

בָּרְכוּ
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וְאֲהַבְתָּ
לְמַעַן תִּזְכָּרוּ
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שְׁמַע וּבְרָכוֹתֶיהָ

SH'MA UVIRCHOTEHA — SH'MA AND ITS BLESSINGS

Cantor leads Bar'chu

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ!
בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

~~PRAISE ADONAI to whom praise is due forever!
Praised be Adonai to whom praise is due,
now and forever.~~

Group 3 Returns to Seats Group 4 to Bima – Readers 14-15

One Reader 14 says: "We read together on Page 148."

The Sh'ma is one of the prayers one may recite in any language. *M. Sotah 7:1*

For those who choose: The prayer leader at the word בָּרְכוּ *Bar'chu* (the call to worship) bends the knees and bows from the waist, and at יְיָ *Adonai* stands straight. יְיָ *Baruch Adonai* is the communal response, whereupon the community repeats the choreography of the first line.

Readers 14

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
 אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
 אֲשֶׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מַעְרִיב עֲרֵבִים,
 בְּחִכְמָה פּוֹתַח שְׁעָרִים,
 וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנָּה עֵתִים
 וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַזְּמַנִּים,
 וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים
 בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ כְּרָצוֹנוֹ.
 בּוֹרָא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה,
 גּוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ
 וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר,
 וּמַעְבִּיר יוֹם וּמַבִּיא לַיְלָה,
 וּמַבְדִּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה,
 יי צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ.
 אֵל חַי וְקַיִם,
 תָּמִיד יִמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרֵבִים.

בָּרוּךְ
 מַעְרִיב עֲרֵבִים
 אֲחֻבַת עוֹלָם
 שְׁמוֹ
 וְאֲחֻבַת
 לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ
 אֲמֵת וְאֱמוּנָה
 מִי־כִמְכָה
 הַשְׂכִּיבֵנוּ
 וְשִׁמְרוּ

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 evening.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרֵבִים. Cantor or Student Chants

צְבָאוֹת יי *Adonai Tz'vaot*: this is one of many names that help elucidate God's attributes.
 God designs, creates and arranges the universe with order and purpose.

The darkness of the first day differed from the darkness that preceded creation. The root of
 מַעְרִיב *maariv* can also mean "mix," suggesting God mixed light into the primordial darkness.
 The tiniest spark of light can transform darkness.

Bar'chu

Maariv Aravim

Ahavat Olam

Sh'ma

V'havta

L'maan tizk'ru

Emet Ve-Emunah

Mi Chamochah

Hashkiveinu

V'shamru

AS YOU TAUGHT TORAH
 to those whose names I bear,
 teach me Torah, too.
 Its mystery beckons,
 yet I struggle with its truth.
 You meant Torah for me:
 did You mean the struggle for me, too?
 Don't let me struggle alone;
 help me
 to understand,
 to be wise, to listen, to know . . .
 Lead me into the mystery.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Reader 15

On Page 151,
We read responsively.

WISDOM AND WONDER,
 passion and instruction,
 story and symbol.

All these things
 Your Torah gives to us.

And the more we devote ourselves to it,
 the more it grows and gives.

What could be a truer token
 of Your abiding love

than this holiest of Your works,
 and the living language
 that gives it form?

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל. Cantor or Student

reads/chants.

Cantor leads Sh'ma

Torah is what God has revealed to us, and what we discern of God: ideas and ideals, laws and mitzvot, our religious heritage. It unfolds our memories of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and Miriam and the Prophets. It is legislation and explanation, allowing questions that challenge, answers that inspire: all a quest for meaning. It is our way of life, a path for our souls, and the design for a better world. *John Rayner*

שִׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה

שִׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד!

~~Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!~~

שמע ישראל... *Shima Yisrael...* Hear, O Israel... Deuteronomy 6:4

אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Cantor says: "Please be seated." ~~esty forever and ever.~~

Group 4 Returns to Seats

Group 5 to Bima – Readers 16-18

The enlarged *ayin* at the end of *שמעל Shima* (Hear) and the enlarged *dalet* at the end of *אחד echad* (one) combine to spell *עיד eid* (witness). We recite the *Shima* to bear witness to the Oneness of God.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד *Baruch shem kvod* . . . *Blessed is God's glorious* . . . *M. Yoma 3:8, inspired by Nehemiah 9:5*