

Havdalah with Beth-El Zedeck

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If Not Now (based on Pirkei Avot 1:14)

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Refrain: *If not now, tell me when (2x)*
We may never see this moment
Or place in time again
If not now, if not now, tell me when.

I see sorrow and trouble in this land (2x)
Although there will be struggle we'll make the change we can.
If not now, if not now, tell me when.
I may never see the promised land. (2x)
And yet we'll take the journey
And walk it hand in hand
If not now, if not now, tell me when.

Refrain

So we'll work it 'til it's done,
Every daughter every son,
Every soul that ever longed for something better, something brighter.

It will take a change of heart for this to mend. (2x)
But miracles do happen every shining now and then
If not now, if not now, tell me when? (2x)

◇ *V'im lo achshav, eimatai?* ◇



Havdalah Blessings

Blessing Over the Wine/Grape Juice

(Lift the cup of wine or grape juice, and recite the blessing:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who creates fruit of the vine.



Blessing Over the Spices

(Hold up the spice box, and recite the blessing:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי בְשָׂמִים

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, borei minei v'samim.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who creates fragrant spices.



Blessing Over the Havdalah Candle

(Lift the Havdalah candle, and recite the blessing:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, borei m'orei ha-eish.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who creates lights of fire.



(Hold the Havdalah candle, and recite the blessing:)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל, בֵּין אֹר לְחֹשֶׁךְ בֵּין יוֹם
הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעֲשֵׂה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol,
bein or l'choshech, bein yom hash-vi-i l'sheishet y'mei hama'aseh.*

Baruch atah Adonai, hamavdil bein kodesh l'chol.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who distinguishes between the holy and the ordinary, between light and darkness, and between the seventh day and the six days of creation.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who distinguishes the holy and the everyday.

(Sip the wine/grape juice, then extinguish the candle in the remaining wine/juice.)



אַלְיָהוּ הַנָּבִיא, אַלְיָהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי, אַלְיָהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי בְּמַהֲרָה יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד

Eliyahu ha-navi, Eliyahu ha-tishbi, Eliyahu ha-giladi.
Bimheirah b'yameinu, yavo eileinu, im Mashiach ben David (2x).

*May Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead,
quickly in our day come to us heralding redemption.*



Shavuah Tov! A good week, a week of peace, may gladness reign and joy increase.



Counting the Omer

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוֵּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעֹמֶר.

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al sefirat ha'omer.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctifies us with mitzvot,
and commands us concerning the counting of the Omer.

הַיּוֹם אֶחָד וְשְׁלוֹשִׁים יוֹם שָׁהֵם אַרְבָּעָה שָׁבִיעוֹת וְשְׁלֹשָׁה יָמִים לָעֹמֶר

Hayom echad u-sh'loshim yom shehem arba'ah shavuot ush'loshah yamim la-omer.

Today is 31 days—four weeks and three days of the *omer*.

