

BAR MITZVAH WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICE

Hinei Mah Tov - How Good it is

הִנֵּה מַה-טוֹב וּמַה-נְּעִים שֶׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.

Hineih mah tov u'mah na-im shevet achim gam yachad.

How good and pleasant it is that brothers and sisters dwell together.

Bar Mitzvah: Today I take my place in Jewish tradition as I become a Bar Mitzvah. A custom with a rich history, this ceremony was originally intended to help me enter into adulthood. As a Jew, I am expected to be more responsible, to take on more religious obligations, and to conduct myself in a more adult way.

Today is also a day when I stand publicly to affirm my faith in God, my connection to the Jewish people, and the gift of Torah which has always been our faith's most treasured possession. I stand here today as part of the wonderful chain of tradition that has been passed to me. As my life's journey continues to unfold, I pray that this day will be counted among the many blessings of my life.

Parent's Prayer: We give thanks for this day and for the years of growth and learning that have preceded it. Now as our son steps forth to affirm his commitment to the ideals and commandments of our faith, our souls are joyful, our minds are at peace.

We pray that this service may long echo in his memory. May it engrave on his heart the understanding that this day initiates a life more firmly dedicated to the study of Torah and the fulfillment of Mitzvot, to deeds of justice and kindness, to faithful membership in the household of the Jewish people.

Ashrei - Happy are We

אַשְׁרֵי יוֹשְׁבֵי בֵיתְךָ, עוֹד יְהַלְלוּךָ סֵלָה.

Ashrey yoshvei veitecha, od y'hal'lucha selah.

אַשְׁרֵי הָעַם שֶׁכָּכָה לוֹ, אַשְׁרֵי הָעַם שֶׁיִּי אֱלֹהָיו.

Ashrei haam shekacha lo, ashrei haam she-Adonai Elohav.

תְּהִלָּה לְדָוִד, אֲרוֹמֵמְךָ אֱלֹהֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ, וְאַבְרָכָה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

T'hilah L'David. Aromim'cha Elohai HaMelech, vaavar'chah shimcha l'olam va-ed.

בְּכֹל יוֹם אַבְרָכְךָ, וְאַהֲלִלָה שְׁמֶךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

B'chol yom avarcheka, vaahal'lah shimcha l'olam va-ed.

גָּדוֹל יְיָ וּמְהֻלָּל מְאֹד, וְלִגְדֻלְתּוֹ אֵין חֶקֶר.

Gadol Adonai um'hulal m'od, v'lig'dulato ein cheiker.

דֹר לְדֹר יִשְׁבַח מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וּגְבוּרֹתֶיךָ יִגִּידוּ.

Dor l'dor y'shabach maasecha, ug'vurotecha yagidu.

הַדָּר כְּבוֹד הַוָּדָד, וְדַבְּרֵי נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה.

Hadar k'vod hodecha, v'divrei niflotecha asichah.

וְעִזּוֹ נִזְרְאוֹתֶיךָ יֹאמְרוּ, וּגְדֻלְתְּךָ אֲסַפְּרָנָה.

Ve-ezuz norotecha yomeiru, ug'dulat'cha asaprenah.

זָכַר רַב טוֹבְךָ יִבְיָעוּ, וְצִדְקֹתֶיךָ יִרְנְנוּ.

Zecher rav tuvcha yabiyu, v'tzidkat'cha y'raneinu.

חֲנוּן וְרַחוּם יְיָ, אֶרְךָ אַפַּיִם וּגְדֹל חֶסֶד.

Chanun v'rachum Adonai, erech apayim ug'dol chasad.

טוֹב יְיָ לְכֹל, וְרַחֲמָיו עַל כָּל מַעֲשָׂיו.

Tov Adonai lakol, v'rachamav al kol maasav.

יִוְדוּךָ יְיָ כָּל מַעֲשֶׂיךָ, וְחִסְדֵיךָ יִבְרָכְוֶכָה.

Yoducha Adonai kol maasecha, vachasidecha yvar'chuchah.

כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתְךָ יֹאמְרוּ, וּגְבוּרֹתֶיךָ יִדְבְּרוּ.

K'vod malchut'cha yomeiru, ug'vurat'cha y'dabeiru.

לְהוֹדִיעַ לְבְנֵי הָאָדָם גְּבוּרֹתָיו, וּכְבוֹד הַדָּר מַלְכוּתוֹ.
L'hodi-a liv'nei haadam g'vurotav, uch'vod hadar malchuto.

