



Jewish Secular Community
of Cleveland

SHABBAT CELEBRATION

Zoom Edition

THE JEWISH SECULAR COMMUNITY

WAS FOUNDED IN 1967

AND IS AFFILIATED WITH

THE CONGRESS OF
SECULAR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

Leader:

We celebrate this Shabbat or Shabbes as Jews all over the world are doing by being together with friends and family, and we do it in a secular way. Now we will light the Shabbat candles.

(Members may light their own candles now)

Everyone:

May these candles illuminate our minds, warm our hearts and re-ignite our commitment to each other and to the Jewish people everywhere.

Leader:

Let us sing together. (Music will be played. Members' mics will be muted but please sing along from home!)

Everyone:

Hayvenu shalom aleichem, *We bring peace to you*
Hayvenu shalom aleichem,
Hayvenu shalom aleichem,
Hayvenu shalom, shalom, shalom, Aleichem.

Leader:

Let us now drink wine or juice and eat challah as we say together:

Everyone:

We rejoice in our heritage which teaches us to respect the earth and its bounty. Let us celebrate our tradition by partaking of the wheat of the fields and the fruit of the vine.

(Members may eat challah and drink wine or juice)

Leader:

As Secular and Humanistic Jews, we emphasize that Jewish culture and history — rather than belief in a supernatural power — are the sources of Jewish identity and strength and provide us with our sense of ethics and morality. Let us read together.

Everyone:

Let us rise each morning, and strive each day,
to do only that which brings happiness and joy to others,
and let us avoid doing things that cause others hurt and pain.
Let us use our minds and our reason
to encourage behavior based on the mutuality and reciprocity inherent
in human relationships,
and let us always respect the dignity and worth of each other.
And let us, above all, love one another,
not to obtain rewards for ourselves now or hereafter,
or to avoid punishment,
but rather always to bring each other contentment and peace.
So be it. Shalom!

Words of Healing

Everyone:

We remember now those family members and friends who are coping with an illness or injury. May they have a prompt recovery. Our thoughts are with them as a community of consolation and support.

Leader:

If you have a friend or loved one who is ill or injured or who is recovering from an illness or injury, please submit their name now to Mark Weber via the zoom chat box below if you have not already done so via email prior to tonight's Shabbat program.

Words of Remembrance

Leader:

We pause to remember friends or loved ones who have died recently or who died during this season in years past. If there is someone whom you would like to remember, please submit their name now to Mark Weber via the zoom chat box below if you have not already done so via email prior to tonight's Shabbat program.

Leader:

At the rising of the sun and at its going down
we remember them.

Everyone:

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
we remember them.

Leader:

At the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring
we remember them.

Everyone:

At the shining of the sun and in the warmth of summer
we remember them.

Leader:

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
we remember them.

Everyone:

At the beginning of the year and at its end
we remember them.

Leader:

When we are weary and in need of strength
we remember them.

Everyone:

When we are lost and sick at heart
we remember them.

Leader:

When we have joys we yearn to share
we remember them.

Everyone:

When we have decisions that are difficult to make
we remember them.

Leader:

When we have achievements that are based on theirs
we remember them.

Everyone:

As long as we live
they too shall live.

Leader:

For they are a part of us
and we remember them.

Leader:

Let us conclude this celebration of Shabbat. (Music will be played. Members' mics will be muted but please sing along from home!)

Everyone:

Hiney ma tov u'manayim,
Shevet ach-im gam ya-chad

How good and pleasant
it is when brothers and
sisters dwell together in
unity

Hiney ma tov u'manayim,
Shevet ach-im gam ya-chad

Hiney ma tov,
Shevet ach-im gam yah-chad

Hiney ma tov,
Shevet ach-im gam ya-chad.

Introduction of Speaker**Speaker's Presentation****Concluding Remarks and Announcements of Upcoming Events**