peace from above.

### The following prayer may also be recited with friends or family

We thank You, O God, for family and friends and for what we mean and bring to one another. We are grateful for the bonds of loyalty and affection which sustain us, and which keep us close to one another no matter how far apart we may be.

We thank You for implanting within us a deep need for each other, and for giving us the capacity to love and to care.

Help us to be modest in our demands of one another, but generous in our giving to each other. May we never measure how much love or encouragement we offer; may we never count the times we forgive. Rather, may we always be grateful that we have one another and that we are able to express our love in acts of kindness.

Keep us gentle in our speech. When we offer words of criticism, may they be chosen with care and spoken softly. May we waste no opportunity to speak words of sympathy, of appreciation, or praise.

Bless us with health, happiness, and contentment. Above all, grant us the wisdom to build a joyous and peaceful home in which Your spirit will always abide. *(adapted from Likrat Shabbat)*

### 3. Kiddush

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

*Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam borei p'ri ha-gafen.*

Blessed are You, Source of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

*Baruch ata Adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam shehecheyanu v'kiyimanu v'yigi-anu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Source of the Universe, who has kept us in life and sustained us, and brought us to this moment.

### 4. Apples dipped in honey

שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה

*Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adonai eloheinu v'eilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, she-t'chadesh aleinu shana tova umetuka.*

May it be Your will, our God and the God of our ancestors, to renew this year for us for goodness and sweetness.