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## Preface

Growing up in the Midwest Suburbs from small-town parades to giant city sculptures; changing seasons to friendly faces, there's a wide array of reasons why we're proud to call the Midwest home to Chicago. My Grandmother would take me from Christian-Catholic Churches to Jewish Synagogues. From Jewish rummage sales to many weddings. Yet, our family's favorite memory and traditions center around food - sweet honey cake at Rosh Hashanah, crispy potato latkes at Hanukkah, tender matzo balls at Passover and so much more. Our family enjoyed celebrating the High Holy Holidays, especially in the Fall when the festival of lights began. I never understood why it was such a great event but a big secret as Grandmother placed menorah candles in all the windows. The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights using a unique candelabrum, the nine-branched menorah {also called a Chanukah's/Hanukkah}, one additional light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night. A delicate blend of joy and solemnity, feasting, and fasting, prayer and inspiration make up the spiritually the Jewish year.



The High Holiday season begins during the month of Elul when the shofar is sounded every weekday morning, a clarion call to return to God in advance of the sacred days that lay ahead. The two-day holiday of Rosh Hashanah is the head of the Jewish year, the time when God reinvests Himself in creation as we crown Him King of the universe through prayer, shofar blasts, and celebration. A week later, the High Holidays reach their crescendo with Yom Kippur {the Day of Atonement}. Like angels, we neither eat nor drink for 25 hours. Dressed in white, we pray in the synagogue—united as one people, children of One Father. But it does not end there. The otherworldliness of the High Holidays is then directed into the festive holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah, which bring the annual fall holiday season to a most joyous conclusion. One Fall day, God revealed more to my spirit about my family love for Jewish traditions. My heart grew to know more. The Lord lead me to a Church that taught the Gentiles the Jewish roots. This is where I received revelation. I understood my family ancestry and learn more about this Jewish heritage. I learn about Shabbat and keeping the Sabbath day Holy. Let me teach you how to enjoy entering into His presence.





## Lighting the Fire of Faith

Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful  
Servants. En kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Holy Spirit.

We shall be created and renew the face of this earth.

O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the  
light of the Holy Spirit.

Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise & humble.

And ever to rejoice in His consolation,  
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

~ AMEN ~





*For six days you may perform melachah, but the seventh day is a complete Sabbath, holy to the LORD ... it is an eternal sign that in six days, the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed. -*

Sabbath {or Shabbat, as it is called in Hebrew} is one of the best known and least understood of all Jewish observances. People who do not observe Shabbat think of it as a day filled with stifling restrictions, or as a day of prayer like the Christian Sabbath.



But to those who observe Shabbat, it is a precious gift from God, a day of great joy eagerly awaited throughout the week, a time when we can set aside all of our weekday concerns and devote ourselves to higher pursuits.

In Jewish literature, poetry and music, Shabbat are described as a bride or queen, as in the popular Shabbat hymn Lecha Dodi Likrat Kallah {come, my beloved, to meet the {Sabbath - bride}. It is said, "more than Israel has kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept Israel."

*"You shall not kindle a fire in any of  
your dwellings on the sabbath day."  
Exodus 35:3*





## en·kin·dle

**en:** *to include, allow or cause to happen, and to hold within; entail: to involve or include as part of something.*

**kin·dle:** *to set {something, such as fuel } on fire: to cause to ignite; to make bright and glowing –*

## en·kin·dle:

**HOLY SPIRIT set a fire within my HEART**

'For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.' "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased from labor and was refreshed"

EXODUS 31:15-17

## "Ye shall kin·dle no fire"

The kindling of fire in early times involved considerable physical labor. It was ordinarily affected by rubbing two sticks together or twisting one round rapidly between two palms in a depression upon a board. Fire only came after a long time. Moreover, as in the warm climate of Arabia and Palestine artificial warmth was not needed, the fire could only have been kindled there for cooking purposes, which involved further unnecessary work, and had already been forbidden {Exodus 16:23}. The Karaite Jews still maintain the observance of this precept to the letter, even in cold climates, as in that of the Crimea, and allow neither fire nor light in their houses on the sabbath day; but the Jews generally view the precept as having had only a temporary force, and have lights and fires, like other persons, even in Palestine. Strict Jews do not cook on the sabbath day.



*Shabbat* is Hebrew for Sabbath.

*Shalom* means peace.

It is a common greeting on Friday evening or throughout the day until evening on Sabbath {Saturday}. You are wishing someone peace on the Sabbath or wishing them the peace that the Sabbath itself brings if you observe it.

"God ex·tin·guishes the physical in  
order to en·kin·dle the Spiritual"

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Let's start off with the scripture verse {Exodus 35:3} says to not kindle a fire, but it doesn't really explain what that means for today. In order to discover more truth and meaning, we need to open the Creator's heart.





In ancient times, there was no electricity with which to produce heat to stay warm at night. During the winter in Israel, the deserts can get quite cold into freezing temperatures. There would simply be no way to keep warm outside of a fire. Are we to believe that Yahweh intended to make His people freeze to death on the Sabbath each week? That alone would make them dread keeping the Sabbath. Israel was an agricultural society and primitive one when in the desert. A fire would have been used for just about all forms of work. They would go to great lengths gathering wood to make a fire. It's more likely the Creator is more concerned about working and putting forth labor. Cutting firewood and making a fire is not something Yahweh wants His people to do on the Sabbath. If the issue was an actual fire, then Yahweh Himself is a terrible example as He led His people to a pillar of fire by night, which would include on the Sabbath day. The pillar of fire burned brightly over the tabernacle day and night. Fires burning constantly in the temple for the daily sacrifice, as well. So either we're missing information, or the people of that time understood exactly what Yahweh meant.





Q: So how do we apply this today to all those who keep the fourth commandment and do their best to remember the Sabbath and "keep it holy"?

A: Yahweh's original intent doesn't want us to work or labor on the Sabbath. Ironically, many Jews in Israel will not use an elevator on the Sabbath; they'll drag their heavy suitcases up three flights of stairs instead. That is considered work. The elevator uses electricity that they don't like using, but the stairs cause them to exert a lot of physical energy.

