



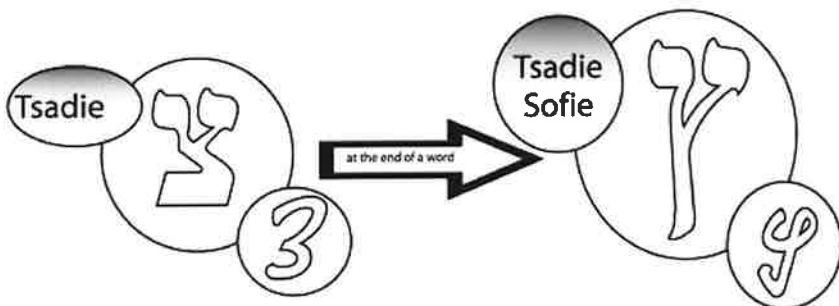
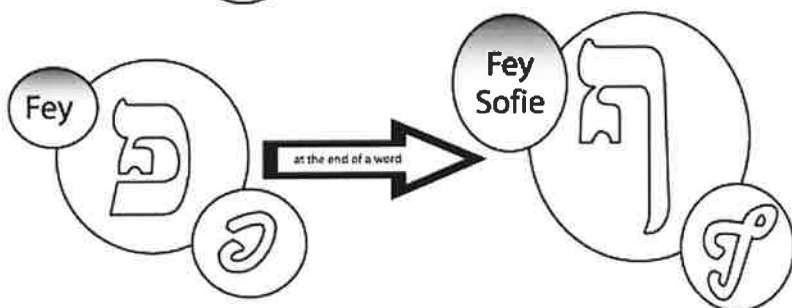
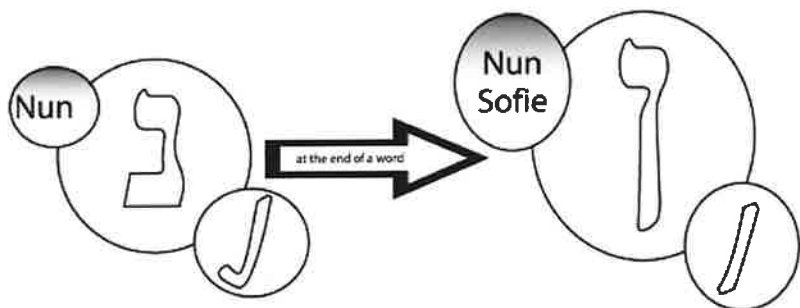
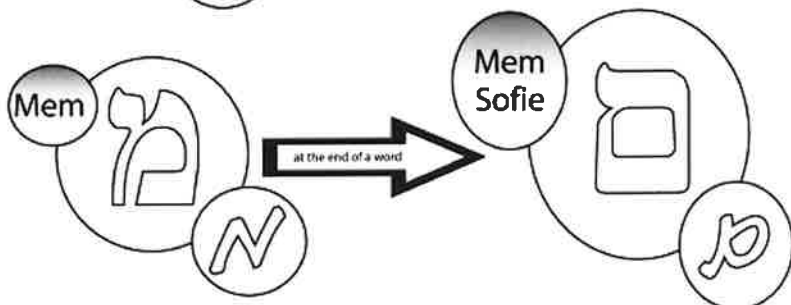
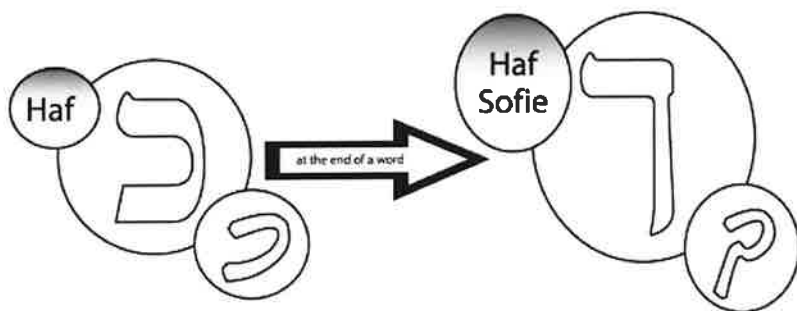
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Aleph Bet Guide

