

הדלקת הנרות | Kindling the Lights

Leader:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” From bondage to freedom, from darkness to light: this has been the path of our life; for this we give thanks:

All:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ	<i>Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu</i>
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ	<i>meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-she-</i>
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר	<i>ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav</i>
שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.	<i>v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik neir shel</i>
	<i>(Shabbat v'shel) Yom Tov.</i>

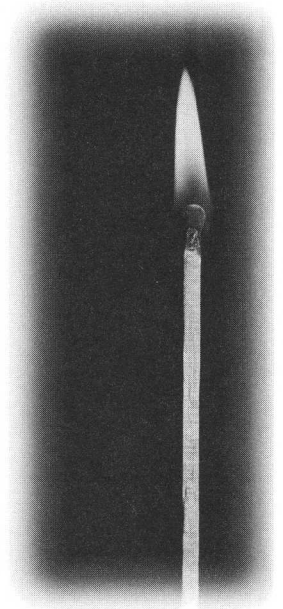


We praise You, Eternal One: You call us to holiness, and enjoin us to kindle (the Sabbath and) Festival lights.

All:

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הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחִינּוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ	<i>meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-heh-</i>
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.	<i>cheh-ya-nu, v'ki-y'ma nu,</i>
	<i>v'hi-gi-a-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.</i>

We praise You, Eternal One, for keeping us in life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



Light is the great metaphor of the spirit's quest and of its satisfaction, as it is said: "By Your light we shall see light." We journey toward the Land of Promise accompanied by the light of the Shechinah, the Divine Presence, our inner light.

