

Friday Night Kiddush

Kiddush at Home Starts Here:

וַיְהִי עֶרֶב וַיְהִי בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי. וַיְכַלּוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל צְבָאָם. וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה. וַיְבָרֶךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ, כִּי בּו שָׁבַת מְכַל מְלַאכְתּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת.

And there was evening and there was morning - the sixth day. The heavens and the earth, and all they contain, were completed. On the seventh day God completed the work which God had been doing; God ceased on the seventh day from all the work which God had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and called it holy, because on it God ceased from all God's work of creation.



סְבְּרֵי מֶרְנָן וְרַבְּנָן וְרַבּוֹתַי:

Kiddush at Shul Starts Here:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַנֶּפֶן.

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אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ,

וּשְׁבַת קִדְּשׁוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ

זְכוֹר לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית,

כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ,

זְכוֹר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם,

כִּי בָנוּ בְּחֵרֶת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים,

וּשְׁבַת קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָתָנוּ.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְקַדְּשׁ הַשְּׁבֶתָּה.

With permission of this company - Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives, cherishing us through the gift of God's holy Shabbat, granted lovingly and gladly, a reminder of creation. It is the first among our days of sacred assembly, recalling the exodus from Egypt. In this way You have chosen us, endowing us with holiness from all people, by granting us Your holy Shabbat lovingly and gladly. Blessed are You, Adonai, who makes holy the Shabbat.

Every special Jewish moment is celebrated with wine and the blessing borei pri hagafen. On Friday nights we add the idea that Shabbat is a special gift to us expressing God's love for us, as well as reminding us of the Exodus from Egypt...perhaps this means we should feel a special kind of freedom and security on Shabbat?