What are we to do? Just look at the original intent and ask yourself, "Does this action expend more energy than I need to on Shabbat? Does it cross the line into work? Does it cause me to not focus on Him or steal my shalom {peace}?"

I can assure you that turning on a light switch or starting a car was not in the Creator's mind of starting a fire. Besides, Camels was the power of transportation in ancient times. The Creators' heart has the revelation.



*"Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell"*

*{James 3:5-6}*



Lastly, the "White Fire" spiritual meaning has two parts. Spiritual fire can be likened to an argument. Therefore, we are not allowed to "kindle a fire," or start an argument, on Shabbat. Arguments create sparks which lead to fires and destruction. They cause us to exert far too much energy. They steal our peace and force us to cut down more innocent trees in order to support our cause, which just adds more logs to the fire. We would do well to force ourselves to immediately retreat into prayer, to hold our tongue and resist the urge to argue on Shabbat. To the Creator, this is the most important kind of fire to not kindle. The Holy Scriptures say that choosing to engage in an argument on Shabbat is the most severe sin and doing so is the same as saying we hate the Creator.

Why?

Because...

We are to pull people out of ditches on the Sabbath, not push them in.





This Sabbath instruction forces each of us to hold our tongues and be disciplined as the desecration of both the Sabbath and the name of Yahweh.

So the next time you feel like "starting a fire {argument}" on Shabbat or someone is trying to let the sparks fly, run for the water of "The Torah - Word of God - Holy Scriptures" to put that fire out.

Disengage, repent, pray immediately, humble yourself before Our King, and don't let the enemy steal your joy!

Enter into the Holy Spirit presence with thanksgiving and praise.

*And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. {Phil 4:7}*

Shalom  
{Peace}







Rest, worship and study are essential elements of Shabbat observance. The principle of Shabbat is to sanctify time. The whole of Shabbat is greater than the sum of its parts. It is more than lighting candles, drinking wine, or attending a service. We sanctify Shabbat by setting it apart, making it distinctive, and differentiating it from the rest of our week.

The Sabbath is a time to en kindle the Holy Spirit within your inner being. Extinguish the carnal man from the physical element that draws us away from the Holy Spirit throughout the week.

Praying, the meditation on Gods word, worshipping and giving praises of thanks to God. Ignites or en kindles the Holy Spirit light within our heart and activates HIS presence to cleanse our hearts of impurities.

The Holy Spirit within our heart becomes attuned to holiness with Our Creator. AND that is what God wants for His Children.



*"Remember the Sabbath  
Day and Keep it Holy"*

*{Ex 20:8}*



## CELEBRATE the Sabbath?

WE celebrate a day of physical rest and spiritual refreshment to honor God. The word Shabbat means to rest/cease from working/creating. The Bible teaches that in six days God created the Heavens and the earth and all their host and that on the seventh day He ceased HIS creative work, blessed the seventh day, making it different and said it was to be a day of rest for ALL creation. "On the seventh day God was finished with HIS work, which he had made, so he rested on the seventh day. God blessed the seventh day and separated it as holy {Gen. 2:2-3}. And it is given as the fourth of the ten commandments, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." {Ex. 20:8}. When a person chooses to celebrate the Sabbath he/she is partnering with the will of God because it is man who now sanctifies the Sabbath as God did and commanded. Jesus taught His disciples explaining, "The Sabbath was made for the man, not man for the Sabbath". {Mark 2:27} By His word we understand that the Sabbath is a gift from God to us, HIS children.





## WHO Is Sabbath For?

God wants HIS children to be blessed. The Sabbath was given as a blessing for the person who makes God {the Creator of Heaven and Earth} their God. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be HIS workers, all who keep Sabbath and do not profane it... I will bring them to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer {Isa. 56:6-7} God commanded the Jewish People to observe the Sabbath and keep it holy as the fourth of the Ten Commandments. The idea of a day of rest comes from the Bible story of the Creation: God rested from creating the universe on the seventh day of that first week, so Jews rest from work on the Sabbath.

The idea of a day of rest comes from the Bible story of Creation: God rested from creating the universe on the seventh day of that first week, so Jews rest from work on the Sabbath. Jews often call the day Sabbath, which is Hebrew for Sabbath, and which comes from the Hebrew word for rest. Everyone that believes in God, WE are commanded by God to rest and enter into HIS rest.





## WHEN Is Sabbath?

The Bible describes the Sabbath as the Seventh day of God's creation {Saturday}, a full day. "So there was evening, and there was morning, one day" {Gen. 1:5}. The Christians who want to begin observing a day of rest {a Sabbath} should take one day and dedicate it unto the Lord.

Shabbat is observed from a few minutes before sunset on Friday evening until the appearance of three stars in the sky on Saturday night. Shabbat is ushered in by lighting candles and reciting a blessing.

Many Jews attend synagogue services on Shabbat even if they do not do so during the week. Services are held on Shabbat eve {Friday night}, Shabbat morning {Saturday morning}, and late Shabbat afternoon {Saturday afternoon}. Many Jews walk to synagogue instead of working a vehicle or sustain from driving.



Prepare for  
*Sabbath Diner*



"Remember the sabbath day, to  
keep it holy."

MEAL: The Key #1 is preparation

Table: Set a nice table. {Some families set the table with their finest dishes and flowers.} We use a white tablecloth and two center candles. I purchased mine from the Judaism store but any would be fine. Also, on the table: spice box, bowl to wash hands, challah board and cover, and a small bowl of olive oil mixed with salt and pepper to dip bread. {unless it's the Jewish new year- add honey and apples} - if you think I have all the accessories, think again...I'm still taking baby steps.

Food: Challah bread- we buy this at our local bakery, it's also called Egg bread, many cook it themselves - I read that it only takes 20 minutes to make the dough, but I'm still not inspired. Maybe one day I'll make a loaf of bread. I've read that two loaves are needed, but I only buy one. {any leftovers can be used for French toast the next morning} The bread is covered - with the cloth towel.

