

Havdallah blessings

THE WINE OR GRAPE JUICE

*The blessing may be said over wine or grape juice.
Lift the goblet but do not drink until after the Blessing of Separation.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

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

THE SPICES

Lift the spice box.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מִיְּנֵי בְשָׂמִים.

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

Circulate the spice box.

THE LIGHT

Raise the Havdalah candle.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.

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

The filled and raised cup is symbolic of the joy felt when expressing gratitude to God. The wine is not sipped until the final blessing.

The spices, coming from the earth, remind us of our duty during our work-week to protect the fragile balance of nature.