

Welcoming -- Rabbi

Opening Song led by Cantor

Candle Bl

Kiddush, Evening

Welcome

Shabbat Songs

Group 1 to Bima – Readers 1-4

Reader 1 says: "Our reading in preparation for the lighting of the Shabbat Candles may be found on page 121."

Reader 1 AS THESE SHABBAT CANDLES give light
to all who behold them,
so may we, by our lives, give light to all who behold us.

As their brightness reminds us
of the generations of Israel who have kindled light,
so may we, in our own day, be among those who kindle light.

Reader 2 light Shabbat Candles

Reader 2
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַיִךְ,
וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

Reader 2 BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

Cantor leads the chanting of the blessing.

Reader 3 says: "Please turn to page 124 as we read responsively

Help me perfect my ways of loving and caring.
Inspire me to make myself whole
so that I may honor Your name and
create a world of justice and peace.

Martin Buber

~~WE ENTER THIS SANCTUARY to welcome Shabbat.
Within these walls we sit surrounded by numberless generations.
Our ancestors built the synagogue as a visible sign of God's Presence in their midst.
Throughout our long history and our endless wanderings, it has endured,
a beacon of truth, love, and justice for all humanity.
Its presence guided our ancestors to lives of righteousness,
holding up to them a vision of their truest selves.
Now we, in our turn, come into this sanctuary to affirm the sacredness of our lives.
May we enter this place in peace.
May holiness wrap around us as we cross its threshold.
Weariness, doubt, the flaws within our human hearts,
the harshness of the week — let these drop away at the door.
In the brightness of Shabbat, let peace settle upon us as we lift our hearts in prayer.~~

Reader 3 MAY THE DOOR of this synagogue be wide enough
to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,
thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough
to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

Reader 4 May its threshold be no stumbling block
to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency,
selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter,
the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

Group 1 Returns to Seats

Cantor announces and leads a song from pages 128-129