SHAVUOT SIDDUR

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SHAVUOT

THE FEAST OF WEEKS

The word Shavuot in Hebrew means Weeks, which comes from the Hebrew word *"Sheva,"* the Hebrew word for the number seven, the number of completion and perfection. This feast is closely associated with the number seven. Seven weeks after the waving of the barley firstfruits, Yisra'el celebrated this feast in late spring. This feast is also called the feast of the harvest of the First Fruits (Shemoth (Exodus) 23:16, 34:22). In Christianity this feast is called by its Greek name Pentecost meaning fifty. It was during this time that the bulk of the crops were harvested.

The Scriptural command for this feast is found in Wayiqra (Leviticus) 23:16-21.

"Until the next day after the last week shall you number fifty days, and you shall offer a new grain offering to יהוה. You shall bring out of your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with chametz; they are the bikkurim to יהוה. And you shall offer with the lechem seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bull, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering to יהוה, with their grain offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet fragrance to יהוה. Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of shalom offerings. And the kohen shall wave them with the lechem of the bikkurim for a wave offering before יהוה, with the two lambs. They shall be kadosh to יהוה for the kohen. And you shall proclaim on the same day, that it may be a miqra kodesh to you: you shall do no laborious work on it: it shall be a chuk le-olam-va-ed in all your dwellings throughout your generations."

You will need the following for this ceremony.

- A white table cloth.
- Two small to medium-sized candles or lamps.
- A bottle of grape juice since grape juice is the biblical choice, and if not available, another fruit juice will suffice.
- A goblet or cup.
- A cup or glass for each participant.
- Two small to medium-sized candles or lamps.
- Two loaves of *challah*, a specially baked braided bread that is available from a Jewish store, or you can bake your own using a recipe off the internet and if it is not available, then use two medium-size white bread rolls.
- A plate of salt.
- A bowl.
- A small white towel.
- A jug of clean water.

Set these items out over the table on a white table cloth or the best that you have. Pour the grape juice into the goblet and place the bread under a small white cloth near the salt in front of the person performing the ceremony. Place the bowl, jug of water, and towel in front of the person performing the ceremony. Place the two candles on the table or on another table near your table. You are now ready!

THE OPENING

At sunset

HADLEKAT NEIROT

The sanctification prayer for lighting the candles

Mother or Daughter or Leader lights the candles and says:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher kid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu (v'tzivunu - for a male) l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat veh shel Yom Tov.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who sanctified us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the lights of Shabbat and the festival lights.

Once the candles are lit, it is customary to leave it alight until it naturally runs out.

BIRKHOT AHARONI

The Aharonic priestly blessing

The Father or Leader gives the Priestly blessing:

Yevarekh'kha יהוה v'yishme'rekha,
Yah-er יהוה panav elekha v'yechunekha,
Yisaah יהוה panav elechah v'yasem lekhah shalom.

"YHWH bless you, and keep you,
YHWH make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you,
YHWH lift up His countenance upon you, and give you shalom."

VAY'CHULU

The sanctification prayer for the Shabbat day

The Father or Leader reads a portion of Beresheeth (Genesis) 2:1-3:

Yay'hee erev ya'hee voker yom hashishi. Vay'khulu hashamayim v'ha'aretz v'chol tzeva'am. Vay'khal Elohim bayom hash'vi, m'lachto asher asa. Vayishbot bayom hash'vi'i mikol m'lachto asher asa. Vay'vareich Elohim et yom hash'vi'i vay'kadeish oto. Ki vo shavat mikol-melakh'to asher-bara Elohim la'asot.

"So the shamayim and the earth were finished, and all their hosts. And on the sixth day Elohim ended His work that He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and set it apart: because in it He had rested from all His work that Elohim created and made."

KIDDUSH

The sanctification prayer for grape juice

The Kiddush is recited while holding a full cup in one's right hand, and when the blessing is finished, everyone drinks from the goblet or their own individual glass or cup. It is customary to stand during Kiddush, although others decide to sit.

Everyone raises their glasses. **Then all present sing or read:**

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Borei p'ri hagafen. Amein.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amein.

Everyone takes a sip of their glass and returns it to its place.

BIRKAT YOM SHAVUOT

The blessing of the feast

All present read:

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16:9-10.

"Seven weeks shall you number: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as you begin to put the sickle to the corn. And you shall shomer the Chag Shavuot to יהוה your Elohim with a tribute of a terumah offering from your hand, which you shall give to יהוה your Elohim, according to how יהוה your Elohim has blessed you."