מַלְכוּתְךָ מַלְכוּת כָּל עוֹלָמִים, וּמְשַׁלְתָּ בְּכָל דֹּר וָדֹר.
Malchut'cha malchut kol olamim, umemshalt'cha b'chol dor vador.

סוּמְךָ יְיָ לְכָל הַנּוֹפְלִים, וְזוֹקֵף לְכָל הַכְּפוּפִים.
Someich Adonai l'chol hanoflim, v'zokeif l'chol hak'fufim.

עֵינַי כָּל אֵלֶיךָ יִשְׁבְּרוּ, וְאַתָּה נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת אֲכֻלָּם בְּעֵתוֹ.
Einei chol eilecha y'sabeiru, v'atah notein lahem et ochlam b'ito.

פּוֹתֵחַ אֶת יַדְּךָ, וּמְשַׁבֵּיעַ לְכָל חַי רָצוֹן.
Poei-ach et yadecha, umasbi-a l'chol chai ratzon.

צַדִּיק יְיָ בְּכָל דְּרָכָיו, וְחָסִיד בְּכָל מַעֲשָׂיו.
Tzaddik Adonai b'chol d'rachav, v'chasid b'chol maasav.

קָרוֹב יְיָ לְכָל קִרְאָיו, לְכָל אֲשֶׁר יִקְרָאֵהוּ בְּאֵמֶת.
Karov Adonai l'chol korav, l'chol asher yikra-uhu ve-emet.

רָצוֹן יִרְאִיו יַעֲשֶׂה, וְאֵת שְׁוֹעֵתָם יִשְׁמַע וְיוֹשִׁיעֵם.
R'tzon y'rei-av yaaseh, v'et shavatam yishma v'yoshi-eim.

שׁוֹמֵר יְיָ אֶת כָּל אֲהַבָּיו, וְאֵת כָּל הַרְשָׁעִים יִשְׁמִיד.
Shomeir Adonai et kol ohavav, v'eit kol harsha-im yashmid.

תְּהִלַּת יְיָ יִדְבַּר פִּי, וַיִּבְרַךְ כָּל בֶּשָׂר שֵׁם קֹדֶשׁוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
T'hilat Adonai y'daber pi, viy'vareich kol basar shem kodsho, l'olam va-ed.

וְאַנְחֵנוּ נְבָרְךָ יְיָ, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד עוֹלָם, הַלְלוּיָהּ.
Vaanachnu n'vareich Yah mei-atah v'ad olam, hal'luyah.

The Shema and its Blessings - שמע וברכותה

Barechu - Praise God

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
*Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach.
Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed.*

Praise Adonai to whom praise is due forever! Praised be Adonai to whom praise is due, now and forever!

Ma'ariv Aravim - Praise God for Bringing on the Evening

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְרוֹ מַעְרִיב עֲרָבִים, בְּחָכְמָה פּוֹתֵחַ שְׁעָרִים, וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה עֵתִים, וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַיָּמִינִים, וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ כְּרָצוֹנוֹ. בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה, גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֲשָׁד, וְחֲשָׁד מִפְּנֵי אוֹר, וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא לַיְלָה, וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה, יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ. אֵל חַי וְקַיִם, תָּמִיד יִמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרָבִים.

Baruch Ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha'olam asher bid'varo ma'ariv aravim, b'chochmah potei-ach sh'arim, uvit'vunah m'shaneh itim umachalif et haz'manim, um'sadeir et hakochavim b'mishm'roteihem barakia kirtzono. Borei yom valailah, goleil or mipnei choshech, v'choshech mipnei or. Umaavir yom umeivi lailah, umavdil bein yom uvein lailah, Adonai Tz'vaot sh'mo. El chai v'kayam, tamid yimloch aleinu l'olam va-ed. Baruch Ata Adonai, hamaariv aravim.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who speaks the evening into being, skillfully opens the gates, thoughtfully alters the time and changes the seasons, and arranges the stars in their heavenly courses according to plan. You are Creator of day and night, rolling light away from darkness and darkness from light, transforming day into night and distinguishing one from the other. Adonai Tz'vaot is Your Name. Ever-living God, may You reign continually over us into eternity. Blessed are You, Adonai, who brings on the evening.

