Shabbat Evening Services

Lo Yisa Goy

Ay...oh...oh...ay....

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev
Lo yil'm'du od milchama.

Don't walk in front of me I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me I may not lead.
Just walk beside me and be my friend,
And together we will walk in the path of Hashem.

Nation shall not lift sword against nation, nor ever again shall they train for war (Isaiah 2:4).

Each Shabbat...as we wake up, 100,000 American children wake up homeless. Every 43 seconds...about the time it takes for us to recite the V'ahavta...an American baby is born into poverty. Every 19 minutes...while we listen to the sermon...a baby dies in America. Every 60 seconds...as we sing the Aleinu...a baby is born to a teenage mother. And every 13 hours...before we go back to sleep each night...an American preschooler is murdered.

Yet through this darkness shine beacons of light – parents, family, friends, child care providers, coaches, teachers, and mentors, all who serve our nation’s children.

Candle Blessing

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
Asher kid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu
L'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Praised be our Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with Mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the lights of Shabbat.

In foretelling God's redemption of the people of Israel after their exile, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "All your children shall be disciples of the Lord, and great shall be their happiness." However, the Rabbis said, "The word should not be read 'children' (banayikh); it should rather be read 'builders' (bonayikh). For the children of a nation are the builders of its future."

Our children may be the builders of the world, but we are entrusted to be the builders of our children. During the last verse of L’cha Dodi, the congregation turns around and faces the door to welcome the Shabbat spirit into the room. Tonight, as we join with congregations throughout the nation celebrating the 2002 National Observance of the Children’s Sabbath, let
us also turn and symbolically welcome all the bonim, builders, all the banim, children, and all those who teach children to build.

L'cha Dodi
L'cha dodi lik-rat kalah, p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah.
Shamor v'zachor b'dibur ehad, Hish-mianu El ham'yuchad;
Adonai ehad, ush'mo ehad, L'sheim ul-tif'eret v'lit'hilah.

Lik'rat Shabbat l'chu v'neil'chah, Ki hi m'kor hab'rachah
Meirosh mikedem n'suchah, Sof ma'aseh b'machashava t'chila.

Hitor'ri, hitor'ri, Ki va oreich! Kumi ori
Uri uri, shir dabeiri; K'vod Adonai alayich niglah.

Boi v'shalom, ateret ba'lah;
Gam b'simchah uv'tzoholah
Toch emunei am s'gula,
Boi chala! Boi chala!

Reader's Kaddish
Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat. Keep and Remember: a single command, the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is One, God’s name is One, for honor and glory and praise. Come with me to meet Shabbat, forever a fountain of blessing. Still it flows, as from the start: the last of days, for which the first was made. Awake, awake, your light has come! Arise, shine, awake and sing; the Eternal’s glory dawns upon you. Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter, O bride! ✦✦
Let the glory of God be extolled, and God’s great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen. Let God’s great name be praised for ever and ever. Beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter is the Holy One, the Blessed One, whom yet we glorify, honor and exalt. And let us say: Amen.

SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

Call to Worship
Bar'chu et Adonai ham’vorach!
Baruch Adonai ham’vorach l’olam vaed!

Praised be the One, to whom our praise is due! Praised be the One, to whom our praise is due, now and forever!

By the breath of children, God sustains the world.
- Talmud Bavli, Shabbat 119b

Dear GOD,
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So I bet he
stole your idea.
Sincerely, Donna

Dear GOD,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! -Eugene

Creation
Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, Asher bid'varo ma'ariv aravim, b'choch'ma poteiach sh'arim, uvit'vuna m'shanah itim, umachalif et haz'manim, um'sadeir et hakochavim, b'mish'm'roteihem barakia kir'tzono. Borei yom valaila goleil or mip'nei choshech v'choshech mip'nei or, uma'avir yom umeivi laila, umav'dil bein yom uvein laila, Adonai tz'vaot shemo. El chai v'kayam, tamid yim'loch aleinu l'olam vaed. Baruch ata, Adonai, hama'ariv aravim.

Praised be our Eternal God, Ruler of the universe, whose word brings on the evening twilight. With wisdom You open heaven’s gates, and with understanding You make the ages pass and the seasons alternate; Your will controls the stars as they travel through the skies. You are Creator of day and night, rolling light away from darkness, and darkness from light; You cause day to pass and bring on the night; separating day from night; You command the hosts of heaven! May the living and eternal God rule us always, to the end of time! We praise You, O Eternal One, whose word makes evening fall.

