

# Havdalah Blessings

As Shabbat ends, the *Havdalah* candle is lit. Some begin by reciting the following collection of biblical verses, raising the cup of wine or grape juice high as the last verse is recited.

הִנֵּה אֵל יְשׁוּעָתִי, אֶבְטַח וְלֹא אֶפְחָד,  
כִּי עָזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה יְיָ וַיְהִי לִי לִישׁוּעָה.  
וְשִׂאבְתֶּם מַיִם בְּשִׂשׁוֹן, מִמַּעַיְנֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה.  
לִי הַיְשׁוּעָה, עַל עַמְּךָ בְּרִכְתֶּךָ סֵלָה.  
יְיָ צְבָאוֹת עִמָּנוּ, מִשְׁגֵּב לָנוּ אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב סֵלָה.  
יְיָ צְבָאוֹת, אֲשֶׁרִי אָדָם בְּטַח בָּךְ.  
יְיָ הוֹשִׁיעָה, הַמֶּלֶךְ יַעֲנֵנוּ בְיוֹם קְרִיאָנוּ.

This line is customarily recited by the participants first and then the leader repeats:

לַיהוּדִים הַיְתֵה אוֹרָה וְשִׂמְחָה וְשִׂשׁוֹן וַיִּקְרַח.  
כִּן תִּהְיֶה לָנוּ.  
כּוֹס יְשׁוּעוֹת אֲשָׂא, וּבְשֵׁם יְיָ אֶקְרָא.

Behold, the God who gives me triumph! I am confident, unafraid; for *Adonai* is my strength and might, and has been my deliverance. Joyfully shall you draw water from the fountains of triumph, deliverance is *Adonai's*; Your blessing be upon Your people! *Selah*.

*Adonai Tz'vaot* is with us; the God of Jacob is our haven. *Selah*.

*Adonai Tz'vaot*. happy is the one who trusts in You. O *Adonai*, grant victory!

May the Sovereign answer us when we call.

This line is customarily recited by the participants first and then the leader repeats:

The Jews enjoyed light and gladness, happiness and honor. So may it be for us.

I raise the cup of deliverance and invoke the name of *Adonai*.

*Hinei El y'shuati, evtach v'lo efchad.*

*Ki ozi v'zimrat Yah Adonai vay'hi li lishuah.*

*Ush'avtem mayim b'sason mimaay'nei hay'shuah.*

*L'Adonai hay'shuah, al am'cha virchatecha, selah.*

*Adonai tz'vaot imanu, misgav lanu, Elohei Yaakov, selah.*

*Adonai tz'vaot, ashrei adam botei-ach bach!*

*Adonai hoshiah; haMelech yaaneinu v'yom kor'einu.*

This line is customarily recited by the participants first and then the leader repeats:

*LaY'hudim hay'tah orah v'simchah v'sason vikar; kein tih'yeh lanu.*

*Kos y'shuot esa, uv'shem Adonai ekra.*



### **BLESSING OVER THE WINE**

Lift the cup of wine or grape juice, and recite the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei p'ri hagafen.*

### **BLESSING OVER THE SPICES**

Hold up the spice box, and recite the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְּבֵי בְשָׂמִים.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of varied spices.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei minei v'samim.*

### **BLESSING OVER THE FLAME**

Hold the *Havdalah* candle, and recite the blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

We praise You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, Creator of the lights of fire.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, borei m'orei ha-esh.*

## BLESSING OF SEPARATION

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל, בֵּין אֹר  
לְחֹשֶׁה, בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשִׁשֶּׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה. בְּרוּךְ  
אַתָּה יְיָ הַמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all: who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary, between light and dark, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. Praise to You, Adonai who distinguishes the holy and ordinary.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam,  
hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol, bein or l'choshech,  
bein Yisrael laamim,  
bein yom hash'vi-i l'sheishet y'mei hamaaseh.  
Baruch atah Adonai, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.*

Sip the wine or grape juice. Then extinguish the candle in the remaining wine or grape juice.

*Shavuah Tov!*

A good week, a week of peace, may gladness reign and joy increase.

## ELIJAH HANAVI - PRAYER FOR THE PROPHET ELIJAH TO HERALD REDEMPTION

May Elijah the prophet,  
Elijah the Tishbite,  
Elijah of Gilead,  
quickly in our day come to us  
heralding redemption.

*Eliyahu hanavi,  
Eliyahu hatishbi,  
Eliyahu hagiladi.  
  
Bimheirah b'yameinu,  
yavo eileinu,  
im Mashiach ben David.*

אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַנְּבִיא  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי  
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ  
יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ  
עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד.

## MIRYAM HAN'VIAH - PRAYER FOR THE PROPHET MIRIAM TO HERALD REDEMPTION

Hebrew lyrics by Rabbi Leila Gal Berner (b. 1950).

Miriam the prophet—the power of song  
is in her hand.  
Miriam will dance among us and the music  
will be heard far and wide.  
Miriam will dance among us to  
mend our world of suffering.  
May she lead us, in our time, without delay,  
to the waters of help and healing.

*Miryam han'viah —  
oz v'zimrah b'yadah.  
Miryam tirkod itanu  
l'hagdil zimrat olam;  
Miryam tirkod itanu  
l'takein et haolam.  
Bimheirah v'yameinu hi  
t'vieinu  
el mei haishua*

מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה  
עַד וְזָמְרָה בְּיָדָהּ,  
מִרְיָם תִּרְקֹד אִתָּנוּ  
לְהַגְדִּיל זְמֶרֶת עוֹלָם.  
מִרְיָם תִּרְקֹד אִתָּנוּ  
לְתַקֵּן אֶת הָעוֹלָם  
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאֵנוּ  
אֶל מֵי הַיְּשׁוּעָה.

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