

*shabbat*  
*a taste of the world to come*

THE HUMAN BEING WAS CREATED TO ACHIEVE TIKKUN OLAM – PERFECTION OF THE WORLD. DURING THE WORKING WEEK WE ACTIVELY STRIVE TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER, SAFER AND MORE COMFORTABLE PLACE. WE USE OUR HUMAN INGENUITY TO INVENT, BUILD, DEVELOP AND IMPROVE THE WORLD AROUND US.

HOWEVER ONE DAY A WEEK, SHABBAT, WE TAKE A STEP BACK FROM THE NOISE OF WEEKDAY LIFE AND ENJOY THE WORLD JUST AS IT IS. INSTEAD OF CHANGING OUR SURROUNDINGS, WE SEEK TO NURTURE ITS INNATE BEAUTY. WE ENJOY THE BLESSINGS THAT G<sup>o</sup>D HAS GIVEN US - LOVE, FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP; PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND NATURE, THE GIFT OF JUST BEING ALIVE.

ON SHABBAT THE WORLD LOOKS DIFFERENT. COMPETITION AND AMBITION RECEDE LEAVING A HAVEN OF PEACE AND CONNECTION. THE BORDERS SEPARATING HEAVEN FROM EARTH DISSIPATE. THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLDS MERGE. THE SHABBAT MEAL TAKES ON A SACREDNESS OF ITS OWN. EATING BECOMES A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. WE SET THE TABLE WITH ELEGANT FINERY, ADORNING THE PHYSICAL AND HONORING ITS ELEVATED STATUS.

SHABBAT IS LIKE AN OASIS IN TIME INTO WHICH WE ENTER BY LEAVING BEHIND THE MUNDANE WORLD. THE DEEPER WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO REST IN THE SACRED SPACE OF SHABBAT, THE MORE BEAUTIFUL AND FULFILLING THE EXPERIENCE BECOMES.

ODEM INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF SHABBAT, AND TRANSFORM YOUR SHABBAT TABLE INTO A SPACE FOR A SACRED CELEBRATION OF LIFE.