You can search the Internet has some great Shabbat Recipes.



# Guide For Welcoming in *Shabbat*



We remember the words of your  
prophet, who called us to share our bread  
with the hungry, to clothe the naked,  
and to never hide from our own kin.



*Kabbalat Shabbat*, the "Receiving of Shabbat," is a mystical ritual designed to welcome Shabbat. Developed during the 16th century by Kabbalists, it centers on the theme that Shabbat is the "Bride of Israel" who descends {as the Shechinah Glory} upon the Jewish people. It was thought that the welcoming of Shabbat in this way would make Shabbat observance more meaningful and personal.

The hymn *Lekha Dodi*, "Come, My Beloved," is a main feature of the *Kabbalat Shabbat* ritual. Other rituals include the custom of going into the field on Friday at sunset to welcome the "Sabbath Bride" as the sun descends. The *Kabbalat Shabbat* participants would then 'escort' the Sabbath Bride {or the Shechinah - God's indwelling presence; *Holy Spirit*} back to the synagogue for the ma'ariv {evening} service.

The *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service at the synagogue is often made part of the Friday evening service to welcome sabbath. This service is held between the candle-lighting ceremony and Shabbat meal. Includes reading {Ps 24, 95-99}, corresponding to six days of creation, and {Ps 29}.





## GIVE to *Charity*

Known as the Mitzvah {Commandments} of Tzedakah {Charity}. It is customary, before the beginning of Shabbat, for each member of the household to put money aside for some charitable cause. "Happy are those who consider the poor". {Ps. 41:2}. It is only fitting before participating in God's blessing to consider how He has blessed us and to consider others that are less fortunate.

One must be very careful about how one gives out tzedakah money. It is not sufficient to just give to anyone or any organization, rather, one must check the credentials and finances to be sure that your Tzedakah money will be used wisely, efficiently and effectively "Do not steal from a poor person, for he/she is poor," {Proverbs 22:2}. It is taught that Tzedakah money was never yours, to begin with, rather, it always belongs to God, who merely entrusts you with it so that you may use it properly.





## 8 LEVELS of *Giving*

{as written in the *Mishneh Torah*}

1. Giving an interest-free loan to a person in need; forming a partnership with a person in need; giving a grant to a person in need; finding a job for a person in need; so long as that loan, grant, partnership, or job results in the person no longer living by relying upon others.
2. Giving tzedakah anonymously to an unknown recipient via a person {or public fund} which is trustworthy, wise, and can perform acts of tzedakah with your money in a most impeccable fashion.
3. Giving tzedakah anonymously to a known recipient.
4. Giving tzedakah publicly to an unknown recipient.
5. Giving tzedakah before being asked.
6. Giving adequately after being asked.
7. Giving willingly, but inadequately.
8. Giving "in sadness" {giving out of pity}

It is thought that Maimonides was referring to giving because of the sad feelings one might have in seeing people in need {as opposed to giving because it is a religious obligation}.





## LIGHT Candles

The first thing God created was light. "let there be light". {Gen 1:3}. The lighting of the candles marks the beginning of the Sabbath. It is a threshold in time; once the candles are lit you passed from a regular weekday into the Sabbath. It is not a mere action, but an important spiritual symbol that helps you mentally make the transition from the mundane to the holy.

According to halakha {Jewish religious law}, Shabbat is observed from a few minutes before sunset on Friday evening until the appearance of three stars in the sky on Saturday night. Shabbat is ushered in by lighting candles and reciting a blessing.

The wife usually lights the candles as well. There are usually two candles, representing the two Sabbath commands: Observe and Remember. You may vary this by having one for the husband and wife, additional ones for the children, or seven for each day of the week {the traditional menorah}. Two is just the minimum.



## PRAY {Hadlakat Haneyrot}

1. Women to light candles.
2. Wave hands over candles towards face or close eyes.
- 3 Recite the blessing pray.

{Hebrew} Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh ha'olam, sher kidshanu b'mitzvitav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neyr shel Shabbot.

{English} Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has set us apart by His commandments and commanded us to {KINDLE} the Sabbath lights.

May it be your will, Lord my God and God of my Fathers, to be gracious to me {and to my husband and children} and to all my family, crowning our home with the feeling of your divine presence dwelling among us. Make me worthy to raise learn children and grandchildren who will dazzle the world with Torah and goodness, and ensure that the glow of our lives will never be dimmed. Show us your face and we will be saved. Amen.





## BLESS Bread

The custom is for the Challah bread to be covered until it is time to bless it. The Husband salts the two loaves to remind us of the salting of the sacrifices {Lev. 2:13} and also because salt was part of the ratifying of any covenant. He then lifts up the two loaves of bread and blesses them. You may cut or tear the bread and pass it around {thus the term "breaking bread together"}. "I am the bread which has come down from heaven" {Jn 6:41}. "You are salt for the Land" {Matt 5:13}.

Traditionally, three festive meals are eaten: in the evening, in the early afternoon, and late in the afternoon. The evening meal typically begins with a blessing called kiddush and another blessing recited over two loaves of challah.

Shabbat is closed the following the evening with a Havdalah blessing.



PRAY  
{Hamotzi}

Hold up the bread and pray this simple prayer.

{*Hebrew*} Baruka atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh  
ha'olam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.

{*English*} Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the  
Universe, who brings fourth bread from the earth.





## BLESS *Wine* {or Juice}

Traditionally the husband blesses the wine or juice with a prayer. Although the whole family can recite the prayer together. Kiddush is a word that means "sanctification" or "holiness". Apart from God, we can't do a thing, and He is glorified by the bearing of fruit. {Jn 15:5,8}.

Recitation of kiddush over a cup of wine {or juice} at the beginning of Shabbat meals, or at a reception after the conclusion of morning prayers.





## PRAY {Kiddush}

Blessing over the wine or juice. The wife can read the following scriptures of choosing others; {Ps 1:15}; Ps 15.

Then pray for your husband.

{*Hebrew*} Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh  
ha'olam, Borey p'ri hagafen.

{*English*} Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the,  
who brings fourth breath from the bread.





## BLESS Husband

{Wife reads scriptures}

This is not done in the traditional Jewish service but it is important that the man is given the recognition as the spiritual leader and provider of the home. Scriptures that express this can be read. Wife can read the following scripture or choose {Ps 15, Ps 112}

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. But not the wicked! They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly.

{Ps 1:1-5}





## BLESS *Wife*

{Husband reads Proverbs 31}

### WHY Proverbs 31?

Known by the Hebrew phrase, "eyshet Chayil", virtuous women. The husband reads this scripture out loud to his wife. As you both hear it each week you will begin to see the value of a Godly wife. The women will be inspired to become more like this scripture. The man will understand the gift that God has given him. Children will also learn the value of their mother and boys of their future wife.

When you have finished reading, pray a blessing for your wife.



## Proverbs 31 {Husband Reads}

- 1 The sayings of King Lemuel contain this message, which his mother taught him.
- 2 O my son, O son of my womb,  
O son of my vows,
- 3 do not waste your strength on women,  
on those who ruin kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, to guzzle wine.  
Rulers should not crave alcohol.
- 5 For if they drink, they may forget the law  
and not give justice to the oppressed.
- 6 Alcohol is for the dying,  
and wine for those in bitter distress.
- 7 Let them drink to forget their poverty  
and remember their troubles no more.
- 8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves;  
ensure justice for those being crushed.
- 9 Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless,  
and see that they get justice.

### WIFE of Noble Character

- 10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?  
She is more precious than rubies.
- 11 Her husband can trust her,  
and she will greatly enrich his life.
- 12 She brings him good, not harm,  
all the days of her life.
- 13 She finds wool and flax  
and busily spins it.
- 14 She is like a ship,  
bringing her food from afar.
- 15 She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household  
and plan the work for her servant girls.



- 16 She goes to inspect a field and buys it;  
with her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- 17 She is energetic and strong,  
a hard worker.
- 18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable;  
her lamp burns late into the night.
- 19 Her hands are busy spinning thread,  
her fingers twisting fiber.
- 20 She extends a helping hand to the poor  
and opens her arms to the needy.
- 21 She has no fear of winter for her household,  
for everyone has warm clothes.
- 22 She makes her own bedspreads.  
She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.
- 23 Her husband is well known at the city gates,  
where he sits with the other civic leaders.
- 24 She makes belted linen garments  
and sashes to sell to the merchants.
- 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and she laughs without fear of the future.
- 26 When she speaks, her words are wise,  
and she gives instructions with kindness.
- 27 She carefully watches everything in her household  
and suffers nothing from laziness.
- 28 Her children stand and bless her.  
Her husband praises her:
- 29 "are many virtuous and capable women in the world,  
but you surpass them all!"
- 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;  
but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised.
- 31 Reward her for all she has done.  
Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.





## BLESS Children

There is a Jewish custom in which parents bless their children on Shabbat. This beautiful tradition derives from one of the most touching of biblical stories. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers (Genesis 37). The brothers lied to Jacob, his father, and told Jacob that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. Years later, Joseph, who was by now governor over Egypt, was reunited with his brothers in a moving biblical tale of sibling reconciliation (Genesis 45). Joseph then brought his father to Egypt in order to care for him in his last years. When Jacob lay on his deathbed, he summoned Joseph in order to bless him. Joseph entered with his two sons, Ephraim and Menasseh. The Torah records this touching scene in Genesis 48:8-11, 20: And Israel [another name for Jacob] beheld Joseph's sons and said: "Who are these?" And Joseph said unto his father: "They are my sons, whom God hath given me here." And he said: "Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him and kissed them and embraced them. And Israel said unto Joseph: "I thought that I would never see your face again, but God has let me see your children also." And he blessed them that day, saying: "By you shall Israel [the Jewish people] bless, saying: God make you as Ephraim and as Menasseh." We relive the story of the blessing of the children through a simple Shabbat ceremony, just after blessing the candles and before the *Kiddush*.



## PRAY

The parents place both hands on the child's bowed head and recite the following blessing.

Boys: {*Hebrew*} Y'simkha Elohim k'Efrayim v'khiMnasheh.

{*English*} May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh.

Girls: {*Hebrew*} Y'simkha Elohim k'Sarah, Rivkah, Racheyl v'Ley'ah.

{*English*} May God make you like Sarah, Rebbecca, Rachel and Leah.

## Aaronic Benediction For *Children*

{*Hebrew*} Y'varekh'kha Adonai v'yishm'rekha Ya'eyr Adonai panav eyleykha vichunekha Yisa Adonai panav eyleykha V'yaseym l'kha shalom.

{*English*} May Adonai bless you and keep you. May Adonai make His face shine upon you and show you His favor. May Adonai lift up His face toward you and give your peace. {Nu 6:24-26}





## BLESSING *After Meal*

Have mercy, Lord our God, upon Israel Your people, upon Jerusalem Your city, upon Zion the abode of Your glory, upon the kingship of the house of David Your anointed, and upon the great holy House over which Your Name was proclaimed. Our God, our Father, nourish us, sustain us, feed us, and provide us with plenty; and speedily. Grant us relief from all our afflictions. Lord our God, please do not make us dependent upon the gifts of mortal men nor upon their loans, but only upon Your full, open, holy, and generous hand, that we may never be shamed or disgraced. We offer thanks to You, Lord our God, for having given as a heritage to our ancestors a precious, good and spacious land; for having brought us out, Lord our God, from the land of Egypt, and redeemed us from the house of bondage; for Your covenant which You have sealed in our flesh; for Your Torah which You have taught us; for Your statutes which You have made known to us; for the life, favor, and kindness which You have graciously bestowed upon us. The food we eat with which You constantly nourish and sustain us every day. Amen





PRAY

{Birkat HaMazon}

{Hebrew} Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheynu Melekh Ha'olam, hazzan et ha'olam, Kullo, b'tuvo, b'chevn, b'chesed uv'rachamim. Hu noteyn lechem l'khol basar, kil'olam chasddo. Harachaman hu Yanchleynu Yom shekulo Shabbat um'nuchah l'chayey Ha'olamim.