Final Letters

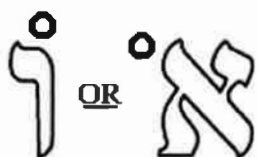


Hebrew Vowels

Color coding worksheet



GREEN



YELLOW



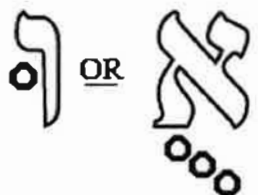
AQUA



GREY



RED



BLUE

שְׁמַע

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The שְׁמַע expresses a feeling and a belief so strong it is unlike anything else—and so deeply felt that there are almost no words to describe it. This prayer is our pledge of loyalty to God; when we say it, we are expressing our belief in only one God who created the entire universe. The שְׁמַע expresses the very core of our faith. It is such an important and intense prayer that many people recite it with their eyes closed so they can concentrate completely on this pledge. The first line of the שְׁמַע declares our belief in one God; the second line praises God's name.

The first line of the שְׁמַע is said in a loud and clear voice.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Hear O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.

These words come from the Book of Deuteronomy in the Bible. They became part of our prayer service about 2,000 years ago.

PRAYER DICTIONARY

שָׁמַע

hear

יִשְׂרָאֵל

Israel

יְיָ

Adonai

אֱלֹהֵינוּ

our God

אֶחָד

one

WHAT'S MISSING?

Complete each prayer phrase with the missing English word.

שָׁמַע

_____ O Israel

אֶחָד

Adonai is _____

יִשְׂרָאֵל

Hear O _____

יְיָ

_____ is our God

UNSCRAMBLE THE PRAYER

Put the שָׁמַע in the correct order by numbering the words from 1 to 6.

יְיָ יִשְׂרָאֵל שָׁמַע אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ



Think About This!

In ancient times, Jews recited the שָׁמַע, declaring their belief in only one God—even while many other people believed in many gods, for example, a sun god, a moon god, a god of life, and others. It was not easy for the Jewish people to be true to their belief when everyone else felt otherwise. Have you ever been in a situation where your opinion was different from everyone else's but you stuck to it anyway? Why was it important to you?

בְּרוּךְ

blessed, praised

שֵׁם

name

כְּבוֹד

glory of

מַלְכוּתוֹ

God's kingdom

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

forever and ever

WHAT'S MISSING?

Complete each prayer phrase with the missing Hebrew word(s).

כְּבוֹד _____ בְּרוּךְ name

_____ מַלְכוּתוֹ forever and ever

שֵׁם כְּבוֹד _____ blessed

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד _____ כְּבוֹד God's kingdom

WORD MATCH

Match the English word(s) to the Hebrew meaning.

A. forever and ever

בְּרוּךְ ()

B. blessed

שֵׁם ()

C. God's kingdom

כְּבוֹד ()

D. name

מַלְכוּתוֹ ()

E. glory of

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד ()

ROOTS

מְלָכוֹתוֹ is built on the root מלכ.

The root מלכ means "rule." The three letters מלכ tell us that "king" or "ruler" is part of a word's meaning.

Circle the three root letters in this word.

מְלָכוֹתוֹ

Write the root. _____

What does the root mean? _____

Read these words aloud. Circle the three root letters in each word.

