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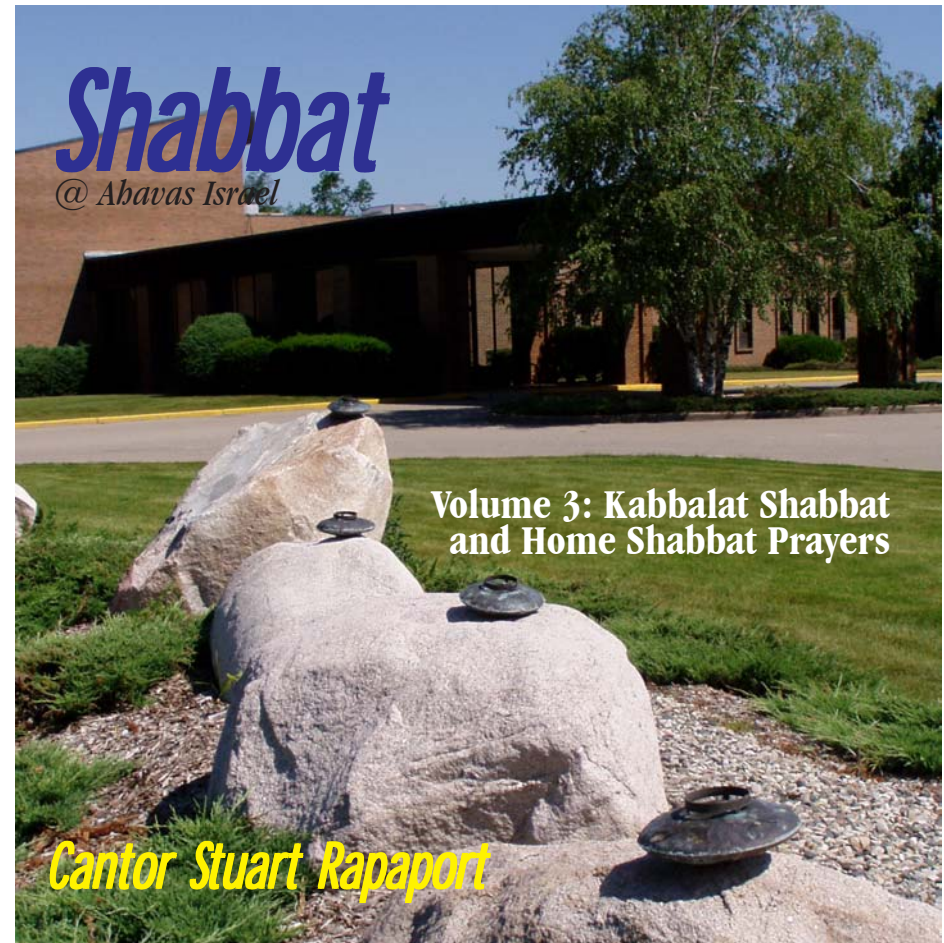
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Kabbalat Shabbat - The Welcoming of Shabbat: All page numbers correspond to Siddur Sim Shalom.

On Friday nights, we make the transition from secular time to holy time. One moment it is Friday, when we concern ourselves with work, the next moment it is Shabbat, when we concern ourselves with rest- physical and spiritual. One of the functions of religious liturgy is to mark times of transition with some ritual. Our ritual is Kabbalat Shabbat; literally, welcoming Shabbat. In 16th century Safed, Rabbi Isaac Luria began the practice of welcoming the Sabbath bride with Psalms and poetry. Each Friday evening, before sunset, the Kabbalists used to go out into the fields to sing Psalms and recite poetry to welcome Shabbat into their lives once again. Each of the days of the week was represented by a Psalm. The recitation of each Psalm represents one step up the ladder of holiness, with the goal of reaching the ultimate holiness in time, the Sabbath. The current custom in many synagogues today is to recite six Psalms, 95-99 and 29, which brings us through the days of the week to Friday; and then welcome the seventh day of Shabbat with the song 'kha dodi, "come, my beloved." Following that, we officially usher in the Sabbath with the recitation of Psalm 92 for the Sabbath Day, marking the precise moment when the spirit of Shabbat descends upon us, followed by Psalm 93. After Kabbalat Shabbat, we continue with the Ma'ariv (evening) service for Shabbat.

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Shabbat is meant to be enjoyed at home with friends and family. Please see the Ahavas Israel Guide to Shabbat Blessings for more information about the meaning and customs behind these prayers.

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