Ahavat Olam - Everlasting Love

אֶהְבֵּת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ אֶהְבֵּת, תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת, חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים, אוֹתָנוּ לְמִדָּת. עַל כֵּן יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּשִׂכְבְּנוּ וּבִקְוִימוֹנוּ נִשְׁיַח בְּחֻקֶיךָ, וְנִשְׂמַח בְּדַבְּרֵי תוֹרָתְךָ וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. כִּי הֵם חַיֵּינוּ וְאֶרְךָ יָמֵינוּ, וּבָהֶם נִהְיֶה יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה, וְאֶהְבֵּתְךָ אֵל תָּסִיר מִמֶּנּוּ לְעוֹלָמִים.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Ahavat olam beit Yisrael amcha ahavta, Torah umitzvot, chukim umishpatim, otanu limad'ta. Al kein, Adonai Eloheinu, b'shochbeinu uv'kumeinu nasiach b'chukecha, v'nismach b'divrei Torat'cha uv'mitzvotecha l'olam va-ed. Ki heim chayeinu v'orech yameinu uvahem neh'geh yomam valailah. V'ahavat'cha al tasir mimenu l'olamim. Baruch Ata Adonai, ohev amo Yisrael.

Everlasting love You offered Your people Israel by teaching us Torah and mitzvot, laws and precepts. Therefore, Adonai our God, when we lie down and when we rise up, we will meditate on Your laws and Your commandments. We will rejoice in Your Torah for ever. Day and night we will reflect on them for they are our life and doing them lengthens our days. Never remove Your love from us. Praise to You, Adonai, who loves Your people Israel.

Shema - Hear

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלָכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

*Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad.
Baruch shem k'vod mal'chuto l'olam va'ed.*

Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!
Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever.

V'ahavta - And You Will Love

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יי אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ, וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ, וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ. וְהָיוּ
הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם, עַל לִבְבְּךָ. וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבִנְיָךָ,
וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָם, בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ, וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ, וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ, וּבְקוּמְךָ.
וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדְךָ, וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפוֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזוֹזוֹת
בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ. לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתַי, וְהֵייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים
לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם. אֲנִי יי אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, לְהִיּוֹת
לְכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים, אֲנִי יי אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

*V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha, b'chol l'vav'cha uv'chol nafsh'cha uv'chol m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim
ha'eileh asher anochi m'tzavcha hayom al l'vavecha. V'shinantam l'vanecha v'dibarta bam b'shivt'cha
b'veitecha uv'lech't'cha vaderech uv'shoch'b'cha uv'kumecha. Uk'shartam l'ot al yadecha, v'hayu
l'totafot bein einecha. Uch'tavtam al m'zuzot beitecha u'vish'arecha. L'ma'an tizk'ru va'asitem et kol
mitzvotai vih'yitem k'doshim leilohleichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem asher hotzeiti etchem mei'eret
mitzrayim lih'yot lachem leilohim.
Ani Adonai Eloheichem.*

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.

Mi Chamocha - Who is Like God?

מִי כְמוֹכָה בְּאֵלִים יי, מִי כְמוֹכָה נֹאדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלָּתוֹ, עֲשֵׂה פְלָא.
מַלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בִנְיָךָ, בּוֹקֵעַ יָם לְפָנֵי מֹשֶׁה וּמִרְיָם, זֶה אֱלֹהֵי עַנּוּ וְאָמְרוּ:
יי יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
וְנֹאמַר: כִּי פָדָה יי אֶת יַעֲקֹב, וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חֲזַק מִמֶּנּוּ.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, גֹּאֲלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

*Mi chamochah ba'eilim Adonai; Mi kamochah ne'dar bakodesh, nora t'hilot, osei feleh.
Malchut'cha ra'u vanecha, bokei'a yam lifnei Moshe u'Miriam. Zeh eili, anu v'amru:
Adonai yimloch l'olam va'ed.
V'ne'emar ki fadah Adonai et Ya'akov, ug'alo miyad chazak mimenu.
Baruch Atah Adonai ga'al Yisrael.*

Who is like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders?
Your children witnessed Your sovereignty, the sea splitting before Moses and Miriam.
"This is our God!" they cried. "Adonai will reign forever and ever!"
Thus it is said, "Adonai redeemed Jacob, from a hand stronger than his own."
Praised are You, Adonai, for redeeming Israel.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזַמַּן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ
אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי עֻלְמָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא, לְעַלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא וְתַשְׁבְּחַתָּא
וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְאָמְרוּ בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei rabah. B'alma di v'rah chirutei v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon
uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael, ba'agalah u'vizman kariv v'imru, amein.*

Y'hei sh'mei rabah m'vorach l'alam ul'almei almayah.

*Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei v'yithadar v'yitaleh v'yithalal sh'mei d'kudsha
b'rich hu. L'eilah min kol bir'chatah v'shiratah tush'b'chatah v'nechematah, da'ahmiran b'alma,
v'imru, amein.*

Glorified and sanctified be God's great name. Throughout the world which God created according to God's will, may God establish divine sovereignty in your lifetime and during your days and in the lifetime of the whole House of Israel speedily and soon and say: Amen. May God's name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed and praised, glorified and exalted, extolled and honored, adored and lauded, be the name of the Holy One, Blessed be God. Above all the blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are ever spoken in the world, and say: Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven and life for us and for all Israel, and say: Amen. May the One who creates peace in the heavens make peace for us and all Israel, and say: Amen.

תְּפִלָּה - TEFILLAH

אֲדֹנָי שְׁפָתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

Adonai, s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha.

Adonai, open up my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.

Avot - Ancestors

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי
יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רַבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה.
הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים טוֹבִים, וְקִנְיַת הַכֹּל,
וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאֲמָהוֹת, וְיַמְבִּיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְּנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׂמוֹ
בְּאַהֲבָה. מְלַךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגִּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעֵזְרַת
שָׂרָה.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu veilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak, v'Eilohei
Ya'akov, Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah, Elohei Rachel, v'Eilohei Leah, ha'Eil hagadol hagibor v'hanora,
Eil Elyon, gomeil chasadim tovim v'konei hakol, v'zocher chasdei avot v'imahot, u'meivi g'ulah livnei
v'neihem l'ma'an sh'mo b'ahavah. Melech ozer u'moshi'a u'magein. Baruch Atah Adonai, magein
Avraham v'ezrat Sarah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebekah, God of Rachel, and God of Leah, the great, mighty and awesome God, transcendent God who bestows loving-kindness, creates everything out of love, remembers the love of our fathers and mothers, and brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of the Divine Name. Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper and Shield - Blessed are You, Adonai, Sarah's Helper, Abraham's Shield.

Gevurot - God's Powers

אַתָּה גְּבוּר גְּבוּר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי, מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל אֶתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ. מוֹרִיד הַטֶּל.
מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים, סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא
חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, וּמְקַיֵּם אֲמוּנָתוֹ לְיֹשְׁנֵי עֶפְרָי, מִי כְמוֹךָ בְּעַל
גְּבוּרוֹת וּמִי דְּוָמָה לָךְ, מְלֶכֶךְ מִמִּית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמְצַמִּיחַ יְשׁוּעָה. וְנֶאֱמָן אֶתָּה
לְהַחְיֹת הַכֹּל. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְחַיֶּה הַכֹּל.

*Atah gibor l'olam Adonai, m'chayei hakol Atah, rav l'hoshi'a. Morid hatal. M'chalkel
chayim b'chesed, m'chayei hakol b'rachamim rabim, somech noflim v'rofei cholim, u'matir asurim,
um'kayeim emunato lishenei afar. Mi chamocha ba'al g'vurot u'mi domeh lach, melech meimit
um'chayeh u'matzmi'ach y'shu'ah. V'ne'eman Atah l'hachayot hakol. Baruch Atah Adonai, m'chayei
hakol.*

You are forever mighty, Adonai; You give life to all. You cause the wind to shift and rain to fall. You sustain life through love, giving life to all through great compassion, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing the captive, keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Source of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a Sovereign who takes and gives life, causing deliverance to spring up and faithfully giving life to all? Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives life to all.

Kedushah - Sanctification

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ, וּקְדוּשֵׁים בְּכָל יוֹם יְהַלְלוּךָ סְלָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
יְיָ, הַיֵּל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

*Atah kadosh, v'shimcha kadosh uk'doshim b'chol yom y'hal'lucha selah. Baruch Ata Adonai haEl
hakadosh.*

You are holy, Your name is holy. Seekers of holiness praise You day by day. Praised are You, Eternal One, the Holy God.

There is holiness when we strive to be true to the best we know.

There is holiness when we are kind to someone who cannot possibly be of service to us.

There is holiness when we promote family harmony.