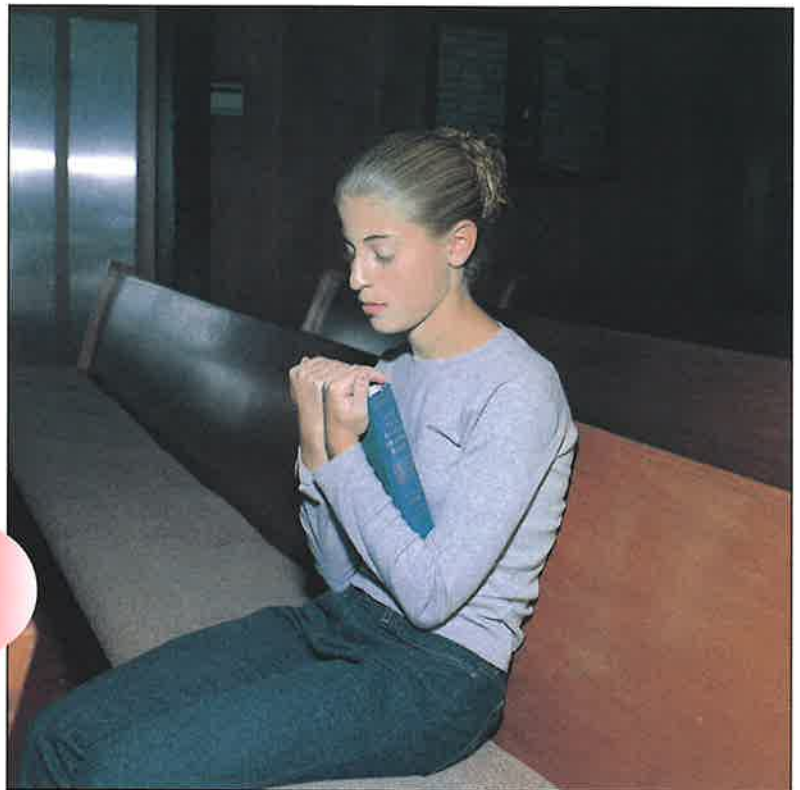
יְמִלֶּךָ

מְלָכָה

מְלָכוֹת

מְלַכְנוּ

מְלִיךְ



Shema and Vhavta

*Words will appear diagonal, across, down and upside down.

N	U	Y	T	V	W	M	S	E	W	E	M	A	N	Q
J	X	F	N	G	E	D	X	E	V	V	W	P	B	W
H	Y	B	U	Z	R	S	H	Q	N	O	I	J	T	H
C	Z	K	U	O	Y	K	N	U	D	C	L	Y	F	Y
T	C	Z	W	P	Q	G	Z	E	C	Y	K	R	X	D
C	O	E	B	P	U	M	G	S	G	L	O	V	J	Y
T	H	W	R	N	M	P	Z	U	Q	H	A	R	G	E
T	B	L	E	S	S	E	D	O	K	O	S	N	N	Y
T	J	R	G	C	Y	D	S	H	G	P	A	O	B	V
T	A	B	Y	L	C	C	W	R	V	R	S	S	V	H
X	V	U	T	O	O	T	J	U	G	A	I	T	I	J
I	R	P	Z	L	S	R	T	O	Y	E	G	M	W	J
W	T	H	V	W	X	T	Y	Y	A	H	N	N	G	A
K	Y	M	Y	A	G	J	Y	O	B	D	Y	X	P	T
S	A	L	Y	G	F	K	N	F	F	P	V	Z	D	E

Find the English translations for the following words:

שֵׁם

אָהַד

שָׁמַע

לְאוֹת

הַדְּבָרִים

בֵּיתְךָ

מְזֻזוֹת

וְאֶהְבֶּתְךָ

כְּבוֹד

**Draw a line to match the Shoresh
(root) on the right to the correct word
on the left:**

*Hint, look for similar letters

שמע

זָכוֹן

ברכ

קִדְשׁוֹ

קִדְשׁ

שְׁמַע

זכר

מְלָכוּתוֹ

מלכ

בְּאֵהָבָה

אהב

בְּרוּךְ

V'ahvtah

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ, וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ, וּבְכָל
מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם, עַל
לִבְבְּךָ. וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיָה, וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם, בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ,
וּבְלִקְתְּךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ, וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ. וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל
יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוֹזוֹת בְּיַתְּךָ
וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתַי, וְהֵייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים
לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם. אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם, לֵהָיוֹת לָכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים, אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