...We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothing under the bed, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, whose tears sometimes make us laugh, and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, who live and move, but have no being.
We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those who never give up and for those who don’t get a second chance, for those we smother and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it. –Adapted from Ina Hughes

Speak up for (those unable to speak), for the rights of all the unfortunate. Speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

The Koretzer Rebbe said: In the Shema we recite Set these words...upon your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children...When these words go forth from your heart, they will truly influence your children for good. – Chasidic

Sh'ma
Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.
Baruch sheim k'vod mal'chuto l'olam vaed.

V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha, b'chol l'av'cha u'v'chol naf'sh'cha u'v'chol m'odecha.
V'hayu had'varim ha'eileh asher anochi m'tzav'cha hayom al l'vavecha.
V'shinantam l'vanecha v'dibarta bam, b'shiv't'cha b'veitecha u'v'lecht'cha vaderech
uv'shoch'b'cha u'v'kumecha. Uk'shartam l'ot al yadecha v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha.
Uch'tav'tam al m'zuzot beitecha u'vish'arecha.
L'ma'an tizk'ru va'asitem et kol mitz'votai v'hiyitem k'doshim leiloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem asher hotzeiti et'chem me'eretz Mitz'rayim lih'yot lachem leilohim. Ani Adonai eloheichem.

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.
Baruch sheim k'vod mal'chuto l'olam vaed.

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God, the Eternal God alone!
Blessed is God’s glorious majesty for ever and ever!
- All are seated -
You shall love your Eternal God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. And all these words which I command you on this day shall be upon your heart. And you shall teach them diligently to your children. And you shall speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand. And they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and upon your gates. So that you will remember and do all My commandments and be holy to your God. I am your Eternal God who led you out of Egypt to be your God. I am your Eternal God.

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Numbers 15:40-41

Throughout the ages, the Jewish people have faced great challenges, have had many obstacles to overcome, many seas to cross. While we are free tonight, there are many children who are slaves to poverty, hunger, disease, violence, neglect, and fear. Many children are still forced to work day and night, not allowed to have a childhood. We must help everyone, young and old, to cross the sea to freedom.

Dear Lord,

Be good to me. The sea is so WIDE and my boat is so small.

Redemption

Mi chamocha ba'eilim Adonai? Mi-kamocha, Ne'dar bakodesh, Nora t'hilot, oseh feleh?

Who is like You, Eternal One, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

Malchutcha ra'u vanecha, bokei'a yam lifnei Mosheh; “Zeh eili!” anu v'am'ru: “Adonai yim'loch l'olam va'ed!”

“Your children saw Your sovereign might displayed as you split the sea before Moses. “This is my God!” they cried. “The Eternal will reign for ever and ever!” (Exodus 15:2,18)


And it has been said: The Eternal delivered Jacob and redeemed us from the hand of one stronger than ourselves (Jeremiah 31:10). Blessed is the Eternal God, Redeemer of Israel.

Sabbath Covenant

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V’sham’ru v’nei Yisrael et haShabbat, La’asot et- haShabbat l’ dorotam b’rit olam.
Beini uvein b’nei Yisrael ot hi l’olam, Ki sheishet yamim asah Adonai
Et-hashamayim v’et-ha’aretz, Uvayom hash’vii shavat vayinafash.

The people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath in every generation as a covenant for all time. It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel, for in six days the Eternal One made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day God rested and was refreshed. (Exodus 31:16-17)

There was a little girl who, as she was leaving the synagogue, turned to her mother and said, “Mommy, the rabbi’s sermon confused me.” The mother replied, “Oh? Why is that?” The little girl told her, “Well, the rabbi said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true, Mommy?” “Yes, that’s true, honey.” “And the rabbi also said that God lives in us. Is that true?” Again, the mother answered, “Yes.” “Well,” said the little girl, “If God is bigger than we are and lives in us, wouldn’t God show through?”

When the children are blessed, their parents by this very token are blessed.
-Zohar,i, 227b

Dear GOD,
I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.
–Nan

- All rise -

**AMIDAH אמשה

Avot v’Imahot

Adonai, s’fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t’hilatecha.

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your glory (Psalms 51:17).

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Veilohei avoteinu V’imoteinu. Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak,
Melech ozeir umoshia umagein.
Baruch Atah, Adonai, magen Avraham v’ezerat Sarah.

Praised be our God, the God of our fathers and our mothers: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebekah, God of Leah and God of Rachel; great, mighty, and awesome God, God supreme. Ruler of all the living, Your ways are ways of love. You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children’s children for the sake of your name. You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Redeemer and Shield. We praise You, Adonai, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.

G’vurot
Atah gibor l’olam Adonai, m’chayei hakol atah, Rav l’hosha. M’chalkeil chayim b’chesed, m’chayei hakol b’rachamim rabim. Someich noflim, v’rofeh cholim, umatir asurim, um’kayeim emunato lisheinei afar. Mi chamocha, ba’al g’vurot, umi domeh lach, melech meimit um’chayey umatzmiach y’shua?
V’ne’eman atah l’hachayot hakol. Baruch atah, Adonai, m’chayeh hakol.
Eternal is Your might, O God; all life is Your gift. Great is Your power to save! With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick; You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like you, O Mighty One, and who is equal to you, O Master of life and death, Source of Salvation? You are praised Eternal One, Master of all life.

God's Holiness

Atah kadosh v' shimcha kadosh

Uk'doshim b' chol-yom y' hal'lucha: Selah!

Baruch atah Adonai, haEl hakadosh.

You are holy, Your name is holy, and those who strive to be holy declare Your glory day by day.

We praise You, Eternal One, the holy God.

Dear GOD, Who draws the lines around the countries? - Nan

Peace

Shalom rav al Yisrael am'cha tasim l'olam,

Ki Atah Hu Melech Adon l'chol hashalom.

V'tov b'einecha l'vareich et-am'cha Yisrael

(v'et-kol-ha'amim)

B'chol eit u'chol sha'ah bish'lomecha.

Baruch Atah Adonai Ham'varech et amo Yisrael bashalom.

O Sovereign Source of Peace, let Israel Your people know enduring peace, for it is good in Your sight continually to bless Israel (and all peoples) with Your peace.

We praise You, O Eternal, for You bless Israel with peace.

When I was too young to read and could only listen,

I prayed silently and you listened;

When I learned to read but the words I did not understand,

I prayed silently and you understood;

When I studied my Aleph-Bet but my Hebrew was jumbled,

I prayed silently and you were not confused;

Now I am older and I have thoughts for which I still do not know the words,

I pray silently and know that you will hear.

- We pause for Silent Prayer -

We pray for…

Robert, who lives in a rat-infested apartment in the South and feels only hopelessness and disgrace.

Troy, a young inner-city boy seen wearing a T-shirt that said, "Shoot me. I'm already dead."

Alison, a six year old who suffers from a rare seizure disorder who may lose federal assistance due to threatened government cutbacks.
All children, especially those who suffer from lack of a home or food or clothing or education or adequate health care.
We pray for all these children, as well as for our family members and friends who are ill, for those amongst us who are ill, for those whom we do not know who are ill, all who have a sickness of the body, the spirit, or the mind.

Mi Shebeirach
Mi shebeirach Avoteinu m'kor hab'racha L'imoteinu.

May the source of Strength, Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach Imoteinu m'kor habracha l'Avoteinu.

Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leima, The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say, Amen.

Oseh Shalom
Oseh shalom bim'romav, hu ya'aseh shalom
Aleinu v'al kol Yisrael v'imru: Amen.

May the one who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world and let us say Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

One who teaches a child Torah is considered to have taught that child and that child's children and grandchildren, to the end of the generations. Kiddushin 30a

Rabbi Meir said: When the Israelites came to receive the Torah, God said to them, "Bring me good sureties that you will observe it." They answered, "Our ancestors shall be our sureties." God replied, "Your sureties need sureties themselves. I have found fault with them." They answered, "Our prophets shall be our sureties." God replied, "I have found fault with them also." Then the Israelites said, "Our children will be our sureties." They proved acceptable and God gave Israel the Torah.

Dear GOD,
I do not think anybody could be a better GOD. Well, I just want You to know but I am not just saying that because You are GOD already.
-Charles
- All rise -

**Aleinu**

Aleinu l'shabeiach la'adon hakol, lateit g'dula l'yotzeir b'reisheet, shelo asanu k'goyei ha'aratzon, velo Samanu k'mish'p'chot ha'adamah; shelo sam Chelkeinu kahem, v'goraleinu k'chol hamonam. Va'anachnu kor'im umish'tachavim umodim lif'nei melech mal'chei ham'lachim, hakadosh baruch hu.

We must praise the God of all, the Maker of heaven and earth, who has set us apart from the other families of the earth, giving us a destiny unique among the nations. Therefore we bow in awe and thanksgiving before the One who is sovereign over all, the Holy and Blessed One.

**Bayom Hahu**

Though the time be far I know that come it will, When each nation shall each other bless and peace the earth shall fill.

