

Havdalah

Havdalah is the service that is held on Saturday evening to mark the close of Sabbath and usher in the new week. This service separates the kadosh or holy (Sabbath) from the common (the other days of the week). Havdalah is mentioned in the New Covenant. John 20:19, Acts 20:7, and 1 Corinthians 16:2. They all mention coming together on the first day of the week. This is not, as some have thought, a changing of the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week, but coming together as Sabbath closes and to pray for the coming week. This is why Shaul suggested collecting money on the first day of the week, because he knew they were gathering for this purpose.

Below is a simple Havdalah service. The more traditional service can be found at <http://www.aish.com/shabbathowto/aftershabbat/Havdallah - How To.asp>

For the service below you will need a braided candle (if you desire). They can be purchased online, or wherever Judaica is sold.



The starting time for havdalah is when it is dark enough to see three stars in the sky. This means that you may now kindle a flame, and the service can begin.

Gather everyone around the table, light the havdalah candle.

The father/leader prays:

Blessed are you Yahweh, our Father and our King, who has set us apart, given us this set apart day, and your Holy Spirit within us. We praise you for calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Thank you Father for separating us from our sin through the atoning sacrifice of our Messiah, Yeshua. Help us to follow Him in this new week, to walk in love, and to glorify you in our lives.

(At this time special prayers may be said for individual family members and others in need.)

In Yeshua's name we pray.

All say
Amein

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Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Yahweh, our strength and our redeemer.

Amein!

At this time the candle is extinguished and everyone greets one another with Shavua Tov, a blessing which means "May you have a good week!"