{English} Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who feeds the entire world in His goodness-with love, kindness, and mercy. He gives food to all people because His kindness lasts forever.

May the Merciful God let us inherit the Shabbat of the World to Come, which will be a complete rest day forever.



# Guide For Celebrating Chanukah



Hanukkah is a Jewish festival that commemorates the purification and rededication of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus on Kislev 25, 165 BC (usually in December)

Chanukah is Hebrew for Dedication.

Chanukah celebrates the re-dedication of Holy Temple. Also spelled Hanukkah {or variations of that spelling}. The Hebrew word is actually pronounced with a guttural, “kh” sound, kha-nu-kah, not tcha-new-kah.

Chanukah is Jewish eight day, wintertime “festival of lights” At the heart of the festival are the nightly menorah lighting, special prayers, and fried foods.

Chanukah celebrates with a nightly menorah lighting. The menorah holds 9 flames, one of which is the *shamash* {attendant}, which is used to kindle the other 8 lights. On the first night, we light just one flame. On the second night, an additional flame is lit. By the eighth night of Chanukah, all 8 lights are kindled. Learn to observe and celebrate this special time.



## COMMEMORATE *Chanukah*

In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in God. Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews, led by Judah the Maccabees, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God. Now the Maccabees returned to Jerusalem to liberate it. They entered the Temple and cleared it of the idols placed there by the Syrian vandals. Judah and his followers built a new altar, which he dedicated on the twenty-fifth of the month of Kishinev, in the year 3622 {139 B.C.E.}. Since the golden Menorah had been stolen by the Syrians, the Maccabees now made one of cheaper metal. When they wanted to light it, they found only a small cruse of pure olive oil bearing the seal of the High Priest Yochanan. It was sufficient to light only for one day. When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah {the seven-branched candelabrum}, they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks.



## MIRACLE *Dedication*

By a miracle of God, they lit the menorah and it continued to burn for 8 days, until new oil would be prepared under conditions of ritual purity and made available. That miracle proved that God had again taken His people under His protection. In memory of this, our sages appointed these 8 days for annual Thanksgiving and for lighting candles.

8 means the miracle of "New Beginnings"

The brightness of the first Chanukah light had dwindled down. But the holy fires on the altar burnt again in the Beit Hamikdash, from morning to morning, as prescribed by the Law. The priests were again busily officiating in the old customary ways, and day in, day out they prepared the offerings. Order and peace seemed established. But the songs of victory, which had filled the reclaimed Holy Temple with praise and gratitude for the merciful God, had ceased. The goal of the battle seemed reached, and Torah again was supreme law in Israel. Celebrations and festivity transformed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple. The Jewish people expressed their joy and gratitude to God in the form of psalms and offerings.





## SPECIAL Blessings

A menorah is lit in every household {or even by each individual within the household}. I remember watching my Grandmother placing the menorah in her windows. The menorah is also lit in synagogues and other public places. In recent years, thousands of jumbo menorahs have cropped up in front of city halls and legislative buildings, and in malls and parks all over the world. Special blessings are recited, often to a traditional melody, before the menorah is lit, and traditional songs are sung afterward. We recite the Hallel prayer daily and add V'Al HaNissim in our daily prayers and in the Grace After Meals. We offer praise and thanksgiving to God for "delivering the weak into the hands of the righteous." Grandparents hold a special place in the lives of their grandchildren. This unique connection allows grandparents the opportunity to impact the lives of their grandchildren in a positive and long-lasting way.  
{Deuteronomy 4:9}

I dedicate and honor in loving memory of my Grandparents Emily & Mike a special blessing for the love that they provided for our family.





## THE Menorah

The basic elements of a kosher menorah are 8 holders for oil or candles and an additional holder, set apart from the rest, for the shamash {"attendant"} candle. The Chanukah lights can either be candle flames or oil-fueled. Since the miracle of Chanukah happened with olive oil - the little cruse of oil that lasted for 8 days - an oil menorah is preferable to a candle one, and olive oil is the ideal fuel. Cotton wicks are preferred because of the smooth flame they produce. Whenever purchasing a mitzvah, we try to buy the most beautiful one that is within our means. So, if at all possible, go for the silver menorah. Beautifying a mitzvah is our way of expressing our appreciation to God and to show how dearly we hold HIS commandments. The 8 candles of the menorah must be arranged in a straight, even line, not in a zigzag or with some lights higher than others. If it is an oil menorah, the oil cups must hold enough oil to burn for the required time - at least 30 minutes on weeknights, and up to one-and-a-half hours on Friday evening.





## THE *Shamash*

Is the "attendant" candle that is used to kindle the other lights. The attendant candle sits a bit higher or lower than the other candles, on the ninth branch of the menorah. Many Jews have a tradition to use a beeswax candle for the *shamash*. Though the *shamash*'s primary function has been served once the candles have been lit, we don't extinguish the *shamash*. Instead, we set it in its place adjacent to the other lights, ready to "serve" in case a candle blows out. Another reason why we leave the *shamash* lit is that it is forbidden to use the Chanukah lights for any practical reason. This way, if a candle is needed, the *shamash* is available for use, preserving the sanctity of the mitzvah lights. If it is a candle menorah, the candles should be large enough to burn for the required time. Electric menorahs are great for display purposes, and are a wonderful medium for publicizing the Chanukah miracle. My Grandmother used 4 electric menorahs set on the windowsills of the home facing the streets and doorway. The Chanukah lights used to fulfill the mitzvah should be real flames fueled by wax or oil - like flames in the Holy Temple.







## CHANUKAH for *Wher*

Men, women and children alike are obligated to participate in the menorah lighting. In some families, the head of the household lights the family menorah while everyone else listens to the blessings and answers, "Amen."

