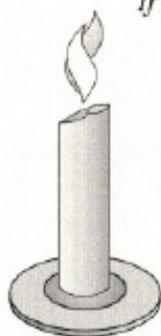


BLESSINGS RECITED OVER THE FESTIVAL CANDLES

According to tradition, a woman lights the candles, and says the following blessing.

If the festival falls on Shabbat, add the bracketed words:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל [שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל] יוֹם טוֹב.

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu melek ha'olam
Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
L'hadlik ner shel (Shabbat v'shel) yom tov.*

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, Ruler of the universe,
who has sanctified us by Your commandments, and has
instructed us to kindle the lights for (Sabbath and) the festival.

*In the Messianic Jewish community, the following candle blessing
is recited after the traditional one:*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּדְבָרְךָ, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֵת
יֵשׁוּעַ מְשִׁיחֵנוּ וְצִוָּנוּ לְהִיּוֹת אוֹר לְעוֹלָם.

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu melek ha'olam
Asher kid'shanu bid'varo, v'natan lanu et
Yeshua Meshikheynu, v'tzivanu l'hiyot or la olam.*

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, Ruler of the universe,
who has sanctified us by Your Word,
and has given us Yeshua our Messiah,
and commanded us to be a light to the world.

Traditional festival blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheynu melek
ha'olam, shehekheyanu, v'kiy'manu,
vehigiyanu laz'man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, O LORD our God,
Ruler of the universe,
who has granted us life and sustenance,
and has permitted us to reach this season.

