

הַבְּדֵלָה

Havdallah Blessings

We say these blessings to end Shabbat on Saturday nights at sundown.

Havdallah comes from the Hebrew word that means separation.

These four blessings help us end Shabbat and transition into the new week. Each of the blessings interact with our different senses; the taste of wine, the smell of spices, the sight and the warmth of fire burning on a special twisted candle, and the sound of the candle being extinguished in the wine as we end Shabbat.

Blessing #1 - Wine

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates the fruit of the vine.

Blessing #2 - Spices

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מִיָּנִי בְשָׂמִים.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates different spices.

Blessing #3 - Candle

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who creates the light of fire.

Blessing #4 – Separating Shabbat from the rest of the week

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל .

Blessed are you Adonai our God, ruler of the world,
Who separates the holy from the ordinary.