In many other families, all members of the household, including children, light their own menorahs. Either way, it is important for everyone to be present and involved when the Chanukah miracle is festively commemorated.

Grandmother set up her electric menorahs for family, friends, neighbors and the public to enjoy the viewing. She took pride in displaying the festival of lights on all her windowsills and passage door way. It was safe for Grandmother to use electric menorahs.





## CELEBRATE *Where*

Light the menorah in your own home. There are two preferred locations for the menorah. You can set up the menorah in a central doorway. Place it on a chair or small table near the door post that is opposite the *mezuzah*. This way, when you pass through the doorway, you are surrounded by two mitzvot - the *mezuzah* and the menorah. Ideally, the menorah lights should be between 12 and 40 inches off the ground. Or you can set up your menorah on a windowsill facing the street. This option should only be exercised if the window is less than thirty feet above ground-level. For the travelers, you can set up your menorah wherever you will be staying the night. Staying in a Jewish home you have the option of giving your host a dollar as the symbolic contribution towards the menorah expenses. You will be covered by his/her menorah lighting - or better yet, light your own menorah, too. Two candles are more powerful than one! For Students who live in dormitories or their own apartments should kindle menorahs in their own rooms or in a communal dining area.





## CELEBRATE *When*

The Chanukah lights are kindled every night of Chanukah. The Maccabees chased away the forces of darkness with swords; we do it with light.

The custom of many communities is to light the menorah shortly after sunset. In other communities, the menorah is kindled after nightfall. The menorah must contain enough fuel to burn for at least thirty minutes after nightfall. *{Note: The standard Chanukah candles only last approximately 30 minutes. If using those candles, then light after nightfall every night}*

Regardless of the custom you follow on other Chanukah nights, on Friday night the menorah is lit before sunset, and on Saturday night it is lit after nightfall.

Only delay if you are awaiting the arrival of family members who wish to be present when the menorah is lit. The Chanukah lights may be lit as long as there are people in the streets, or as long as there is another family member awake to participate - but no later than one-half hour before dawn.





## LIGHTING *Menorah*

1. Arrange the lights on the menorah. Ensure that there is enough oil, or that the candles are big enough, for the lights to burn until half an hour after nightfall (or, if lighting after nightfall, for one-half hour). On the first night, set one candle to the *far right* of the menorah. On the following night, add a second light to the left of the first one, and then add one light each night of Chanukah - moving from right to left.
2. Gather everyone in the house around the menorah.
3. Light the *shamash* candle. Then hold it in your right hand (unless you are left-handed).
4. While standing, recite the appropriate blessings.
5. Light the candles. Each night, light the newest (left-most) candle first and continue lighting from left to right.



## PRAY Blessings

Before lighting the Chanukah candles, we thank God for giving us this special mitzvah, and incredible Chanukah miracles.

On the first night of Chanukah add the following blessing:

{Hebrew} Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

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

{Hebrew} Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-she- ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.

{English} Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.





The Lord Jesus observed the celebration of Hanukkah in the Temple during the winter of AD 29.

It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication. He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade. The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name. But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." Once again the people picked up stones to kill him. Jesus said, "At my Father's direction I have done many good works. For which one are you going to stone me?" They replied, "We're stoning you not for any good work, but for blasphemy! You, a mere man, claim to be God." Jesus replied, "It is written in your own Scriptures that God said to certain leaders of the people, 'I say, you are gods!' And you know that the Scriptures cannot be altered. So if those people who received God's message were called 'gods,' why do you call it blasphemy when I say, 'I am the Son of God'? After all, the Father set me apart and sent me into the world. Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father." Once again they tried to arrest him, but he got away and left them.

John 10:22-39





After you finish kindling the menorah lights, place the shamash candle in its designated place on the menorah. At this point, it is traditional to sing Chanukah hymns such as *Haneirot Halalu* and or *Maoz Tzur*.

Linger around the menorah for about half an hour {aside for Friday afternoon, when Shabbat preparations are in full gear}. Share some Chanukah stories with your family, enjoy a *dreidel* game and indulge in some traditional hot latkes {fried potato pancakes} or *sufganiot* {fried donuts}!

For the first half hour after the candles are lit {or until half an hour after nightfall, if the menorah was lit before dark} the menorah should not be transferred from its place. If a flame dies out during this time, it is best to relight it. After this time, the menorah can be moved if necessary, and there's no need to rekindle extinguished flames.

Many women refrain from performing household chores during the first half hour that the lights are burning, to honor the brave Jewish women who played a significant role in the Chanukah victory.





## PUBLIC Menorah

In addition to the menorahs placed in the doorways and windows of Jewish homes, the sages instituted the practice of lighting the menorah in synagogues in order to further publicize the Chanukah miracle. The synagogue menorah is placed near the sanctuary's southern wall {reminiscent of the Temple menorah that was also located along the sanctuary's southern wall} and kindled before sunset following immediately after the afternoon time prayers.

Those in attendance in the synagogue, even the one who actually kindles the menorah and recites the blessings, have not fulfilled their personal menorah lighting obligation. They are still required to kindle the menorah at home.

Ideally, the synagogue menorah should be rekindled in the morning, so that it remains lit throughout the day whenever people are present.







'In the beginning, God said, 'Let There Be Light'

This initial statement is rather the mandate of all Creation. The ultimate goal and purpose of creation are that the Divine Light shines throughout the world, transforming everything, even darkness itself, so that it, too, will shine.

Let this little light of mine, I am going to let it shine. Amen.

I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were already burning!

