



## Baltimore Jewish Cultural Chavurah

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## The Society for Humanistic Judaism

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~TZEDAKAH~

At every meeting, we collect contributions for a cause that aligns with our values. On a rotating basis, we select a local, national, or international organization to which we donate the funds we collect at our meetings. Thank you for your support!

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# Baltimore Jewish Cultural Chavurah Welcoming Shabbat



## A Secular Humanistic Jewish Alternative

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## ~INTRODUCTION TO SHABBOS/SHABBAT~

**Reader:** Shabbos is a time of spiritual and cultural renewal—an opportunity to celebrate our Jewish identity and strengthen our Humanistic Jewish experience. It is traditional to celebrate Shabbos with members of our community, to invite visitors to join us, to welcome the stranger, to share with family and friends. We have come together this evening to be each other's Shabbos guests.

## WELCOME

**Reader:** If we have any newcomers joining us this evening, please introduce yourselves and tell us how you heard about us . . .



## ~CANDLES~

**Recite in unison:** When we light these candles, we are reminded of the light of learning and the warmth of our community. Let them serve as a symbol of the good in the world, and bring us a renewed sense of commitment to the Jewish people and all humanity.

## ~WINE~

**Recite in unison:** Wine is a symbol of the power of people to make the world better through transformation. By changing grapes into wine, we are reminded that our efforts have meaning, that our passion and creativity make life sweeter, and that we too have the ability to change and grow. L'Chaim!

## ~CHALLAH~

**Recite in unison:** Sharing food is a symbol of generosity and fellowship. By breaking bread together, we are reminded to appreciate our bounty and share it with others, to nourish ourselves so we can work for peace and justice, and to be a good steward for the earth so that we can feed the hungry and repair the world.

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND YAHRZEITS~

**Reader:** To everything there is a season, for naches and tsuris, that we share in fellowship.

From the insert card, we will first read the birthdays for the month, and then the yahrzeits.



## ~KADDISH POEM~

**Reader: We remember them.**

### **Recite in unison:**

At the rising of the sun and at its going down  
In the chill of winter and the rebirth of spring  
In the warmth of summer and the beauty of autumn  
When we are weary and in need of strength  
When we are lost and sick at heart  
When we have joy, we crave to share  
When we have decisions that are difficult to make  
When we have achievements that are based on theirs  
As long as we live, they too shall live  
For they were a part of us

**We remember them.**

## ~SIMCHAS AND TSURIS~

**Reader:** As a community we share our joys and sorrows, including births, engagements, weddings and other happy occasions, as well as hospitalizations, sicknesses, or deaths.



## SING-ALONG: Hinneh Ma Tov

**Recite in unison:** How good and how pleasant it is for people to celebrate together.

**HIN-NAY MA TOV OO-MA-NA-EEM  
SHE-VET A-MEEM GAM YA-CHAD**

**SHABBAT SHALOM!**