

At Home Observances for the Holy Days

Observing Yom Tov (the holiday): Rosh Hashanah

September 21 & 22, 2017

Two candles are lit at nightfall with these blessings:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melekh ha-olam asher kide-shanu be-mitz-votav v'zi-vanu l'had-leek ner shel Yom Ha-zikaron.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the Day of Remembrance.

Sh'hecheyanu:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melekh ha-olam sh'hehe-ya-nu vi-kee-yi-ma-nu v'hi-gee-anu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and let us reach this time.

We bless wine for the holiday.

On our tables we have two round challahs, which we bless and eat.

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melekh ha-olam, Ha-Motsee Lehem min ha-Aretz.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, Who brings bread from the earth.

It is also traditional to eat an apple dipped in honey for a portentous sweet year:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melekh ha-olam *boray pri ha-etz*.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Y'hi ratzon sh'ti-cha-desh alaynu shanah tovah u-m'tukah.

May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year.

Yom Kippur

September 30, 2017

Two candles are lit at dusk with these blessings:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melekh ha-olam asher kide-shanu be-mitz-votav v'zi-vanu l'had-leek ner shel Yom Ha-kipurim.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the lights of Yom Kippur.

Sh'hecheyanu:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hay-nu melek ha-olom sh'hehe-ya-nu v'kee-yi-ma-nu v'he-gee-anu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, allowing us to reach this time.

Observing Yom Tov (the holiday):

Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret and Simhat Torah

October 4, 5, 11, 12, 2017

We light two candles at nightfall with these blessings:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melek ha-olam asher kide-shanu be-mitz-votav v'zi-vanu l'had-leek ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and has commanded us to kindle the light of the Festival Day.

Sh'hecheyanu:

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hay-nu melek ha-olom sh'he-he-ya-nu v'kee-yi-ma-nu v'he-gee-anu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are you, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and allowed us to reach this time. We bless wine for the holiday.

On our tables we have two challahs, which we bless and eat.

Barukh atah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu melek ha-olam, Ha-Motsee Lehem min ha-Aretz.

Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, Master of the universe, Who brings bread from the earth.