

The Covering of Intimacy

בְּרַכֵּי נַפְשִׁי אֶת־יְהוָה! יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי, גְדֹלַת מְאֹד!
הוֹד וְהָדָר לְבִשְׁתָּ, עֲטָה אֹר כְּשֶׁלֶמָה, נוֹטָה שָׁמַיִם כִּפְרִיעָה.

Praise the Eternal One, O my soul!
O God, You are very great!
Arrayed in glory and majesty, You wrap Yourself in light as with a garment, and stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהִתְעַטֵּף בְּצִיצִית.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe:
You hallow us with Your Mitzvot, and teach us to wrap ourselves in the fringed Tallit.



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The prayer shawl is used as the chuppah canopy in weddings and symbolizes a home built. It depicts the bridal chamber within which marriages originally took place. The betrothal ceremony meant sanctification ; the marriage ceremony meant consecration. The blue is God's purity and revelation. Peace emanates from the Bride secure and safe in His chamber while He guards and watches "Don't mess with My Girl!"



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