

# Shalom Aleichem

The Talmud tells us that when we return home from synagogue on Shabbat, two ministering angels accompany us and observe how our table is set for the Shabbat meal. The four-stanza song, which begins with Shalom Aleichem, is traditionally sung to welcome them, request their blessing, and then bid them farewell.

(The following is said quietly when Shabbat coincides with a festival or Chol Hamoed:)

שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מְלַאֲכֵי הַשָּׁרַת  
מְלַאֲכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן מִמְּלַךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים  
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא

Sha-lohm ah-lay-khehm, mah-lah-khay hah-sha-rayt, mah-lah-khay ehl-yohn, mee-meh-lekh mahl-khay hahm-lah-kheem, hah-kah-dohsh bah-rookh hoo.

Peace unto you, ministering angels, messengers of the Most High, of the supreme King of kings, the Holy One, blessed he He.

בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשֵׁלוֹם מְלַאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם  
מְלַאֲכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן מִמְּלַךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים  
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא

Boh-ah-khehm li-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay hah-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay ehl-yohn, mee-meh-lekh mahl-khay hahm-lah-kheem, hah-kah-dohsh bah-rookh hoo.

May your coming be in peace angels of peace, messengers of the Most High, of the supreme King of kings, the Holy one, blessed be He.

בְּרִכּוֹנֵי לְשֵׁלוֹם מְלַאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם  
מְלַאֲכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן מִמְּלַךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים  
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא

Bahr-khoo-nee li-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay hah-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay ehl-yohn, mee-meh-lekh mahl-khay hahm-lah-kheem, hah-kah-dohsh bah-rookh hoo.

Bless me with peace, angels of peace, messengers of the Most High, of the supreme King of kings, the Holy one, blessed he He.

צְאִתְכֶם לְשֵׁלוֹם מְלַאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם  
מְלַאֲכֵי עֲלִיּוֹן מִמְּלַךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים  
הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא

Tzayt-khehm li-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay hah-sha-lohm, mah-lah-khay ehl-yohn, mee-meh-lekh mahl-khay hahm-lah-kheem, hah-kah-dohsh bah-rookh hoo.

May your departure be in peace, angels of peace, messengers of the Most High, of the supreme King of kings, the Holy one, blessed he He.