

Havdalah Blessings

The Blessing over Wine or Grape Juice

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא פרי הגפן.

Baruch atah, Ado-nai, Elo-hay-nu melech ha'olam, boray pri hagafen.

Blessed are You, G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

The Blessing over Spices

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא מיני בשמים.

Baruch atah, Ado-nai, Elo-hay-nu melech ha'olam, boray minay besamim.

Blessed are You, G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe, Creator of the different spices.

The Blessing over the Candle

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, בורא מאורי האש.

Baruch atah, Ado-nai, Elo-hay-nu melech ha'olam, boray me'oray ha'aysh.

Blessed are You, G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe, Creator of the fire's lights.

The Blessing over Havdalah

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם, המבדיל בין קדש לחול, בין אור לחשך, בין ישראל לעמים, בין יום השביעי לששת ימי המעשה. ברוך אתה יי, המבדיל בין קדש לחול.

Baruch atah, Ado-nai, Elo-hay-nu melech ha'olam, hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol bayn or lechoshech bayn Yisrael la'amim bayn yom hashevi'i leshayshet yemay hama'aseh. Baruch atah, Ado-nai, hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol.

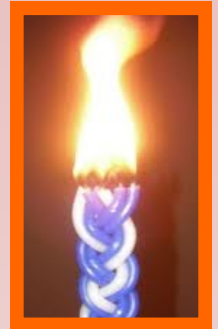
Blessed are You, G-d, our L-rd, King of the universe, who separates between the holy and the profane; between the light and dark; between Israel and the other nations; between the seventh day and the six days of the week. Blessed are You, G-d, who separates between the holy and the mundane.

Havdalah ToolBox

Havdalah is a beautiful ceremony that bids farewell to the special atmosphere of Shabbat and blesses the week ahead. The **Havdalah ceremony** is traditionally performed after sunset on **Saturday evening**, when three or more stars can be counted in the dark sky. Marking transitions is an important way for families to reflect on meaningful moments and look forward to the busy week. A **Havdalah set** includes: a **Havdalah candle**, a **Kiddush cup** and a **spice box with fragrant spices**.

The Havdalah Candle

A candle is lit for the **Havdalah ceremony** to separate light and darkness. According to Jewish Law a **Havdalah candle** needs to combine two or more flames. There are special **Havdalah candles** available exactly for this purpose; some are made by braiding several candles together, and others are one candle with multiple wicks



The Kiddush Cup

The **Kiddush cup** used for Havdalah can be a regular Kiddush cup or a cup from the **Havdalah set**. It is filled with wine or grape juice for the Havdalah ceremony.

The Havdalah Spice/Besamim Box

The **Havdalah spice/besamim box** is traditionally a small, beautifully-decorated box filled with fragrant smelling spices such as cloves and cinnamon. In some Sephardic communities, sprigs and branches of fresh, fragrant herbs are used instead of a spice box. According to Jewish legend, we each receive an extra soul that makes us especially attuned to the spiritual world during Shabbat. This soul leaves when Shabbat is over, and the smell of spices is meant to ease the departure from the spiritual and the return to the everyday.



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