

# Blessings for Shabbat—Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

## BLESSINGS OVER THE CANDLES

As on other Jewish holidays—and the weekly Shabbat—the beginning of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are marked with candle lighting.

1. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (לשבת שְׁבֵת וְ) יוֹם טוֹב:

**Barukh atah Adonai eloheinu melek ha'olam asher kid'shanu  
b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadilik ner shel (Shabbat v'shel) yom tov.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to light (Shabbat and) festival candles.

2. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְיוֹם הַיּוֹם.

**Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ho-olam, she-heheyanu v'kiymanu  
v'higi yanu la-z'mon ha-zeh.**

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for keeping us in life, for sustaining us, and for helping us to reach this day.