

Kol Hadash Candle Lighting Ritual - January 7, 2022

Gathering - Hineh Matov

Hinneh ma tov u-ma na'im shevet amim gam yajad! Hineh ma tov, Hineh ma tov, lai lai lai
lai lai lai lai lai lai

*Behold how good and how pleasant it is, for people to dwell together,
in harmony, in harmony, lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai*

Candle Lighting

Let us bless the light as a symbol of the good in the world. Let us dedicate ourselves to deeds of compassion and together light the candles of Shabbat

A Time for Sharing Concerns

Bread Blessing

We appreciate this bread which is before us. It stands as a symbol of all food brought forth from the earth and the human strength and creativity which molds it. For bread does not sprout from the earth finished, it is only with human innovation that it is created. We appreciate the gifts of the earth and the human intelligence and hard work which sustains us.

A Time for Sharing Gratitude

Wine Blessing

Let us bless our lives by fostering community by sharing our joy, our spirit, and our bounty, by inviting visitors to join us, by welcoming the stranger, by caring for those in need. Let us bless the wine as a symbol of the good in the world. Let us drink a toast with the fruit of the vine: "L'Hayyim! To Life!"

A Time for Sharing The Good

Closing

May the warm glow of the Sabbath candles light up our lives and our world.
May the good spirit we share and the bread we break together, remind us that we are connected to each other here in this community, and that we are connected to all the people in the world. Let us turn to one another and wish each other a "Sabbath of Peace," "Shabbat Shalom."