{ Luke 12:49 }

"Ignite your lamp and  
enkindle the flame of love  
in those without hope."  
*Dawn Ezelle*



## Light of Shabbat Chanukah *enkindles*

On Shabbat Chanukah, the Shabbat that occurs during Chanukah, two sets of lights are kindled in the Jewish home: the menorah is lit, followed by the Shabbat candles. Requirements for two mitzvahs:

- The menorah is kindled by the men and boys of the house {though if a man is not present it may be kindled by a woman}.
- Shabbat candles are lit by women and girls {though, again, if a woman is not present, a man may light them}
- In fulfillment of the commandment to publicize the miracle of Chanukah, the menorah is placed in a doorway or window so that it is visible from the outside. Many communities stage public menorah lightings in parks, city squares, and shopping malls.
- Shabbat candles are lit in the inner sanctum of the home, often on the table where the meal will be served.
- The blessing over the menorah is sung out loud, followed by boisterous songs and celebration.
- The blessing over Shabbat candles is usually said in a quiet voice and is followed by several moments of silent prayer, as the woman of the house requests blessings for her family.

Behind these requirements lies a deep kabbalistic significance that reflects the spiritual energies of the participants. Feminine spiritual energy is focused internally, while masculine energy tends to be external.



In the Jewish home, the woman enhances the internal peace and spirituality of the home by lighting the Shabbat candles.

Lighting the Chanukah menorah, the man publicizes the spirituality of Chanukah as a message to be spread externally. These two mitzvahs harness the spiritual energies of men and women in a divinely determined way to best effect.

Two sets of candles, two very different mitzvahs. Yet the end result is the same: a match is held to a wick, a flame is kindled, darkness recedes and the Holy Spirit enkindles the inner hearts. The Torah recognizes that men and women bring different energies to the task of perfecting the world. Working together, harnessing the unique qualities God gave. Creating enough light to banishing darkness forever and ignite inner peace & joy.

"Woman enkindle Holy Spirit peace,  
love, and joy into the home"  
*Dawn Ezelle*



## BIBLE VERSES *enkindles* Light

The light used to symbolize God, faith or holiness. Throughout scripture, these Bible verses gain a better understanding and interpretation of the positive notion light has in the Bible. (NLT)

**Psalms 119:105** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

**Matthew 4:16** the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined."

**Matthew 5:16** In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**John 1:5** the light shines on the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

**John 8:12** Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."



**1 John 1:5-9** This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**Psalms 27:1** The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

**John 12:35-37** Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.” After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them. But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in him.



**Ephesians 5:4** Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

**Luke 11:34-35** “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when it is unhealthy, your body is filled with darkness. Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness.

**Psalms 119:130** The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

**John 12:36-37** Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.” After saying these things, Jesus went away and was hidden from them.

**James 1:17** Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.



**1 Peter 2:9** But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Revelations 21:23** And the city have no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

## Holy Spirit Fire

**Matthew 3:11** "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater than I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Luke 3:16** John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



"You can be serving or  
working for God and  
still miss God"

*Dawn Ezelle*



Even good things do not have the power to hold your life together when the heat is on. And that is why your life starts falling apart.

Your heart is designed to contain God. God wants to live inside of you but when your LIFE is filled with other things, there's no room in your heart for God. This means you're not plugged into God's Holy Spirit power. That is why you worry, you're tired, and stressed out all the time. The same thing is true in the HEART. Your heart was made to contain God, but when you fill it with worry, stress, and guilt, there is no room for God. There is a hole in our heart that only God can fill. We were made to be connected to our Creator. We were made to know God and to be filled with His Holy Spirit power. The Bible says that the nonspiritual person has no room for the gifts that come from God. It's not that God doesn't want to give them to you; it's that you can't handle the gifts because your heart is filled with so many other things.

As we enter this New Year, now is the time to de-clutter your life.



"But people who aren't  
spiritual can't receive these  
truths from God's spirit. It all  
sounds foolish to them and  
they can't understand it, for  
only those who are spiritual  
can understand what the  
Spirit means."

I Corinthians 2:14

"Are Jews saved because they are God's chosen people?"

Will Jews go to Heaven even if they do not trust in Jesus?"

### ANSWER

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by Me" {John 14:6}. The "no one" He referred to includes Jews and Gentiles. Jews are God's chosen people, but this does not automatically make all Jews saved. Rather, those who are saved are saved because they believe in Jesus Christ as their true Messiah. There are many Messianic Jews who have accepted Yeshua {the Hebrew word for "Jesus"} as their Messiah.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path."  
Psalms 119:105



However, there is no doubt that the Jews are still God's chosen people. "For you are holy people unto the LORD your God: the LORD your God hath chosen you to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers..." (Deuteronomy 7:6-8).

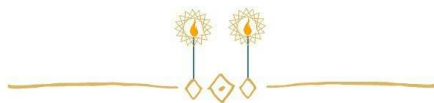
From all the nations and people on the earth, why exactly did God "choose" the Jews? John Gill, in his *Exposition of the Entire Bible*, says the Jews were "chosen for special service and worship, and to enjoy special privileges and benefits, civil and religious; though they were not chosen to special grace... or eternal glory." The Jews were chosen to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth (Genesis 12).



The Jews were chosen to be a light to the Gentiles. So then, are all Jews just because they are Jews? According to many modern rabbinical scholars, the Christian concept of salvation from sin has no equal in Judaism.

Judaism does not believe that man, by his nature, is evil or sinful and therefore believes that man has no need to be “saved” from an eternal damnation. In fact, most Jews today do not believe in a place of eternal punishment or a literal hell.

The Hebrew root word for is chayt, which literally means “to miss the mark.” It is a term commonly used in archery, of one who “misses the mark” of the bull’s-eye. When a Jew misses the mark and occasionally falls into the sin of failing to fulfill the laws of God, the belief is that he can obtain forgiveness through prayer, repentance and do good deeds.



Yes, Jews and Gentiles both need Salvation in Yeshua {Jesus the messiah}. I Declare myself a follower of Yeshua. I have a 10% Jewish ancestry within my generational bloodline. I received my Salvation and I wasn't born Christian. I lived in a Christian home grew up learning from my Grandmother Jewish traditions and celebrate every Holy Holiday. Although Grandmother spoke English and Yiddish she hid much of her childhood memories from the family.

