



Ceremony of  
Affirmation and Renaming  
for

**[Name]**

**[שם]**

להורי [שמות ההורים]

**[Hebrew Name]**

*l'horie [Parents' Hebrew Names]*

[Day Month, Year]

[יום בחודש שנה]

Lifting up the spices:

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai                      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלֶּדֶד  
E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam            הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מֵיְיָ בְּשָׁמַיִם.  
bo-rei mi-nei v'-sa-mi-n

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe,  
Creator of varieties of spices.

Lifting up the candle:

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai                      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלֶּדֶד  
E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam            הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוּרֵי הָאֵשׁ.  
bo-rei m'-orei ha-ei-sh

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe,  
Creator of lights of the flame.

~ Pause Havdalah for Ceremony of Affirmation and Renaming ~

**[Name] recites the following:**

Eloheinu v'Elohei                              אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי  
avoteinu ve-imoteinu                      אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ,

Our God, and God of our ancestors,  
we stand here tonight on this threshold in time,  
in this moment of transition between Shabbat and weekday,  
to mark and sanctify my own journey of transition;  
to declare that my place in Your covenant  
has neither changed nor wavered,  
only that the name by which I am called to Your covenant and  
my community shall be changed from this day forward.

Today, before my God and my people, and in the embrace of  
my family and friends, I set aside my former name and take  
on the mantle of a new name, one befitting the person I am  
becoming, Jewish and nonbinary, bound in covenant to my  
heritage, and free and true in my personhood.

**The havdalah candle is lit**

Hinei El yeshuati, evtach ve-lo            הִנֵּה אֵל יְשׁוּעָתִי, אֲבַטַח וְלֹא  
efchad, ki ozi vezimrat yah,            אֶפְחָד, כִּי עֹזִי וְזִמְרַת יְהוָה יְיָ, וַיְהִי  
Adonai vayehi li li-yeshuah.            לִי לְיְשׁוּעָה. וְשָׂאֲבַתֶּם מֵיָם  
Ushavtem mayim besasson            בְּשִׁשׁוֹן, מִמַּעַיְנֵי הַיְשׁוּעָה. לֵי  
mi-ma'aynei hayeshuah.            הַיְשׁוּעָה, עַל עֵמֶד בְּרִכְתְּךָ סֵלָה.  
La'Adonai hayeshuah, al            יְיָ צְבָאוֹת עֲמָנוּ, מִשְׁגֵּב לָנוּ  
amcha virchatecha, selah.            אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב סֵלָה. יְיָ צְבָאוֹת,  
Adonai tzeva'ot iman, misgav            אֲשֶׁרִי אָדָם בְּטַח בָּךְ. יְיָ  
lanu, Elohay Ya'akov, selah.            הוֹשִׁיעָה, הַמֶּלֶךְ יַעֲנֵנוּ בַיּוֹם  
Adonai tzeva'ot, ashray adam            קְרָאנוּ. לַיהוּדִים הַיְתָה אוֹרָה  
botayach bach. Adonai            וְשִׂמְחָה וְשִׁשׁוֹן וַיְקַר. כֵּן תִּהְיֶה  
hoshi'ah, hamelech ya'anaynu            לָנוּ. כּוֹס יְשׁוּעוֹת אֲשָׁא, וּבָשֵׁם  
veyom koraynu. Layehudim            יְיָ אֶקְרָא.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for God, Adonai, is my strength and song, and God has become my salvation. Therefore, with joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation. Salvation belongs to God: your blessings are upon your people. (Selah.) The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (Selah.) The Jews had light and joy and gladness and honor. (So be it with us.)

I will lift the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of God.

Lifting up the cup of wine:

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai                      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלֶּדֶד  
E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam            הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.  
bo-rei p'-ri ha-ga-fen

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe,  
Creator of the fruit of the vine.

May the One who created us in Your image and likeness and according to Your will, may You bless and sustain [**Hebrew Name**] in united wholeness. Keep them from every harm and suffering, and near to joy and fulfillment. May their family and community merit to teach and to learn from them. May the deeds of their hands be faithful to God, and their heart be a heart of wisdom. And let us say: Amen.

מי שברא אותנו בצלמו  
 ודמותו ופירצונו,  
 הוא יברך את [**שם**]  
 באחד פֶּרְצוּפֵי הָאָנוּשׁ וַיִּשְׁמַר  
 מִכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקָה וְקָרוֹב  
 לְאוֹשֶׁר וְהַשְׁלָמָה,  
 וַיִּזְכּוּ הַמְּשִׁפָּחָה וְקַהְלָה לְלַמֵּד  
 וּלְלַמֵּד מִ[**שם**]  
 וַיְהִיו מַעֲשֵׂי הַיְדָיִים לְאֵל  
 אֱמוּנָה, וְהִלְבּוּ לֵב שׁוֹמֵעַ.  
 וְנוֹמָר: אָמֵן.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu  
 melech ha-olam, ha'mavir  
 l'ovrim

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך  
 העולם, המעביר לעברים

Blessed are you, YHVH (Adonai) our God, ruler of the universe,  
 the Mover of those who transition.

Bruchah at Yah haShechinah,  
 ru'ach la'olam, she'asani  
 kir'tzonah.

ברוכה את יה השכינה  
 רוח העולם, שעשני כרצונה

Blessed are you, source of all being,  
 spirit of the world, who has made me according to Your will.

**Officiant recites the following:**

[Name], until this day, you have been known in the House of Israel as **Sarah Necha**, from this day forward you shall be called by a new name among your people.

**Resume the Havdalah ceremony with the final blessing**

Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai  
 E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam  
 ha-mav-dil bein ko-desh  
 le-cho-l, bein or le-choshech,  
 bein Yis-ra-eil le-a-mim, bein  
 yom ha-sh'vi'i le-shei-shet  
 ya-mei ma'a-sei, ba-ruch A-tah  
 A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu me-lech  
 ha-o-lam ha-mav-dil bein  
 ko-desh le-cho-l

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך  
 העולם, המבדיל בין קדש  
 לחול, בין אור לחושך, בין  
 ישראל לעמים, בין יום  
 השביעי לששת ימי המעשה.  
 ברוך אתה יי, המבדיל בין  
 קדש לחול.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the Universe,  
 Who distinguishes between the sacred and the ordinary, between light  
 and darkness, between the people of Israel and the other nations,  
 between the seventh day and the six working days. Blessed are You,  
 Adonai, Who distinguishes between the sacred and the ordinary.

**The wine is sipped from, and the candle is extinguished**

Our God and God of our  
 ancestors, raise up the united  
 wholeness of this person to their  
 family and their community and  
 let their name be known among  
 the people Israel as:

[**New Hebrew Name**]  
**I'horei [Parents' Hebrew  
 Names]**

May their people rejoice in the  
 direction of their path and may  
 their heart be filled with joy of  
 Torah. As they continue to  
 stand in the covenant, so too  
 may they enter into a life of  
 Torah, into the blessing of a  
 sacred partnership, and to a life  
 of good deeds. Amen.

אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו  
 ואמותינו, קים את אחד  
 פֶּרְצוּפֵי הָאָנוּשׁ לְמִשְׁפָּחָה  
 וּלְקַהְלָה, וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל  
 [שם]

**להורי [שמות ההורים]**

ישמח האם בפיוון הדרך,  
 וימלה הלב באושר תורה.  
 כשם שממשיכים לעמד  
 בברית, כן יכנסו לתורה  
 ולחפה ולמעשים טובים. אמן.

**[Name] speaks about their new name**

**[Name]'s parents bless them with the Priestly Blessing**

Y'simchem Elohim  
k'Adam v'shalem

יְשַׁמְכֶם אֱלֹהִים כְּאָדָם וְשָׁלֵם

May you be like Adam and whole.

Y'va-rechecha Adonai  
v'yish-m'recha.

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ.

May God bless you and keep you.

Ya-eir Adonai panav eilecha  
vi-chu-neka.

יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיַחַנְךָ.

May the light of God's face always shine upon you.

Yi-sa Adonai panav eilecha  
v'yasem l'cha shalom.

יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וְיָשֵׂם לְךָ  
שָׁלוֹם.

May God lift up God's face to you  
and grant you wholeness and peace.

**Everyone joins in *shehe-chiyanu***

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu  
Melech ha'olam,  
Shehe-chiyanu, v'kiy'manu,  
v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ  
הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ  
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe,  
Who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this moment.

**MAZAL TOV!**