There is holiness when we forget what divides us and remember what unites us.

There is holiness when we are willing to be laughed at for what we believe in.

There is holiness when we love- truly, honestly, and unselfishly.

There is holiness when we remember the lonely and bring cheer into a dark corner.

There is holiness when we share- our bread, our ideas, our enthusiasms.

There is holiness when we gather to pray to the One who gave us the power to pray.

Modim - Gratitude

מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ, שְׂאֵתָה הוּא, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַטּוֹב שְׂמִיךְ וּלְךָ נֶאֱמָה לְהוֹדוֹת.

*Modim anachnu lach, she'atah hu Adonai Eloheinu vaylohay avoteinu v'eemotaynu l'olahm va-ed.
Baruch Atah Adonai, ha-tov sheem-cha ul'cha na-eh lehodot.*

We gratefully acknowledge that You are our God and the God of our people, the God of all generations, until the end of time. We praise You, God, whose good name and nature is goodness.

Loving God, how much we need the gift of friendship and the warmth of understanding! How greatly we need to be needed and cherished! We pray therefore that our souls may know the joy of love given and received. Open our eyes to the beauty within all who walk the earth. When we feel lonely and forsaken, let the faith that You are with us give us strength, and the solace of friendship give us courage.

Keep us from imagined hurts, from seeing only foes where friends are to be found. And give us insight into our own hearts, that we may uproot our weaknesses. Help us to be patient when we are misunderstood, open to the thoughts of others, and quick to forgive hurts. As a friend to others, may we neither judge them too harshly nor blindly follow them into paths that are not ours. And as we walk through life together, let us and our dear ones go with that integrity which leads to peace, that love which brings harmony and joy, that regard whose fruit is enduring friendship.

Birkat Shalom - Blessing of Peace

שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל עִמָּךְ תְּשִׂים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אַתָּה הוּא מֶלֶךְ אֲדוֹן לְכָל
הַשְּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמָּךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שָׁעָה
בְּשִׁלּוּמֶךָ. בְּסִפּוּר חַיִּים, בְּרַחָה, וְשְׁלוֹם, וּפְרִנָּסָה טוֹבָה, נִזְכֵּר וְנִכְתָּב
לְפָנֶיךָ, אֲנַחְנוּ וְכָל עַמָּךְ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וּלְשְׁלוֹם. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה
יְיָ, עוֹשֵׂה הַשְּׁלוֹם.

Shalom rav al Yisrael amcha tasim l'olam, ki Ata hu melech adon l'chol hashalom. V'tov b'einecha l'varech et amcha Yisrael b'chol eit uv'chol sha'ah bish'lomecha. B'sefer chayim, b'racha, v'shalom, ufarnasa tova, nizacher v'nikatev l'fanecha, anachnu v'chol amcha beit Yisrael, l'chayim tovim ul'shalom. Baruch Ata Adonai, oseh hashalom.

O Sovereign of Peace, let Israel Your people know enduring peace, for it is good in your sight to bless Israel with peace. Praised be God, You bless your people Israel with peace.

SILENT PRAYER

קְרִיאַת הַתּוֹרָה – READING OF THE TORAH

Let us affirm our faith in Torah,
Our people's legacy of learning and faith.

There are no words more challenging than “You shall be holy!”
No command more basic than “You shall love!”

There is no insight so fundamental as “In the beginning, God...”
No words so life-enhancing as “You shall rest!”

No cry is more compelling than “Let My people go!”
No consolation more comforting than “I am with you in your distress.”

There is no vision more hopeful than “They shall beat their swords into plowshares.”
And no summons more demanding than “Justice, justice shall you pursue!”

These words have outlived monuments and empires;
We want them to live through us until the end of time.

We owe it to our ancestors to keep Torah alive;
They struggled and suffered to preserve our way of life;
They knew this to be their most precious gift to us.

We owe it to our children to keep Torah alive;
For why should they be spiritual paupers when the riches of this heritage can be theirs?

We owe it to the world to keep Torah alive;
This is a message which the world needs to hear.

