

KIDDUSH FOR THE EVENINGS OF PESACH, SHAVUOT AND SUKKOT

When a festival occurs on Shabbat say *Peace unto you* through *Prepare...in the meal* (pages 176–178) quietly, before reciting Kiddush.

When a festival occurs on a weekday, recite the following before Kiddush:

אֲתִקְוֶינִי Prepare the meal of the supernal King. This is the meal of the Holy One, blessed be He, and His Shechinah.

Stand while reciting the Kiddush.

Take the cup of wine in the right hand, pass it to the left hand, and lower it onto the palm of the right hand. (See illustration, page 641.) The cup should be held three *tefachim* (approximately 9 in.) above the table throughout the Kiddush.

Those listening to the Kiddush should respond Amen as indicated.¹

At this point, glance at the festival candles.

On Shabbat, begin here.

יּוֹם The sixth day. And the heavens and the earth and all their hosts were completed. And God finished by the Seventh Day His work which He had done, and He rested on the Seventh Day from all His work which He had done. And God blessed the Seventh Day and made it holy, for on it He rested from all His work which God created to function.²

On weeknights, begin here.

When making Kiddush over wine,
glance at the wine and say:

סִבְרֵי Attention, Gentlemen!

בְּרוּךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. (Amen)

When making Kiddush over bread,³ say:

סִבְרֵי Attention, Gentlemen!

בְּרוּךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. (Amen)

On Shabbat, add the words in shaded parentheses.

בְּרוּךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all nations, raised us above all tongues, and made us holy through His commandments. And You, Lord our God, have given us in love (Sabbaths for rest and) festivals for rejoicing, holidays and seasons for gladness, (this Shabbat day and) this day of

1. See additional laws on page 603. 2. Genesis 1:31; 2:1-3. 3. For procedure, see Laws, page 604. 4. V. Ramban, Leviticus 23:2; Sforno, loc. cit. 23:2-3.

On Pesach: The Festival of Matzot and this festival of holy assembly, ⁴ the season of our freedom,	On Shavuot: The Festival of Shavuot and this festival of holy assembly, ⁴ the season of the giving of our Torah,	On Sukkot: The Festival of Sukkot and this festival of holy assembly, ⁴ the season of our rejoicing,	On Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah: Shemini Atzeret the festival and this festival of holy assembly, ⁴ the season of our rejoicing,
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(in love,) a holy assembly, commemorating the Exodus from Egypt. For You have chosen us and sanctified us from among all the nations, and Your holy (Shabbat and) Festivals (in love and goodwill,) in joy and gladness, You have given us as a heritage. Blessed are You Lord, who sanctifies (the Shabbat and) Israel and the [festive] seasons. (Amen)

When a festival occurs on Saturday night, add the following:

בְּרִיךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who created the lights of fire. (Amen)

Glance at the festival lights, then continue:

בְּרִיךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who makes a distinction between sacred and profane, between light and darkness, between Israel and the nations, between the Seventh Day and the six work days; between the holiness of the Shabbat and the holiness of the Festival You have made a distinction, and have sanctified the Seventh Day above the six work days. You have set apart and made holy Your people Israel with Your holiness. Blessed are You Lord, who makes a distinction between holy and holy. (Amen)

On the first night of Sukkot, *to dwell in the sukkah* is recited at this point, followed by *who has granted us life*. On the second night, the order is reversed.

The following blessing is not said on the final two nights of Pesach.

בְּרִיךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this occasion.

On Sukkot, in the *sukkah*, add (when saying the words *to dwell in the sukkah*, glance at the *sukkah* covering):

בְּרִיךְ Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to dwell in the *sukkah*. (Amen)

Pour some wine from the cup to be distributed to those listening, and drink at least 1.8 ounces of the remaining wine while seated.

All present wash their hands for the meal (see Laws, page 603), reciting the appropriate blessing, being careful not to speak until after eating of the *challah*. The head of the household recites the blessing for bread while holding both loaves, and distributes a piece to each person, who in turn recites the blessing over the bread.