*V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha,
b'chol l'avvcha uv'chol nafsh'cha uv'chol
m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim ha-eileh
asher anochi m'tzav'cha hayom al l'avvecha. V'shinantam
l'vanecha v'dibarta bam b'shivt'cha b'veitecha uv'lecht'cha
vaderech uv'shochb'cha uv'kumecha. Uk'shartam l'ot al yadecha
v'hayu l'totafot bein einecha. Uch'tavtam
al m'zuzot beitecha uvish'arecha.
L'maan tizk'ru, vaasitem et kol mitzvotai vih'yitem k'doshim
l'Eloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem,
asher hotzeiti et-chem mei-eretz
Mitzrayim lih'yot lachem l'Elohim
ani Adonai Eloheichem.*

V'ahavtah Translation

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your might.

Take to heart these instructions with which I charge
you this day.

Impress them upon your children.

Recite them when you stay at home and when you
are away,

when you lie down and when you get up.

Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them
serve as a symbol on your forehead;

inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on
your gates.

Thus you shall remember to observe all My
commandments

and to be holy to your God.

I am Adonai, your God, who brought you out of the
land of Egypt to be your God:

I am Adonai your God.

PRAYER DICTIONARY

וְאַהֲבַתְּ

you shall love

לְבַבְךָ

your heart

הַדְּבָרִים

the words

לְאוֹת

as a sign

מְזוּזוֹת

mezuzot

בֵּיתְךָ

your house

NOTE THE NUMBER

In the circle below each Hebrew word write the number of the English translation.

לְבַבְךָ



מְזוּזוֹת



לְאוֹת



בֵּיתְךָ



וְאַהֲבַתְּ



הַדְּבָרִים



1. you shall love
2. the words
3. mezuzot

4. your house
5. as a sign
6. your heart

DRAW AND WRITE

Draw a picture to illustrate these words.

לְבַבְךָ .1

מְזוּזוֹת .2

בֵּיתְךָ .3

Write the meaning of these words.

וְאַהֲבַתְּ .1

הַדְּבָרִים .2

לְאוֹת .3

ROOTS

The theme of **וְאָהַבְתָּ** is our love for God. Look at the names of these three prayers having to do with the love between God and the Jewish people.

וְאָהַבְתָּ **אָהַבַת עוֹלָם** **אָהַבָה רַבָּה**

Do you notice a common root?

The root **אהב** means *love*.

Circle the three root letters—**אהב**—in each word below.

וְאָהַבְתָּ **אָהַבַת** **אָהַבָה**

Write the root. _____

What does the root mean? _____

Read the following prayer excerpts and circle all the words with the root **אהב**.

1. הַבּוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֲהָבָה
2. אָהַבַת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ אָהַבְתָּ
3. וַיַּחַד לְבַבֵּנוּ לְאֲהָבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת שְׁמֶךָ
4. בְּאֲהָבָה וּבְרִצּוֹן שַׁבַּת קֹדֶשְׁךָ
5. אָהַבָה רַבָּה אָהַבְתָּנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
6. כָּל דְּבָרֵי תִלְמוּד תּוֹרָתְךָ בְּאֲהָבָה

וְאָהַבְתָּ tells us to reciprocate God's love for us. Write one way that we can show our love for God.



Prayer Building Blocks

בֵּיתְךָ “your house”

The word בֵּיתְךָ is made up of two parts:

בֵּית means “house.”

ךָ is an ending that means “you” or “your.”

בֵּיתְךָ means “your house.”

(When we combine בֵּית and ךָ, the word is written בֵּיתְךָ or בֵּיתָךְ.)

There are many words in the וְאֵהָבְתָּ with the ending ךָ.

Read the first three lines of the וְאֵהָבְתָּ and circle each word with the ending ךָ.

1. וְאֵהָבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ
2. בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ.
3. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם, עַל-לִבְבְּךָ.

How many words did you circle? _____

What does the ending ךָ mean? _____

Whom is the prayer addressing?

מִי כְּמֹכָה

5



Are there things you have seen or experienced that have left you in awe, wondering how they could possibly happen? Things that seemed impossible but somehow happened anyway? Some people call these kinds of experiences “miracles.” The **מִי כְּמֹכָה** prayer was first said by the Jews who were slaves in Egypt when they observed the miraculous parting of the Sea of Reeds, which allowed them to escape to freedom. They said the **מִי כְּמֹכָה**—meaning “Who is like You?”—in praise of God and in acknowledgment of God’s unique and awesome power in setting them free.

Practice reading **מִי כְּמֹכָה** aloud.

1. מִי־כְּמֹכָה בְּאֵלִים, יְיָ?
2. מִי כְּמֹכָה, נְאֻדָּר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
3. נוֹרָא תְהִלָּת, עֲשֵׂה פֶלֶא?

*Who is like You among the gods [other nations worship], Adonai?
Who is like You, majestic in (the) holiness,
Awesome in splendor, doing wonders?*



THINK ABOUT THIS!

What kinds of nearly impossible events or actions have you observed? What made them seem impossible, and how do you think they occurred? Do you think they were miracles?

מי

who

כְּמֹכָה,
כְּמֹכָה

like You

בְּאֵלִים

among the gods
[other nations worship]

יהוה

יהוה

Adonai

נְאֻדָּר

majestic

בְּקֹדֶשׁ

in (the) holiness

SEARCH AND CIRCLE

Circle the Hebrew word or phrase that means the same as the English.

like You

סְדוּר

כְּמֹכָה

שִׁמְעֵה

Adonai

מי

בְּאֵלִים

יהוה

majestic

בְּקֹדֶשׁ

יִשְׂרָאֵל

נְאֻדָּר

who

מי

אֶחָד

שֵׁם

in (the) holiness

בְּרִכּוֹ

בְּקֹדֶשׁ

בְּאֵלִים

among the gods
[other nations worship]

בְּאֵלִים

הַמְּבֹרָךְ

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד





Prayer Building Blocks

בְּקֹדֶשׁ “in (the) holiness”

בְּקֹדֶשׁ means “in (the) holiness.”

בְּקֹדֶשׁ is made up of two parts:

בְּ means “in the.”

קֹדֶשׁ means “holiness.”

Circle the word part that means “in the.” בְּקֹדֶשׁ

Write the word part that means “in the.” _____

בְּיָאֱלֹהִים “among the gods”

בְּיָאֱלֹהִים means “among the gods.”

בְּיָאֱלֹהִים is made up of two parts:

בְּ means “among the” or “in the.”

יָאֱלֹהִים means “gods”—the many false gods that people worshipped.

Circle the part of the word that means “among the” or “in the.” בְּיָאֱלֹהִים

Write the word part that means “among the” or “in the.” _____

Note: בְּ means “in.”

READING PRACTICE

Practice reading these words.

Circle the word parts that mean “in” or “in the.”

1. בְּכָל בְּקֹדֶשְׁתּוֹ בְּחֹסֶד בְּאֱלֹהִים בְּקֹדֶשׁ

2. בְּזִמְנוֹ בְּיָמִים בְּיוֹם בְּחֵן בְּשָׁמַיִם

Mi Chamohacha Vocabulary

Who: מי

like you: כְּמֹכָה; (Kamocha) כְּמֹכָה (Chamocha)

Among the gods that other nations worship: בְּאֱלֹהִים

Adonai: יי

Majestic: נְאֻדָּר

In the holiness: בְּקִדְּשׁ

Unscramble the Following Words:

