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## הַדְּלָקַת הַנֵּרוֹת

### Lighting the Festival Candles

(One of these meditations may be used.)

Happy are those of steadfast faith  
Who still can bless the light of candles  
Shining in the darkness. . . .  
Rejoice, O Earth, in those who keep the way,  
For there is still song for them within you.

May the festival lights we now kindle  
Inspire us to use our powers  
To heal and not to harm,  
To help and not to hinder,  
To bless and not to curse,  
To serve You, O God of freedom.

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(The candles are lighted as the blessing is recited or chanted.)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל (שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל) יוֹם טוֹב.

Baruh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Meleh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvo-tav  
v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel (shabbat v'shel) yom tov.

In praising God we say that all life is sacred.  
In kindling festive lights,  
we preserve life's sanctity.  
With every holy light we kindle,  
the world is brightened to a higher harmony.  
We praise You, God, majestic sovereign of all life,  
Who hallows our lives with commandments  
and bids us kindle festive holy light.

## כּוֹס קִדּוּשׁ

Kos Kiddush, The First Cup—the Cup of Sanctification

### Leader

Our story tells that in diverse ways, with different words, God gave promises of freedom to our people. With cups of wine we recall each one of them, as now, the first:

### Group

אֲנִי יְהוָה וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מִתַּחַת סְבִלַת מִצְרַיִם:

I am יהוה Adonai and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians.