

## KIDDUSH FOR ROSH HASHANAH

At each of the meals, it is customary to have two loaves of round *challah* present. Leave the *challah* cover on the bread during *Kiddush*.

If Rosh Hashanah falls on a Friday night, include the sections in [square brackets]. Recite the first line quietly:

- ❖ [And there was evening, and there was morning—]
- ❖ [So the heavens and the earth were finished and all their legion, and on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He ceased on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He ceased from all of His work, which God created to make.<sup>1</sup>]

If Rosh Hashanah falls on a weeknight, begin Kiddush here.

- ❖ We thank You, our Father, for the holy vine of Your servant David. Yours is the glory forever.<sup>2</sup>

Amen.

- ❖ Blessed are You, O LORD, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Amen.

The following blessing is most appropriate for Jewish people. If Rosh Hashanah falls on a Friday night, include the sections in [square brackets].	The following blessing is more appropriate for God-fearing Gentile believers. If Rosh Hashanah falls on a Friday night, include the sections in [square brackets].
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Blessed are You, O LORD, our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from every people, exalted us above every tongue, and sanctified us with His commandments. And you gave us, LORD, our God, with love, [this Sabbath day and] this Day of Remembrance, a day of shofar blowing, [with love], a sacred assembly, it is a remembrance of the exodus from Egypt.<sup>3</sup> For You chose us and sanctified us from all of the peoples, and Your Word is true and established forever. Blessed are You, O LORD, King over the entire earth, who sanctifies [the Sabbath,] Israel and the Day of Remembrance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ O Lord, Almighty One, you created the universe, [and marked out this Sabbath day for a remembrance of this; because on it you rested from the work of creation, in order to give attention to your own laws] and appointed festivals for the gladdening of our souls, <i>this Day of Remembrance, a day of shofar blowing, [with love], a sacred assembly</i>, so that we may come into remembrance of the Wisdom created by you. <i>Blessed are You, O LORD, King over the entire earth, who sanctifies [the Sabbath,] Israel and the Day of Remembrance.</i><sup>4</sup></li> </ul>

Amen.

Drink some of the wine or grape juice.

<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1:31–2:3.

<sup>2</sup> Didache 9:2.

<sup>3</sup> Deuteronomy 5:15.

<sup>4</sup> Apostolic Constitutions 7.36 except for *italicized text*.

Some households follow the traditional custom of ritual hand washing at this time

The *challah* cover can be removed from the two loaves of round challah. Immediately prior to eating the bread, lift the loaves and recite:

- ❖ We thank You, our Father, for the life and for the knowledge that You made known to us through Your servant Yeshua. Yours is the glory forever.
- ❖ Just as this piece of bread was scattered over the mountains and gathered together, so may Your assembly be gathered from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. For Yours is the glory and the power through Yeshua forever.<sup>5</sup>

*Baruch attah ADONAI eloheinu melech  
ha'olam, hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz.*

- ❖ Blessed are You, O LORD, our God, King of the universe, who brings bread out of the earth.<sup>6</sup>

Amen.

On a Saturday night,

### **Shehecheyanu**

Recite the Shehecheyanu to celebrate the arrival of the festival.

- ❖ Blessed are You, O LORD, our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Amen.

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<sup>5</sup> Didache 9:3–4.

<sup>6</sup> Psalm 104:14.

## SYMBOLIC FOODS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

### APPLES AND HONEY

- ❖ Blessed are You, O LORD, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Amen.

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that you renew for us a good and sweet year.

Amen.

### RUBYA (FENUGREEK) OR MEHREN (CARROTS)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that our merits increase (*rebu*).

Amen.

### KARSI (LEEKS OR CABAGE)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that our enemies be cut off (*karat*).

Amen.

### SILKA (BEETS)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that our enemies be removed (*stalku*).

Amen.

### TAMRI (DATES)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that our enemies be consumed (*tamu*).

Amen.

### K'RA (GOURD)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that the written charge of our verdict be torn apart (*keru*) and may our merits be called (*kara*) before you.

Amen.

### RIMON (POMEGRANATE)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that our merits increase like the seeds of the pomegranate.

Amen.

### FISH (DAG)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that we become fruitful and multiply like fish.

Amen.

### ROSH (SHEEP HEAD OR FISH HEAD)

- ❖ May it be Your will, LORD, our God and the God of our fathers, that we be as the head and not as the tail {(if sheep head, continue) And may it be your will that the merit of our father Isaac be recalled on our behalf}.

Amen.