מככה

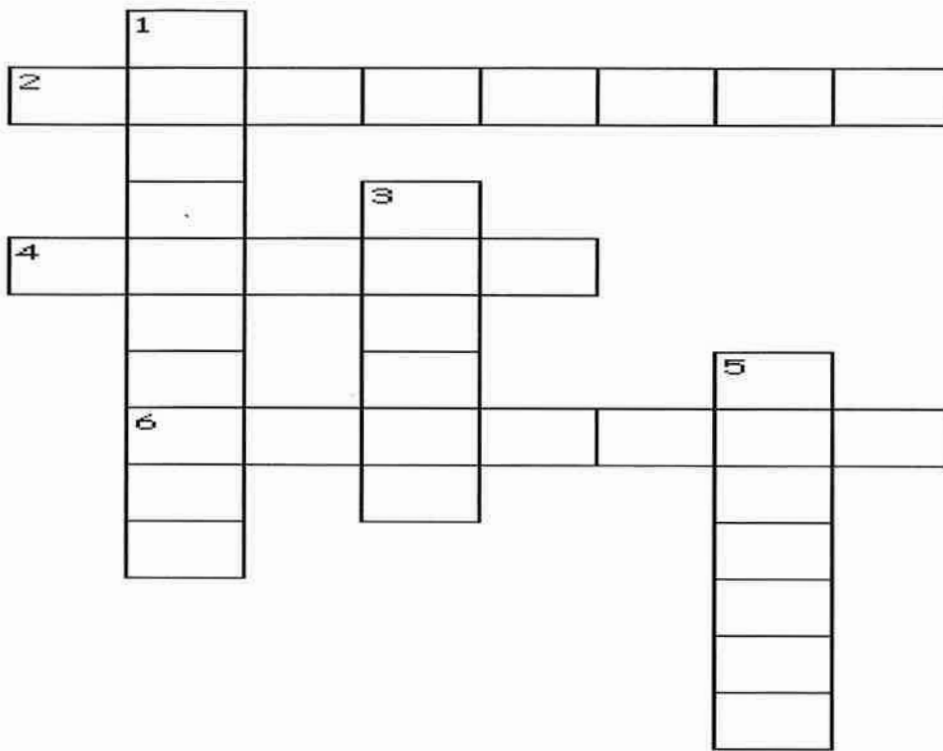
למיבא

ראנד

קבשד

םי

Shabbat Blessings



Write the English translation for the following words in the boxes above:

Across

2) האָרץ

4) לֶחֶם

6) להדליק

Down

1) בּוֹרָא

3) גֵּר

5) שַׁבָּת



בְּרָכוֹת

6

There are lots of people we thank for many things, every day. You may thank your dad for making lunch, your aunt for driving you to baseball practice, or your best friend for a birthday present. Just as we say thanks with words, a hug, a note or an e-mail, we say thank you for God's gifts with prayers called בְּרָכוֹת. There are different kinds of בְּרָכוֹת—blessings—for the different things we are grateful for, like waking up, eating or even seeing something beautiful. Most בְּרָכוֹת begin with the same six words.

Practice reading the six words.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם . . .

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world . . .

בָּרוּךְ

praised, blessed

אַתָּה

you

יְיָ

Adonai

אֱלֹהֵינוּ

our God

מֶלֶךְ

ruler

הָעוֹלָם

the world

SEARCH AND CIRCLE

Circle the Hebrew word that means the same as the English.

Adonai שֵׁם יְיָ אַתָּה

ruler מֶלֶךְ כְּבוֹד יִשְׂרָאֵל

the world נְאֻדָּר הָעוֹלָם כַּמְכָּה

our God בְּאֵלִים מַלְכוּתוֹ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

praised שָׁמַע בְּקֹדֶשׁ בָּרוּךְ

you אַתָּה מִי אַחַד

FIND THE WORDS

How many words in the Prayer Dictionary refer to God? _____

Write them here.

בְּרָכוֹת שֶׁל מִצְוָה

We also say a בְּרָכָה when we carry out certain commandments from God. All of God's commandments are known as mitzvot, and particular ones—like studying Torah, blowing the shofar on the High Holy Days, or sitting and eating in a sukkah on Sukkot—require us to say a blessing when we perform them.

Every מִצְוָה שֶׁל בְּרָכָה begins with the same ten words.

Practice reading these words.

1. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
2. אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ . . .

*Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world,
who makes us holy with God's commandments and commands us . . .*

Think About This!

Because so many of God's commandments—mitzvot—require us to be good and decent, many people consider a mitzvah to be a "good deed." You perform mitzvot every day without even realizing it—like visiting your best friend when she's home with a cold, trying not to gossip about kids at school, or even feeding your puppy before you eat your own dinner! What other kinds of "good deed" mitzvot do you do?