The Father or Leader reads:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, Asher bachar banu mikol am v'rom'manu mikol lashon v'kid'shanu b'mitzvotav.

Praised are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the Universe Who has chosen and distinguished us from all others by adding set-apartness to our lives with mitzvoth.

B'ahavah mo'adim l'simchah chagim uz'manim l'sasson et yom haShavuot hazeh, z'man matan torateinu mikra kodesh zeikher litzi'at Mitzrayim.

Lovingly have You given us festivals for joy and holidays for happiness, among them this day of Shavuot, season of the giving of the Torah, a day of sacred assembly recalling the Exodus from Mitzrayim (Egypt).

Ki vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mikol ha'amim umo'adei kodsh'kha b'simcha uv'sasson hinchaltanu.

Thus You have chosen us, endowing us with set-apartness from among all peoples by granting us Your set-apart festivals in happiness and joy.

Barukh Atah יהוה, m'kadesh Yisra'el v'haz'manim.

Praised are You, YHWH, Who *sets apart* the people Yisra'el and the festivals.

Barukh Atah יהוה Eloheinu Melekh haOlam shehecheya v'kiymanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh.

Praised are You, YHWH our Elohim, King of the Universe, Who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us reach this moment.

The Father or Leader continues:

If the Feast day falls on a Shabbat day, then add the bits in brackets.

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melekh haOlam, Asher bahar banu mikol am v'rom'manu mikol lashon v'kid'shanu b'mitzvotav. Va-titen lanu Eloheinu b'ahavah (Shabbatot lim'nuhahu) mo'adim l'simhah, chagim u-z'manim l'sason, et (yom haShabbat hazeh v'et) yom haShavuot hazeh, z'man heiruteinu (b'ahavah) mikra Kodesh. Ki vanu vaharta, v'otanu kidashta mikol ha-amim (v'Shabbat) u-mo'adei kodsh'kha (b'ahavah u-v'ratzon) b'simhah u-v'sason hin'haltanu.
Barukh Atah יהוה, m'kadesh (haShabbat v'et) Yisrael v'ha-Z'manim. Amein.

Praised are You, YHWH our Elohim King of the Universe, Who has chosen us and distinguished us by sanctifying us through His commandments. You have lovingly favored us with (Shabbat for rest and) festivals for joy, seasons and holidays for happiness, among them (this Shabbat and) this day of Shavuot, the season of our liberation, (lovingly) a day of sacred assembly. You have chosen us, sanctifying us among all people by (Shabbat and) Your set-apart festival (lovingly and gladly) in joy and happiness. Praised are You, YHWH Who sanctifies (Shabbat and) the people Yisra'el and the festival seasons. Amein.

YADAYIM

The sanctification by water

Place the utensils on the table. **Each person recites the blessing on their own:**

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al n'tilat yadayim.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who sanctified us and commands us to wash our hands.

It is a tradition not to say "Amein" at the end of this blessing because you don't say Amein to your own blessing.

Note: The remaining un-used water in the judge can be used to sprinkle your home, ground, and vehicle at the end of the Erev Shabbat, which is symbolic of spiritual purity and cleansing. The used water in the bowl should be discarded.

HA-MOTZI

The sanctification prayer for bread

All present read:

Wayiqra (Leviticus) 23:20.

"And the kohen (priest) shall wave them with the lechem (bread) of the bikkurim for a wave offering before יהוה, with the two lambs. They shall be kadosh (set-apart) to יהוה for the kohen."

All present read or sing:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu melech haOlam, haMotzi lechem min ha'aretz. Amein.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, You bring forth the bread from the earth. Amein.

At this point, pick up the two loaves and wave them before YHWH as kadosh offering.

You may now finish the rest of your grape juice and do not eat the bread as it is a wave offering.

Note: The un-eaten loaves may be eaten by the family after the ceremony or given for the birds/animals as long as it is consumed. It should not be discarded.

CHAG TOV

The traditional well wishes for the festival season

All present say to one another:

Chag same'yakh!

Have a good holiday, a holiday of peace and success.

The meal is served.

BAREICH

The blessing after the meal

All present read:

Barukh Harachman Mazon ha'acilah Hazot.

Praised be the Merciful One, Provider of this food.