Chorus:
And God shall reign over the earth, on that day God shall be one, And Your name it shall be one. Bayom hahu yih’yeh Adonai echad, ush’mo echad Bayom hahu yih’yeh Adonai echad

On that dawn of peace we’ll smash the spear of war, and everyone beneath a vine and fig shall be afraid no more. (Chorus)

And it shall come to pass that peace is what we’ll find, Then we’ll join our hands with everyone across the border line. (Chorus)
God, please forgive and transform our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.

God, please forgive and transform our powerful nation where toddlers and schoolchildren die from guns sold quite legally.

God, please forgive and transform our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.
God, please forgive and transform our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.

God, please forgive and transform our rich nation that thinks security rests in missiles rather than in mothers, and in bombs rather than in babies.

God, please help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight.

Help us to do what is just and right in Your sight for all the children of America and the world so that peace with justice will prevail and no child is left behind.

-Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)

Dear GOD,
You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways.
-Dean

Dear GOD,
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have now? -Jane

We recall the loved ones whose lives have been taken from us, those who have died in this season in years past, and those whom we have taken into our hearts…. On this evening, we especially recall all the children whose lives were taken too soon. We say the Kaddish for those children whose family and friends miss them, and for those children who have nobody to say the Kaddish for them. We pray that the day may come when each of God's creatures shall live a full, meaningful, happy life and we remember that each life is worth the life of the world entire. Loving God, we praise your name.

_Adapted from opening prayer by Marian Wright Edelman, 1998_
Mourner's Kaddish

Yitgadal v’yi’t’kadash sh’mei rabah.
B’alma div’ra chirutei, v’yam’lich mal’chutei
b’chayeichon uv’yomeichon uv’chayei d’chol beit
yisrael, ba’agalah uviz’man kariv, v’im’ru: Amen.

Y’hei sh’meih rabah m’vorach l’alam u’lal’mei al’maya.

Yit’bara ha’ch’ruch va’em’mu’kha v’yayn’vili v’yi’t’romam
v’yi’t’nasei v’yit’aleh v’yi’t’halal sh’meih
d’kud’sha, B’rich Hu, L’eila min kol bir’chata
v’shirata tush’b’chata v’nechemata da’amiran
B’alma v’im’ru: Amen.

Y’hei sh’lama raba min sh’maya v’chayim aleinu
V’al kol Yisrael v’im’ru: Amen.

Oseh shalom bim’romav, hu ya’aseh shalom
Aleinu v’al kol Yisrael v’imru: Amen.

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God’s great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen. Let God’s great name be praised for ever and ever. Beyond all praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter is the Holy One, the Blessed One, whom yet we glorify, honor and exalt. And let us say: Amen. For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen. May the One who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world and let us say: Amen.
and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

- All are seated -

For every child, the spiritual and moral training to help him or her stand firm under the pressures of life.
For every child, a home and the love and security that a home provides.
For every child, health protection, health care, and protective measures against disease.
For every child, a community that recognizes every child's worth and plans for his or her needs.
For every child, a school that is safe and provides ample learning experiences and opportunities to succeed.
For every child, an education from school, home, community, and congregation.
For every child, the right to grow up free from hatred and racism and inequality based on gender or class.
For every child, safe neighborhoods in which to play, work, and live, free from fear and violence.
For every child, the right to grow up in a family with an adequate standard of living.

Emperor Hadrian saw an old man cutting down shrubs in order to plant saplings. He said to him, “Old man! What is your age?” He answered, “One hundred.” “You are 100 years old and you stand here cutting down trees in order to plant saplings? Do you think you will eat of their fruits?” He replied, “If I am worthy, I shall eat. If not, just as my parents toiled for me, so shall I toil for my children.”

-Kohelet Rabba

YOUR YOUTH SHALL SEE VISIONS

Childhood was for fantasies,
For nursery rhymes and toys.
The world was much too busy
To understand small girls and boys.
As I grew up I came to learn
That life was not a game,
That heroes were just people
That we called another name.

And the old shall dream dreams,
And the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky,
We must live for today, we must build for tomorrow,
Give us time, give us strength, give us life!

Now I'm grown the years have passed,
I've come to understand,
There're choices to be made,
And my life's at my command.
I cannot have a future
Till I embrace my past.
I promise to pursue the challenge
Time is going fast. And the old shall...

Today's the day I take my stand,
The future's mine to hold.
Commitments that I make today
Are dreams from days of old.
I have to make the way
For generations come and go
I have to teach them what I've learned
So they will come to know that the old shall…

Shabbat Shalom!
שלום שבת