

V'shamru
The Covenant of Shabbat

וְשָׁמְרוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת,
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת הַשַּׁבָּת לְדֹרֹתָם בְּרִית עוֹלָם:
בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֹת הִיא לְעוֹלָם,
כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יי אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ,
וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שָׁבַת וַיִּנָּפֵשׁ.

The Children of Israel have kept the Sabbath
and the Sabbath has kept them, throughout their generations.

*Candles, wine and challah
Sacred signs binding parent and child,
Forever joining the people to God.*

For in six days God made heaven and earth,
and on the seventh day God rested
and took a breath.