Harachaman, Hu yishlach b'rakha m'ruba babayit hazeh v'al shulkhan zeh she'achalnu alav. Amein.

May the Merciful One send abundant blessing upon this dwelling and the table at which we have eaten. Amein.

EARLY MORNING

THE BETROTHAL

The renewing of our Covenant vowels

These prayers are said during the morning of Shavuot. It must be said early in the morning, just as Yisra'el was required to meet YHWH on the morning of Shavuot when they were given the *Aseret ha Dibrot* or the ten words – the Ten Commandments. The engagement was sealed with the words, "*And all the people answered together, and said, All that יהוה has spoken we will do. And Moshe returned the words of the people to יהוה."* Shemoth (Exodus) 19:8.

You will need the following things for this ceremony.

- A Tallit or Prayer Shawl and, if unavailable white material that is enough to cover your head.
- Anointing oil and, if unavailable, olive oil or some other oil pressed from a nut.
- A cup or glass.
- A sack.

Set these items out over the table on a white table cloth or the best that you have. Put the glass into an empty sack and place it in front of the person performing the ceremony. Everyone present should cover their heads with a *Tallit*. You are now ready!

The Father or Leader in the Name of YHWH anoints with the anointing oil everyone present.

The Father or Leaders says:

In the Name of YHWH, I anoint you!

Each respond:

Barukh haShem יהוה !

Praised be the Name of YHWH!

The Father or Leaders says:

Barukh Atah יהוה, m'kadesh Yisra'el v'haz'manim.

Praised are You, YHWH, Who sets apart the people Yisra'el and the festivals.

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melekh haOlam shehecheya v'kiymanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh.

Praised are You, YHWH our Elohim, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us reach this moment.

KETUBAH BIRKAT

The betrothal blessing

All present read:

Barukh shem k'vod malkhuto l'olam va'ed.

Praised is the name of His mighty Kingdom forever and ever.

V'ayra'teekh li l'olam,
V'ayra'teekh li b'tzadek
Uvmispat uvchesaid uv' rachameem,
V'ayras'teekh'teekh lee be'emuna vayada'at et יהוה.

I will wed You to me forever. I will wed You to me with right and justice, with love and mercy. I will wed You to me with faith, and you shall Know YHWH.

All present read:

"For I am יהוה your Elohim: you shall therefore set yourselves apart, and you shall be kadosh…" Wayiqra (Leviticus) 11:44.

ASERET HA-DIBROT

The Decalogue (The Ten Commandments)

All present read:

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 5:6-21.

Anokhee יהוה Elohekha, Asher hotzayteekha may'eretz mitzrayim mibayit avadim.

I am YHWH your Elohim, Who brought you out of the land of Mitzrayim, from the bayit (house) of slavery.

Lo yihyay-l'kha elohim achayrim al-panai lo ta'asay-l'kha fesel v'khol-t'munah asher bashamayim mima'al va'asher ba'aretz mitachat va'saher bamayim mitachat la'aretz lo tistachavay lahem v'lo to'ov'daym ki anokhee יהוה Elohekha El kana pokayd avon avot al-baneen al-shilayshim v'al-ribay'im l'son'aivosay chesaid la'alaphim l'ohavai ul'shom'ray mitzvotai.

You shall have no other elohim before My face.
You shall not make any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in the shamayim (heavens) above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the mayim (water) beneath the earth:
You shall not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I YHWH your Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the ahvot (fathers) upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those Who hate Me, And showing rachamim (mercy) to thousands of those Who love Me and shomer My mitzvoth (commandments).

Lo tisa et-shaym-יהוה Elohehka lashav ki lo y'nakay יהוה ayt asher-yisa et-sh'mo lashav.

You shall not bring the Name of YHWH your Elohim to vain emptiness: for YHWH will not hold him guiltless that brings His Name to vain emptiness.

Zakhor et-yom hashabat l'kad'sho shayshet yamim ta'avod v'aseeta khol-m'laktekha v'yom hash'vi'i Shabbat l' יהוה Elohekah lo ta'say khol-m'lakhah Atah uvin'kha-uvitekha avd'kha va'amat'kha v'gayr'kha asher bish'arekah ki shayshet yameen asah יהוה et-hashamayim v'et-ha'aretz et-hayam v'et-kol-asher-bam vayanach bayom hash'vi'i al-kayn bayrakh יהוה et-yom hashabat va-y'kad'shayhu.

Shomer Yom ha Shabbat (Obey the Shabbat Day) to set it apart, as YHWH your Elohim has commanded you.

Six days you shall labor, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the Shabbat of YHWH your Elohim: in it, you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male eved, nor your female eved, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor the ger that is within your gates; that your male eved and your female eved may rest as well as you. And remember that you were an eved in the land of Mitzrayim (Egypt) and that YHWH your Elohim brought you out from there through a mighty hand and by an outstretched Arm: therefore YHWH your Elohim commanded you to shomer Yom ha Shabbat.

Kabayd et-aveekha v'et-imekah l'ma'an ya'areekhun yamekha al ha'adamah asher- יהוה *Elohekha notayn lakh.*

Honor your abba and your eema, as YHWH your Elohim has commanded you; that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you, in the land that YHWH your Elohim gives you.

Lo tirtzach. Lo tin'af. Lo tignov. Lo ta'anay b'ray'akha ayd shaker.

You shall not murder. Neither shall you commit adultery. Neither shall you steal. Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.

Lo tachmod bayit ray'ekha lo-tachmod ayshet ray'ekha V'avdo va'amato v'shoro vachamoro v'khol asher l'ray'ekha. Amein.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's wife, neither shall you covet your neighbor's bayit (house), his field, nor his male eved (servant), nor his female eved, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's. Amein.

All present say aloud:

Naaseh V'nishma!

We will do, and we will learn!

TIFILLAT TALMID

The disciple's prayer

All present read:

Mattityahu (Mathew) 6:9-15.

Aveinu Shebashamayim yitkadash sh'mekah.

Our Abba Who is in the shamayim (heavens), kadosh Shmecha (set-apart is Your Name).

Tavo mal'khutekha yay'asay ratzon'kha k'mo bashamayim kayn ba'aretz.

Your malchut (kingdom) come. Your ratzon (will) be done in the earth, as it is in the shamayim.

Et-lechem chukaynu ten-lanu hayom.

Give us today our daily lechem (bread).

Us'lach-lanu et-chovotaynu ka'asher salachnu gam-anachnu lacha-yavanu.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Va'al tavee'aynu leeday nisayon ki im-chal'tzaynu min-hara ki l'kah hamamlakha v'hagavura v'hatif'eret l'ol'may olameen. Amein.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Yours is the malchut (kingdom), and the power, and the tifereth (majesty), le-olam-va-ed (forever). Amein.

THE TEN REVERSALS

The Beatitudes

All present read:

Ashray aneeay ruach lahem Malakhut haShamayim.

Blessed are the poor in ruach (spirit): for theirs is the Malchut ha Shamayim (the Kingdom of Heaven).

Ashray ha'avaylim ki haym yanuchamu.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Asray ha'anavim ki hayma yiyrshu ha'aretz.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the land.

Ashray har'ayvim vahatzmay'im la'tzedakah ki haym yisba'u.

Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after tzedakah (righteousness): for they shall be filled.

Ashray ha'rachamanim ki haym yaruchamu.

Blessed are the rachamim (mercy) givers: for they shall obtain rachamim.

Ashray baray layvav ki haym yechezu et ha'Elohim.

Blessed are the pure in lev (heart): for they shall see Elohim.

Asray rodafee shalom ki banay Elohim yiqaray'u.

Blessed are the shalom-makers (peacemakers): for they shall be called b'nai Elohim (children of Elohim).

Ashray hanir'dafim al davar ha'tzedaka ki lahem malkhut hashamayim.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for tzedakah's (righteousness) sake: for theirs is the Malchut ha Shamayim (the Kingdom of Heaven).

Asharakhem im yicharafu etakhem veedabru vasheker Aleikem kol ra ba'avuree.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Simachu vageelu ki sakhrakhem rav bashamayim ki khayn radafu et ha'navim asher hainu lifnaykhem. Amein.

Gilah (Rejoice), and be in great simcha (joy): for great is your reward in the shamayim (heavens): for so persecuted they the Nevim (Prophets) who were before you. Amein.

MOSHIACH BIRKAT

The blessing of the Messiah

All present read:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Asher natan lanu et dereck ha Yeshua b'Moshiach.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who has given us the way of salvation in Messiah Yeshua.

Barukh haba b'shaym יהוה, Halleluyah!

Praised is He Who comes in the name of YHWH, Halleluyah!

It is a custom to break an empty glass of wine with the right foot wrapped in a cloth then circle around the broken cup seven times while praising the Name of YHWH. Various reasons are given for this custom that the making of a loud noise to scare away demons (bad luck), and the symbolic deflowering of the bride by the groom but the main one being a reminder that despite the joy, we still mourne the destruction of the Temple in Yahrushalayim and that one day soon YHWH Himself will restore the Temple.

The Father or Leader breaks the cup with his right foot: Then all joint in the march around the cup seven times praising YHWH's Name.

Barukh haShem YHWH!

Praise be the Name of YHWH!

CHAG TOV

The traditional well wishes for the festival season

All present say to one another:

Chag same'yakh!

Have a good holiday, a holiday of peace and success.

THE CLOSING

At sunset

You will need the following things for this ceremony.

- A bottle of grape juice since grape juice is the biblical choice and if not available another fruit juice.
- A goblet or cup.
- A cup or glass for each participant.
- A specially braided candle or lamp called a *Havdalah* candle and if it is unavailable, then use a medium to large single candle.

Set these items out over the table on a white table cloth or the best that you have. Pour the grape juice into the goblet and place it in front of the person performing the ceremony. Place the Havdalah candle in the middle of the table. You are now ready!

HAVDALAH

The havdalah ceremony

The Father or Leader reads:

Barukh hamavdil bayn kodesh l'chol.

Praised is He Who separates between the set-apart and the ordinary.

KIDDUSH

The sanctification prayer for grape juice

The Kiddush is recited while holding a full cup in one's right hand, and when the blessing is finished, everyone drinks from the goblet or their own individual glass or cup. It is customary to stand during Kiddush, although others decide to sit.

Everyone raises their glasses. **Then all present sing or read:**

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Borei p'ri hagafen. Amein.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Amein.

Don't drink the grape juice as yet but return the cup to its place.

BIRKAT HAVDALAH

The sanctification prayer for the havdalah candle

Light the Havdalah candle. This can be done by the Father or Mother. Then look at the candle while reciting the following blessing.

The Father or Leader reads or sings:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Boray Me'oray ha'aysh. Amein.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Creator of the fire's lights. Amein.

BIRKHOT HAVDALAH

The sanctification prayer for time, the believer and Yisra'el

The Father or Leader picks up the grape juice and recites the following blessings.

The Father or Leader reads or sings:

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Hamavdil,

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who separates,
bayn kodesh lechol,

between the set-apart and the ordinary,

bayn or lechoshech,

between the light and dark,

bayn Yisra'el la'amim,

between Yisra'el and the other nations,

Barukh Atah יהוה, Eloheinu Melech haOlam, Hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol.

Praised are You YHWH, our Elohim King of the Universe, Who separates between the set-apart (sacred) and the ordinary (profane).

Hamavdil bayn kodesh lechol, chatoteinu hu yimchol, zareinu v'chaspeinu yarbeh kachol v'chakochavim balaila.

You teach us to distinguish between the commonplace and the set apart: teach us also to transform our sins to merits. Let those who love You be numerous as the sands and the stars of heaven.

If Shavuot falls on a Shabbat day, then add the following:

The prophet Eliyahu (Elijah) return is a pinnacle belief in Hebrew tradition and is well supported by Scripture. The acknowledgment of Eliyahu's return during Havdalah is a reminder of the Messiah's return that all Yisra'el shares.

Then all present read or sing:

Eliyahu haNavi, Eliyahu haTishbi, Eliyahu, Eliyahu, Eliyahu haGiladi. Bim'hayra v'yamaynu, yavo Eilaynu, im Mashiach ben Dawid, im Mashiach ben Dawid.

Eliyahu (Elijah) the prophet, Eliyahu the Tishbite. Eliyahu of Gilead. Soon in our days, Eliyahu will come with the Messiah, the son of Dawid.

Now drink the cup of grape juice, leaving enough to use to extinguish the flame.

SHAVUA TOV

The traditional well wishes for the week

All present say to one another:

Shavua Tov!

Have a good week, a week of peace and success.

The meal is served.

BAREICH

The blessing after the meal

All present read:

Barukh Harachman Mazon ha'acilah Hazot.

Praised be the Merciful One, Provider of this food.

Harachaman, Hu yishlach b'rakha m'ruba babayit hazeh v'al shulkhan zeh she'achalnu alav. Amein.

May the Merciful One send abundant blessing upon this dwelling and the table at which we have eaten. Amein.

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