

Prayers for Writing Iyyunim
Confirmation Service (Shavuot Afternoon)
Woodlands Community Temple

AVOT V'IMAHOT

The Jewish people stood at Mount Sinai (as we will do at Confirmation on Shavuot) and committed itself to Jewish living more than 3000 years ago. But that commitment began a thousand years earlier, when a man named Abraham and a woman named Sarah shared a vision of a new way of life based on a belief in One Creator, and the responsibilities we perceive that Creator as having given us. The Avot v'Imahot reminds us that every Jewish act in which we participate stands on the shoulders of the founders of our people: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel.

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אבות ואמהות

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ,
אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. אֱלֹהֵי
שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל
הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסִדִּים
טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסִדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאִמָּהוֹת,
וּמְבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה.
מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מַגֵּן
אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה.

*Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, eh-lo-hey-nu vey-lo-hey a-vo-tey-nu v'ee-mo-tey-nu: eh-lo-hey
Av-ra-ham, eh-lo-hey Yitz-khak, vey-lo-hey Ya-a-kov. Eh-lo-hey Sa-rah, eh-lo-hey Riv-kah,
eh-lo-hey Ra-khel vey-lo-hey Ley-ah. Ha-eyl ha-ga-dol ha-gee-bor v'ha-no-rah, eyl el-yon, go-meyl
kha-sa-deem to-veem v'ko-ney ha-kol, v'zo-kher khas-dey ah-vot v'ee-ma-hot, u'mey-vee g'u-lah
liv-ney v'ney-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo b'a-ha-vah. Me-lekh o-zeir u-mo-shee-a u-ma-geyn. Ba-rukh
a-tah Adonai, ma-geyn Av-ra-ham v'ez-rat Sa-rah.*

Praised be our God, the God of our fathers and our mothers: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebekah, God of Leah and God of Rachel; great, mighty, and awesome God, God supreme. Ruler of all the living, Your ways are ways of love. You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name. You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Redeemer and our Shield. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.