



SUMMER SHABBAT EVENING CANDLE LIGHTING & READING INSTRUCTIONS

We will begin services around a large table in our social hall (Margolis Hall) for blessings before we enter the sanctuary (or outside, weather permitting) for the rest of the service.

- 1) **If you are the READER**, please take a siddur (blue prayer book) even though no one else will have one. Everyone else will be invited to take a small, yellow prayer booklet that will be on the tables.
- 2) **READER AND LIGHTER**, please stand near the rabbi and cantor as the guitar corps begins leading everyone in song.
- 3) After a couple introductory songs including Shalom Aleichem, the rabbi will announce the lighting of the candles on p. 2 of the prayer booklet. This will only have the text of the blessing of the candles and not the reading before which the reader will lead from the prayer book.
- 4) **Both the READER and LIGHTER** should stand in front of the candles.
- 5) **The READER** should begin reading immediately after the candle lighting is announced. (Please note that you will not be introduced by name.)* You will be reading either of the two readings on p. 3 of the blue siddur. You can choose which reading to do.
- 6) **LIGHTER**: Using the long stick which has the wick at the end of it, put the wick into the lighted short candle and then light the Sabbath candles. After the tall candles are lit, pull the wick through the bottom of the stick (there should be a little handle at the bottom of the stick to help pull the wick through.) You are welcome to look at this in advance; just ask the usher or shamash. **The candle lighter should light the candles during the reading.** Once lit, please face the candles and wait.
- 7) **READER AND LIGHTER**: should face the candles as the blessing is sung by the Cantor. *If it is your custom, please hold or wave your hands over the candles.* After the blessing is sung in Hebrew, you may return to your family.

Thank you / *todah rabah* for participating in our service.

*Your name will be printed in the Shabbat card.