

## Ma·a·riv L'Shabbat v'Yom Tov

*Recite Ba r'chu while standing. It is customary to bow at the waist when saying Ba r'chu, and again at Ba·ruch, and to straighten up at A do nai. In traditional communities, the reader repeats the second line after the congregation recites it.*

Ba·r'chu

Ba·r'chu et A·do·nai ha·m'vo·rach!

Ba·ruch A·do·nai ha·m'vo·rach l'o·lam va·ed.

Ma·a·riv A·ra·vim

Ba·ruch A·tah A·do·nai E·lo·hei·nu  
Me·lech ha·O·lam.

A·sher bi·d'var·o ma·a·riv a·ra·vim

b'choch·mah po·tei·ach sh'a·rim

u·vit·vu·nah m'sha·neh i·tim,

u·ma·cha·lif et ha·z'ma·nim,

u·m'sa·deir et ha·ko·cha·vim,

b'mish·m'ro·tei·hem ba·ra·ki·a ki·r'tzo·no.

Bo·rei yom va·lai·lah,

go·leil or mi·p'nei cho·shech,

v'cho·shech mi·p'nei or,

u·ma·a·vir yom u·mei·vi lai·lah

u·mav·dil bein yom u·vein lai·lah.

A·do·nai Tz'va·ot sh'mo.

❖ Eil chai v'ka·yam,

ta·mid yim·loch a·lei·nu l'o·lam va·ed.

Ba·ruch A·tah A·do·nai, ha·ma·a·riv a·ra·vim.

## מְעַרֵב לְשַׁבַּת וְיוֹם טוֹב

בְּרָכוּ

בְּרָכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ :

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד :

מְעַרֵב עֶרְבִים

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ

מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

אֲשֶׁר בְּדָבָרְךָ מְעַרֵב עֶרְבִים,

בְּחָכְמָה פּוֹתֵחַ שְׁעָרִים,

וּבְתוֹכָהּ מְשַׁנֵּה עֵתִים,

וּמְחַלֵּף אֶת הַדְּמָנִים,

וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים,

בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרָקִיעַ כְּרִצּוֹנוֹ.

בוֹרָא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה,

גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ,

וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר,

וּמְעַבִּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא לַיְלָה,

וּמְבַדִּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה,

יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ.

❖ אֵל חַי וְקַיִם,

תָּמִיד יְמַלּוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמְּעַרֵב עֶרְבִים :

## Evening Service for Shabbat and Festivals

*Recite Ba r'chu while standing. It is customary to bow at the waist when saying Bless, again at Blessed be, and to straighten up at A do nai. In traditional communities, the reader repeats the second line after the congregation recites it.*

The Call to Prayer

Bless Adonai, the Blessed One!

Blessed be Adonai, the Blessed One, forever and ever.

You Bring On Evenings

Blessed are You, Adonai, Our God,  
Ruler of the Universe.

Your word brings on evenings,

with wisdom You open heaven's gates,

with understanding You change fixed times

and alternate the seasons

and arrange the stars

in their places in the sky according to Your will.

Creator of day and night,

rolling light before darkness

and darkness before light,

You cause day to pass and bring on night

and distinguish between day and night.

"God of All Forces" is Your Name.

❖ God, living and enduring,

always rule over us forever and ever.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who brings on evenings.

*Ba r'chu* calls the community to prayer and begins the Evening (*Ma·a·riv*) Service. The reader proclaims and the congregation responds, "Blessed be Adonai, the Blessed One, forever and ever."

*Ma·a·riv A·ra·vim* is the first of two blessings preceding the *Sh'ma* in the Evening Service. It recalls God's role as Creator of the world. The Torah teaches that God said "Let there be light!" and with God's spoken word, the world came into being. God's word brought on "evening and morning, one day."

Ba·r'chu, Dear One

Ba·r'chu, Dear One, Sh'chi·nah, Holy Name.

When I call on the Light of my Soul, I come home.

*Lev Friedman*

You Bring On the Evening

Blessed are You, our Eternal God, Ruler of the Universe, who completed acts of creation on the seventh day and called it a pleasure, Your holy Sabbath. You instituted rest for The People Israel from evening to evening. With pleasure, You roll light away from darkness and darkness from before light.

Blessed are You, our Eternal God, who brings on the evening.

*Based on the Siddur of Rabbi Saadya Gaon, 10th century.  
This blessing was written for use on Erev Shabbat.*