

Blessing Over Bread

Traditionally, we place

two loaves of ḥallah on the table and cover them. After Kiddush, we remove the cover and recite the blessing over bread—*Hamotzi*:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
הַמּוֹצֵי־לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Baruch Atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam,
hamotzi lehem min ha'aretz.

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world,
who brings forth bread from the earth.**

The ḥallah is then sliced or torn into pieces and passed around the table. The Shabbat meal begins!