אֵין כְּמוֹד בְּאֱלֹהִים, יי, וְאֵין כְּמַעֲשֵׂיָךְ. מַלְכוּתְךָ מַלְכוּת כָּל-עֲלָמִים,
וּמִמְשַׁלְתֶּךָ בְּכָל-דֹּר וְדֹר. יי מֶלֶךְ, יי מֶלֶךְ, יי יְמִלְךָ לְעֵלָם וָעַד. יי עַז לְעַמּוֹ
יִתֵן, יי יְבָרֶךְ אֶת עַמּוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם. אֵב הַרְחַמִּים, הִיטִיבָה בְּרַצוֹנְךָ אֶת צִיּוֹן,
תִּבְנֶה חוֹמוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַיִם. כִּי בָּךְ לְבַד בְּטַחְנוּ, מֶלֶךְ אֵל רַם וְנִשְׂאָ, אֲדוֹן
עוֹלָמִים.

Ein kamocha va'elohim Adonai v'ein k'ma'asecha. Malchut'cha mal'chut kol-olamim u'memshal't'cha b'chol-dor vador. Adonai melech, Adonai malach, Adonai yimloch l'olam va'ed. Adonai oz l'amo yitein; Adonai y'vareich et-amo vashalom. Av harachamim, heitivah virtzon'chah et Tziyon, tivneh chomot Yerushalayim. Ki v'chah l'vad batachnu, Melech Eil ram v'nisah, adon olamim.

There is none like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped and there are no deeds like Yours. Your sovereignty is an everlasting one; Your rule endures throughout all generations. God is, was, and will forever be sovereign. Eternal God, strengthen Your people. Eternal God, bless Your people with peace. Merciful One, may it be Your will to benefit Zion, to build the walls of Jerusalem; for on You alone do we rely, exalted God, eternal Ruler. Let us magnify our God and give honor to the Torah.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.
אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ, גָּדוֹל אֲדוֹנֵנוּ, קָדוֹשׁ שְׁמוֹ.
גְּדָלוֹ לַיְיָ אֲתִי, וְנִרְוַמָּה שְׁמוֹ יַחְדָּו.
*Sh'ma Yisra'el, Adonai eloheinu, Adonai echad.
Echad Eloheinu, gadol Adoneinu, kadosh sh'mo
Gadlu l'Adonai iti, u'n'rom'ma sh'mo yachdav.*

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One. Adonai is great, Holy is God's Name.
Exalt Adonai with me, let us extol God's Name together.

לְךָ יְיָ הַגְּדֹלָה וְהַגְּבוּרָה וְהַתְּפִאָּרֶת וְהַנְּצִיחַ וְהַהוֹד,
כִּי כֹל בַּשָּׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ, לְךָ יְיָ הַמְּמֹלָכָה, וְהַמְּתַנַּשֵּׂא לְכֹל לְרֹאשׁ.
*L'cha Adonai ha'g'dulah v'ha'g'vurah v'hatif'eret v'haneitsach v'hahod,
ki chol bashamayim u'va'aretz, l'cha Adonai hamamlachah v'hamitnasei l'chol l'rosh.*

Torah.Yours, Adonai, is the greatness, might, splendor, triumph, and majesty - Yes, all that is in heaven and on earth.
To You, Adonai, belong sovereignty and preeminence above all.

Birkat HaTorah - Blessing of the gift of Torah

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ.

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach.

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
בָּחַר־בָּנוּ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן־לָנוּ אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן
הַתּוֹרָה.

*Baruch Adonai ham-vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed. Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher
bachar banu mikol ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torah'to. Baruch Atah Adonai, notein haTorah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has chosen us from among the peoples and given us the Torah.
Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Birkat HaTorah - Blessing of the gift of Torah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,
וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher natan lanu Torat emet, v'cha'yei olam natah b'to'cheinu. Baruch Atah Adonai, notein haTorah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has given us a Torah of Truth, implanting in us eternal life.
Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Prayer for our Congregation

Source of all being, may the children of this community learn these passions for this community: love of Torah, devotion in prayer, and support of the needy. May those who are a part of this congregation guide with integrity. May the leadership of this community be blessed with good health of body and spirit, and may they take joy in their service to the Jewish people. Amen.
(Adapted from Mishkan Tefilah)

Prayer for our Nation

O Guardian of life and liberty, may our nation always merit Your protection. Teach us to give thanks for what we have by sharing it with those who are in need. Keep our eyes open to the wonders of creation, and alert to the care of the earth. May we never be lazy in the work of peace; may we honor those who have died in defense of our ideals. Grant our leaders wisdom and forbearance. May they govern with justice and compassion. Help us all to appreciate one another, and to respect the many ways that we may serve You. May our homes be safe from affliction and strife, and our country be sound in body and spirit. Amen. (Mishkan Tefilah)

