

# A Simple HAVDALAH Service

Wine

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

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

Spices

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
בוֹרֵא מִיְנֵי בְשָׂמִים.

Blessed are You,  
our God, Creator of time and space,  
who creates a potpourri of spices.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: Creator of the world's spices.

**(Smell the spices.)**

Light

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
בוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Blessed are You,  
our God, Creator of time and space,  
who creates the light of fire.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: Creator of fire.

**Next everyone raises their hands and looks at their fingernails in the light of the flame and watches the play of shadow and light on their hands. One explanation for this tradition is that it is a sign of the pleasure derived from the light. Another is that the reflection of the light on the fingernails casts a shadow on the palm which shows the distinction between light and darkness, and the end of Shabbat. The legal reason for this practice is that it is important that the participants utilize the light so that the blessing over it is not made in vain and this is one way of utilizing the light.**

**The final blessing is recited:**



## Separation

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם.  
הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ,  
בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים.  
בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יָמֵי הַמַּעֲשֵׂה.  
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You make distinctions, teaching us to distinguish the commonplace from the holy; You create light and darkness, Israel and the nations, the seventh day of rest and the six days of labor. We praise You, O God; You call us to distinguish the commonplace from the holy.

Take a sip of wine or juice. After drinking the wine, many people have the custom to pour the remaining liquid onto a plate and douse the flame in it.

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אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַנְּבִיא, אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי,  
אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי. בְּמַהֲרָה בְיָמֵינוּ  
יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד.



Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite. Elijah of Gilead. Soon, in our days, Elijah will come with the Messiah, the son of David.

Shavua tov, shavua tov, shavua tov...  
A good week, a week of peace,  
May gladness reign and joy increase.

שָׁבוּעַ טוֹב!