

הַבְּדֵלָה

Checklist:

- Reading: read *havdalah* without error
- Comprehension: Answer the questions in full, well thought out sentences
- Vocabulary: Do the root words exercises.

When you have completed the checklist, ask your teacher to test you to see if you are ready to move on to the next prayer.

Havdalah Blessings

Wine or Grape Juice

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Spices

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מִיָּי בְּשָׂמִים

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of varied spices.

Braided Candle

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the lights of fire.

Separation

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל, בֵּין אֹר
לְחַשְׁךָ, בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעַמִּים, בֵּין יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי לְשֵׁשֶׁת יְמֵי הַמַּעֲשֶׂה,
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הַמְבַדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחוֹל

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary, between light and dark, between Israel and the nations, between the seventh day and the six days of work. Praise to You, Adonai our God, who distinguishes between the holy and ordinary.

Eliyahu HaNavi

אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַנָּבִיא אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַתִּשְׁבִּי אֵלֶיָּהוּ הַגִּלְעָדִי בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ יָבוֹא אֵלֵינוּ
עִם מְשִׁיחַ בֶּן דָּוִד

May Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbite, Elijah of Gilead, quickly in our day come to us heralding redemption.

Comprehension

It is said that you can use all 5 senses in a Havdalah service. Look at the blessings above and determine which senses go with which blessings (some may have multiples or none at all). Write your answers here.

Ritual objects are regular items that we use to do holy acts, like say blessings and celebrate holidays. What is a regular item in your life, that you use on an almost daily basis, that you could make holy? How can you turn a normal object into a ritual object?

What does it mean that we sing for Elijah the prophet to “come to us heralding redemption?” What is redemption?

It is said that we are Elijah’s (and God’s) partners in bringing redemption. We do this through Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). What is something you can do each week to help repair the world? Write or draw your answer below.

We begin Shabbat with Kiddush over the juice/wine and end Shabbat with the same blessing during Havdalah. Why do you think we do that?

Vocabulary

הַבְּדִלָּה means 'separation.' In the fourth blessing above, what are all the things we bless God for separating? Which separation do you think is most significant?

What is one more separation in your daily life for which you would bless God?

In the third blessing, we bless God as **בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ** Creator of the lights of fire. Why do you think it is plural, lights of fire, instead of just light of fire? What implication do you think that has in the Havdalah ceremony?