

## The Company of Shabbat Angels

Two ministering angels accompany a man on Shabbat eve as he comes home from the synagogue—one good angel and one bad. And when he returns to the house and finds the lamp lit, the table arranged and the bed made into a couch, the good angel says: May it be God's will that there be another Shabbat just like this one. And the bad angel is compelled to answer: *Amen*. If things are not so arranged, then the bad angels says: May it be God's will that there be another Shabbat just like this one, and the good angel is compelled to answer, *Amen*.

שְׁנֵי מַלְאָכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת מְלוּיִן לוֹ לְאָדָם בְּעֶרְבַּ שַׁבָּת מִבֵּית  
הַכְּנֻסֹת לְבֵיתוֹ, אֶחָד טוֹב וְאֶחָד רָע. וְכִשְׁבָּא לְבֵיתוֹ וּמָצָא  
נֵר דְּלוּק וְשׁוּלְחָן עָרוּךְ וּמִטָּתוֹ מוּצָעַת, מְלַאָךְ טוֹב אוֹמֵר:  
יְהִי רְצוֹן שְׁתֵּיהֶּא לְשַׁבָּת אַחֲרַת כָּךְ. וּמְלַאָךְ רָע עוֹנֶה אָמֵן  
בְּעַל כְּרַחוּ. וְאִם לֹא, מְלַאָךְ רָע אוֹמֵר: יְהִי רְצוֹן שְׁתֵּיהֶּא  
לְשַׁבָּת אַחֲרַת כָּךְ, וּמְלַאָךְ טוֹב עוֹנֶה אָמֵן בְּעַל כְּרַחוּ.

(Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 119b)

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## Shalom Aleichem

שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאַכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת, מַלְאַכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,  
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

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צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאַכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם, מַלְאַכֵי עֲלִיוֹן,  
מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

Peace to you, ministering angels, messengers of the High One,  
sent from the king who is the king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.

Enter in peace, angels of peace, messengers of the Most High,  
sent from the king who is the king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.

Bless me with peace, angels of peace, messengers of the Most High,  
sent from the king who is the king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.

Go in peace, angels of peace, messengers of the Most High,  
sent from the king who is the king of all kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.

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