*As a young girl, I received water baptize and salvation by faith. I, myself, have struggled with darkness, despair, persecution, and unbelief for what seemed an eternity. Late into my teenage years, I grew closer to God.*

One day on Resurrection Sunday 2000, Dr. Pastor Rodney Howarde Browne prayed over my life. I was baptized with Holy Spirit at The River Church, Tampa Fl. He said, "Never the same." And, He was right. Since that very moment, my life was never the same. I soon found out that God was real and The Holy Spirit had been with me all the time. That day my journey with God has just begun. Through time, God brought me into a close intimate relationship with HIM. I witnessed many healing, miracles, operating in the Spiritual Gifts, Salvations & people being delivered from sin. Growing up in a Christian home, My Grandmother would take me to the Catholic Church, Synagogues, Jewish events, funerals and weddings. Growing up I never really understood the Jewish traditions and why the mixed religion.



Our family favorite memories and traditions also center around food – sweet honey cake at Rosh Hashanah, crispy potato latkes at Hanukkah, tender matzah balls at Passover and so much more. Our family enjoyed celebrating the High Holy Holidays, especially in the Fall when the festival of lights began. I never understood why it was such a great event but big secret as Grandmother placed menorah candles in all the windows. Grandfather would bring the family donuts on Holidays and every Saturday after morning service. I learned that my great grandmother lived during the depression at time of holocaust. That explained Grandparent's secret.

Fall of 2007, God revealed more to my spirit of my family Jewish traditions. My heart grew to know more and truly love the High Holy Holidays. The Lord lead me to a local Messianic Church that taught the Jewish roots.

On October 10th, 2010, I was overlooking the city of Jerusalem as preparations being made to enter into Shabbat. I had a revelation that evening with more understanding about my family ancestry. During my visit to Israel I learned and discovered the mysteries of Jewish heritage.

Today, I am blessed and grateful for the long life journey God planned for my life. I pray that you will open your heart to receive all that God has for your life while you travel into your destiny.

-Dawn Ezelle-



I Encourage you to read the New Testament. Salvation comes by believing God's word and receiving His free gift of salvation in Yeshua, {Jesus the Messiah}.

Here are four statements from the Holy Bible that you need to believe and agree in order to get saved.

1. The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; [There is] none who does good, No, not one" (Psalm 14:2-3). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

"I agree with the Bible and admit before God that I am a sinner. I do not meet God's standard of goodness. I know that I can never be good enough on my own."

2. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden [His] face from you so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). "For the wages of sin [is] death, but the gift of God [is] eternal life in Messiah Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23.)





"I agree with the Bible and believe that because I am a sinner I am separated from God. I deserve the punishment of death and need Godly forgiveness and His gift of eternal life.

3. He [was] wounded for our transgressions, [He was] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace [was] upon Him, And by His stripes, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us" (Romans 5:8).

"I agree with the Bible and believe that Jesus the Messiah died to pay the penalty for my sins."

4. . "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) "But as many, as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." (John 1:12)



## I Want to Get Saved!

If you believed with the above four statements and are ready to get saved.

We invite you to confirm your beliefs by praying the following prayer. You can pray out loud or silently in your heart to God:

God, I admit that I have sinned against you. I believe Jesus died and rose again from the dead to pay the penalty for my sins. With this prayer, I receive Jesus as my Savior and my Lord. In His name, please forgive me of all my sins. Thank you God for cleansing me of all my sin and giving me a brand new life, peace and eternal life through Messiah Jesus. Please help me to live my life for you and to be faithful in learning to trust you and love you more each day. Amen."

Please contact us if  
You Prayed To Receive Yeshua {Jesus The Messiah} into  
your heart



Are you Jewish? {circle}

Yes

No

Do you believe in Jesus? {circle}

Yes

No

Message:

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"Not seen in the physical  
is the hidden hand of God working  
for you in the Spiritual"

*Dawn Ezelle*

May Adonai bless you  
and keep you.

May adonai make His face  
shine on you and show you His  
favor. May Adoni lift up His  
face toward you and give you  
peace. {Num 6:24-26}



Shabbatt Shalom!

Dawn

## AUTHOR *Profile*



For as long as I can remember, I've been insatiably amazed about the promises are written in God's Word. I wanted to know what exactly is it that makes people genuinely joyful, successful, prosperous and creatively fulfilled? Why do some people struggle while others find a way to thrive, often despite the most challenging circumstances? I was also passionate about a multitude of seemingly unconnected things: writing, entrepreneurship, creativity, wellness, fitness, spirituality, inspiration, acting, flying, and philanthropy just to name a few.

After several failed attempts at corporate jobs and a lot of angst trying to choose just one thing to be in life, I realized that my unusual combination of interests, gifts, and talent was a strength, not a liability. I gave up the corporate 9-5, began self-employment and daily doing multitude work for GOD as the Holy Spirit leads, while slowly building an Inspirational ministry from the ground up. I later coined the term "Multi-Passionate Entrepreneur" because I just didn't {and never will} fit into a conventional box. From working the non-stop demanding floor as Rehab Director to establishing a durable medical company, to the fields of the sports industry, onto chart the international movie database (IMDb) with many opportunities from movies to singing in live musicals. I finally start penning self-publishing books online. I founded Inspiring Today in 2017. I'm undeniable proof traditional rules were made to be broken over and over with the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe that whether you are a business owner, stay at home mom, career women or not, a creative wise approach is critical to fully blossom in this world to experience the fullness of a joyful life you deserve. Most importantly, I believe that no matter what your dreams or obstacles, through the Holy Spirit you have the power to change your life and your world. This philosophy, hard-work, faith, and Holy Spirit grace lead to some wonderful milestones in my life. Every day set your feet upon the rock that God provides.

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In us the fire of your love.

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit.

*"You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings  
on the sabbath day."*

*Exodus 35:3*

What is Shabbat? What is the Sabbath? How do we keep it Holy? This little book will help the reader of all ages learning to en kindle the light and keeping the Sabbath Day Holy.

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Holy Spirit set a fire within my heart.

*"Bring your lamp to those without light, en kindle  
the flame of love in those without hope."*