Prayer for Israel

O Heavenly One, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless the State of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all who seek peace. Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it the canopy of Your peace. Send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise, guiding them with Your good counsel. Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell there. Amen. (Mishkan Tefilah)

Prayer for Travelers

May it be Your Will, our God and God of our ancestors, that you lead all who have traveled to be present today in peace. May You protect them on their return, rescue them from any harm, and bless the work of their hands. May their deeds merit honor for You. Praise to You, Protector of Israel. (Mishkan Tefilah)

Prayer for Bar Mitzvah

Our hearts are one on this joyous day as you commit yourself to a life of Torah: a life, we pray, filled with wisdom, caring and right action. We pray that you will grow each day in compassion for the needy, in concern for the stranger, and in love for all people. May the One who blessed our ancestors bless you on your becoming a Bar Mitzvah. May you grow with strength and courage, with vision and sensitivity. And may you always be certain of our love. Amen.

Vezot HaTorah - This is the Torah

וְזֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לְפָנָיו בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל פִּי יְיָ בְּיַד מֹשֶׁה:

V'zot ha'Tora asher sam Moshe lifnei b'nei Yisrael al pi Adonai b'yad Moshe.

This is the Torah which Moses placed before the people of Israel; God's word through the hand of Moses.

Eitz Chaim He - It is a Tree of Life

עֵץ-חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחְזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתִמְכִּיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר. דְּרָכֶיהָ דְרָכֵי-נֹעַם,
וְכָל-נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם: הֲשִׁיבֵנוּ, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנִשְׁוֶבָה, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם:

Eitz chayim hi lamachazikim bah, v'tom'chehah m'ushar. D'rachehah darchei no'am, v'chol n'tivotehah shalom. Hashiveinu, Adonai, eilecha v'nashuvah, chadeish yameinu k'kedem.

It is a Tree of Life for those who hold fast to it, and all its supporters are happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace. Return us to You, Adonai, and we will return; renew our days as of old.

Aleinu - We now praise

עָלֵינוּ לְשַׁבַּח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית, שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֵה
שָׁמַיִם וְיִסַּד אֶרֶץ, וּמֹשֵׁב יְקָרוֹ בְּשָׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל, וְשֹׁכֵנֵת עָזוֹ בְּגִבְהֵי
מְרוֹמִים, הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵין עוֹד. וְאַנְחֵנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמְשַׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לְפָנָיו
מִלֶּדֶד מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים, הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא. וְנֹאמֵר, וְהִיא יְיָ לְמִלְדֶּד עַל כָּל
הָאֶרֶץ, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יְהִיָּה יְיָ אֶחָד, וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד.

Aleinu l'shabei'ach la'adon hakol, lateit g'dulah l'yotzeir b'reishit, shehu noteh shamayim v'yosed aretz, u'moshav y'karo bashamayim mima'al, u'sh'chinat uzo b'govhei m'romim, hu Eloheinu ein od.

Va'anachnu kor'im u'mish'tachavim u'modim, lifnei melech malchei ham'lachim, haKadosh Baruch Hu. V'ne'emar v'hayah Adonai l'melech al kol ha'aretz, bayom hahu yih'yeh Adonai echad, u'sh'mo echad.

Let us now praise the Sovereign of the universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world. You are our God; there is none else. Therefore we bow in awe and thanksgiving before the One who is Sovereign over all, the Holy and Blessed One. Thus it has been said, Adonai will be Sovereign over all the earth. On that day, Adonai will be one, and God's name will be one.

Mourner's Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ
בְּחַיֵּינוּ וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ
אָמֵן.

יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי עֻלְמָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא בְרִיךְ הוּא, לְעַלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא
וְנַחֲמַתָּא, דְאָמְרוּ בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא, וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ
אָמֵן.

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba, b'alma div'ra chir'utei v'yamlich malchutei, b'chayeichon
uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael ba'agala u'vizman kariv, v'imru: Amen.*

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

*Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei v'yithadar v'yit'aleh v'yithalal sh'mei
d'kud'sha b'rich hu. L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tush'b'chata v'nechemata
da'amiran b'alma, v'imru: Amen.*

*Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, v'imru: Amen.
Oseh shalom bim'romav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, v'imru: Amen.*

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which God created, according to the plan. May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel - speedily, imminently, to which we say Amen. Blessed be God's great name to all eternity. Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say Amen. May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.