PRAYER DICTIONARY

אֲשֶׁר

who

קִדְּשָׁנוּ

makes us holy

בְּמִצְוֹתָיו

with God's
commandments

וְצִוָּנוּ

and commands us

WORD MATCH

Match the English word to its Hebrew meaning.

- A. with God's commandments אֲשֶׁר ()
- B. who קִדְּשָׁנוּ ()
- C. and commands us בְּמִצְוֹתָיו ()
- D. makes us holy וְצִוָּנוּ ()

DID YOU NOTICE?

There are four words that help us recognize a בְּרָכָה שֶׁל מִצְוָה. The words are:

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ

Fill in the four words that help us recognize a בְּרָכָה שֶׁל מִצְוָה.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Brachot Shel Mitzvah and Shabbat Vocabulary

Blessed, Praised: בָּרוּךְ

You: אַתָּה

Adonai: יי

Our G-d: אֱלֹהֵינוּ

Ruler: מֶלֶךְ

The world, universe: הָעוֹלָם

Who: אֲשֶׁר

Makes us holy: שְׁנִיקֵד

With G-d's commandments: בְּמִצְוֹתָיו

And commands us: וְצִוָּנוּ

To light: לְהַדְלִיק

A light, candle: נֵר

Of: שֶׁל

Shabbat: שַׁבָּת

Who creates: בּוֹרֵא

The fruit of: פְּרִי

The vine: הַגֶּפֶן

Who brings forth: הַמוֹצִיא

Bread: לֶחֶם

From: מִן

The earth: הָאָרֶץ

קְדוּשָׁה

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Do you remember that the קְדוּשָׁה is one of the בְּרָכוֹת we say to welcome and sanctify Shabbat? We also say it on many holidays, including Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, and Pesah. The קְדוּשָׁה separates these occasions from the everyday and helps us to make them holy.

The קְדוּשָׁה begins with the blessing over the wine, thanking God for creating the fruit of the vine—the grapes from which we make wine.

The קְדוּשָׁה for Shabbat reminds us that we were chosen by God with love to observe Shabbat and to carry out God's commandments.

The קְדוּשָׁה begins with a בְּרָכָה you have already learned.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Can you say this בְּרָכָה by heart?

Practice reading the קְדוּשָׁה for Shabbat aloud.

1. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.
2. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
3. בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָנוּ, וְשַׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוּ בְאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן
4. הַנְּחִילָנוּ, זְכוֹרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה
5. לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ, זְכוֹר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְּחֵרָתְךָ
6. וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל הָעַמִּים, וְשַׁבַּת קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה
7. וּבְרָצוֹן הַנְּחִלָּתָנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the world, who makes us holy

with commandments and takes delight in us. In God's love and favor God has made the holy Sabbath our heritage, as a memory of the work of creation.

It is first among our holy days, a memory of the going out from Egypt.

You chose us from all the nations and You made us holy, and in (with) love and favor You have given us the Sabbath as a sacred inheritance.

Praised are You, Adonai, who makes the Sabbath holy.

PRAYER DICTIONARY

קְדוּשׁ

sanctification

זְכוֹרוֹן

memory

(ל) מַעֲשֵׂה
בְּרֵאשִׁית

work of creation

זְכוֹר

memory

(ל) יְצִיאַת
מִצְרַיִם

going out
from Egypt

בְּאַהֲבָה

in (with) love

וּבְרָצוֹן

and in (with) favor

WORD CHECK

Put a ✓ next to the Hebrew word that means the same as the English.

memory

1. אֶהְבָּה

זְכוֹרוֹן

and in (with) favor

2. וּבְרָצוֹן

וְרָצָה

memory

3. זְכוֹר

מִצְרַיִם

sanctification

4. קְדוּשׁ

בְּרוּךְ

work of creation

5. נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת

מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית

in (with) love

6. בְּאַהֲבָה

בְּרֵאשִׁית

going out from Egypt

7. לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

יְצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם