

Ritual for a Son/ Daughter Moving Out of Parents' House

The family gathers together in a circle

The Daughter/ Son (D/S) moving out holds and lights a candle

Whole family recites:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higyanu lazman hazeh
Blessed are you, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who has brought us to live and experience this moment

Read one of the following passages:

My father was God and didn't know it. He gave me the Ten Commandments not in thunder and not in anger, not in fire and not in a cloud, but gently and with love. He added caresses and tender words, "would you" and "please." And chanted "remember" and "keep" with the same tune, and pleaded and wept quietly between one commandment and the next: Thou shalt not take the name of thy God in vain, shalt not take, not in vain, please don't bear false witness against your neighbor. And he hugged me tight and whispered in my ear, Thou shalt not steal, shalt not commit adultery, shalt not kill. And he lay the palms of his wide-open hands on my head with the Yom Kippur blessing: Honor, love, that thy days may be long upon this earth. And the voice of my father -- white as his hair. Then he turned his face to me one last time, as on the day he died in my arms, and said, I would like to add two more commandments: the Eleventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not change," and the Twelfth Commandment, "Thou shalt change. You will change." Thus spoke my father, and he turned and walked away and disappeared into his strange distances.

-Yehuda Amichai

Or:

And all the while messengers keep running back and forth
to my childhood to retrieve what I forgot or left behind
as if from a house that is about to be demolished,
or like Robinson Crusoe, from the lowly sinking ship
to the island—so I salvage from my childhood provisions and memories
for the next installment of my life.

-Yehuda Amichai

Parent pours wine into Kiddush cup

Each family member (FM) does the following before passing the cup to the next FM

- Share something s/he is worried about or afraid of with the D/S leaving home
- Take a sip of the wine
- Share something s/he is excited about or looking forward to with the D/S leaving home
- Pass the Kiddush cup to next FM

****This is not a discussion or a time to respond to anyone's concerns. This is a moment for each member of the family to share their experience.****

When Kiddush cup has gone to every FM

Whole family recites/ sings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַפּוֹרֵשׁ סֻכַּת שְׁלוֹם עָלֵנוּ, וְעַל-כָּל-עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל יְרוּשָׁלַיִם.

Baruch atah Adonai ha-poreis sukkat shalom aleinu, v'al kola mo Yisrael v'al Yerushalayim.

Blessed are You, Eternal God, who spreads a tabernacle of peace over all God's people, and over Jerusalem.

S/D Extinguishes candle in the wine left in the cup