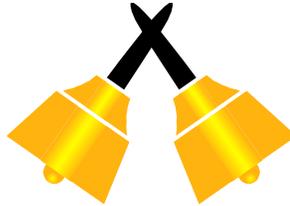


בְּרָכוּ



What we
believe.

What we
ask for.

Concluding
Prayers

Call to
Prayer

Shema and
its Blessings

Amidah

Aleinu...



Most faiths have a way of calling people to prayer, bringing the community together. **בְּרָכוּ** is our **Call to Prayer**. Think of it as a shofar or bell, getting our attention, inviting us to begin.

The **בְּרָכוּ** comes right before the part of our service called "Shema and its Blessings." The words of the **בְּרָכוּ** can also be found in the blessing that is said over the reading of **תּוֹרָה**.

Because we are **calling** the **community to prayer**, the **בְּרָכוּ** is usually recited only when there are at least ten people present -- a "minyan."

בְּרָכוּ
Let us praise

בְּרָכוּ
Let us praise

אֶת-יְיָ
Adonai

אֶת-יְיָ
Adonai

הַמְּבָרָךְ
to whom
praise is due

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בְּרָכוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

בְּרָכוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:
Let us praise Adonai,
to whom praise is due.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ

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Praised is Adonai, to
whom praise is due

לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
forever.

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forever.

בְּרָכוּ





It is traditional
for the service leader
to bend at the knee
and then bow, as he or she
begins:

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

The community responds:

בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Let us praise Adonai, to whom praise is due.

Praised is Adonai, to whom praise is due, forever.

בְּרָכוּ

Key Phrase:

בְּרָכוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

Let us praise Adonai, to whom praise is due.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם

Praised is Adonai, to whom praise is due, forever

Key Words:

praise, bless (root)	ברכ
(does not translate)	את
praised, blessed	בְּרוּךְ
let us praise, let us bless	בְּרָכוּ
to whom praise is due	הַמְּבָרָךְ
forever	לְעוֹלָם



ברכ

The root for many of the words in the **בְּרָכוּ**, our Call to Prayer, is **ברכ**. This root comes from the word **בָּרַךְ**, knee, from the time people would bend at the knee to show respect and acknowledge a power outside themselves. The word **בְּרָכוּ** means, “let us praise.” Study the words on the previous page. Use them to translate below.

(root) _____ **ברכ**

_____ **בְּרָכוּ** אֶת _____

_____ **בְּרָכוּ** אֶת-יְיָ _____ הַמְּבָרָךְ

_____ **בְּרָכוּ** אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:

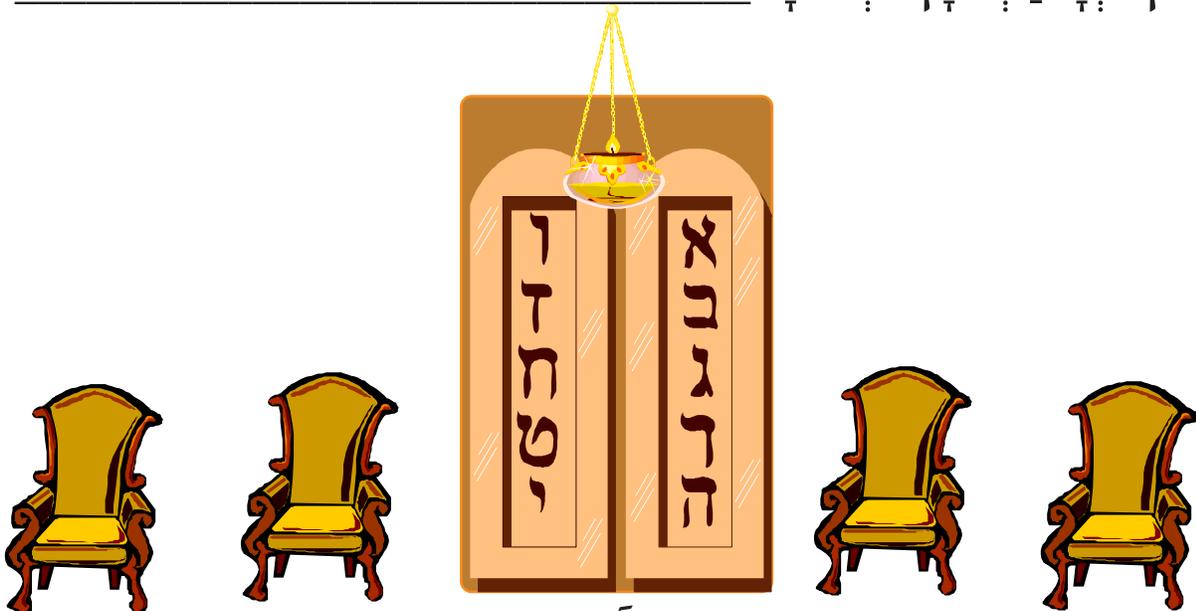
_____ **בְּרוּךְ** _____ בְּרוּךְ יְיָ

_____ הַמְּבָרָךְ

_____ **בְּרוּךְ** יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ

_____ לְעוֹלָם

_____ **בְּרוּךְ** יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם



הַמְּבָרָךְ

1. Practice the בְּרָכוּ until you can read it smoothly.
Can you learn it by heart?



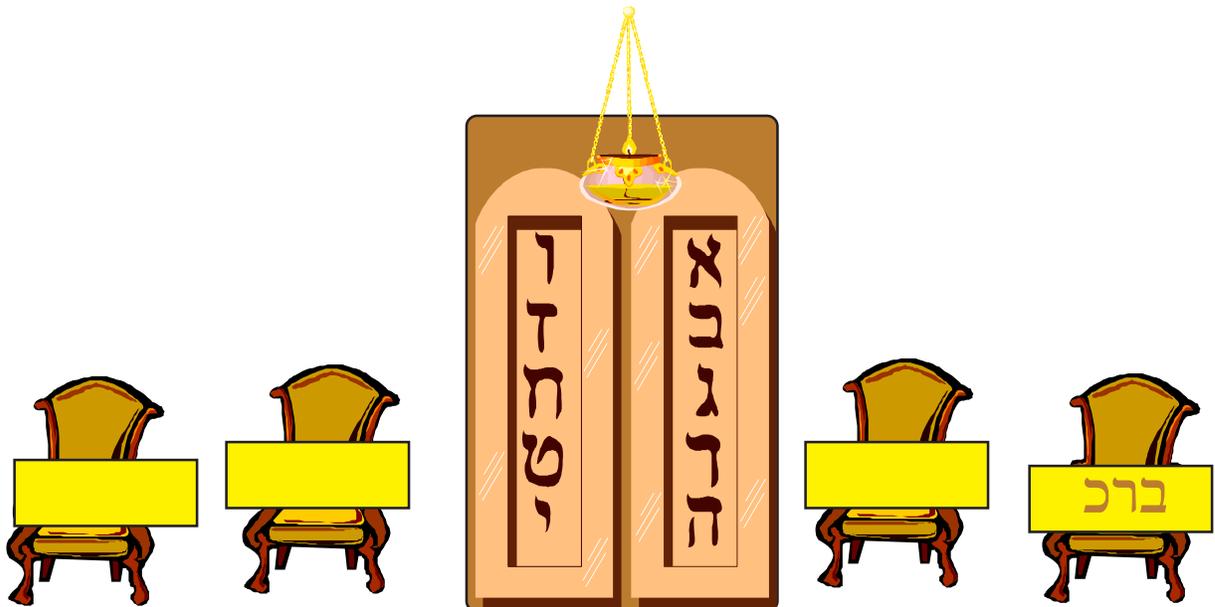
2. Three key words in the בְּרָכוּ come from the root for bless/praise, בֵּרַךְ. Write these three words onto the chairs on the בִּימָה below. (They can include either form of the third root letter, כּ or ךּ.)



בְּרָכוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:



בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:



לְעוֹלָם

The בְּרִיכוֹ is a prayer way of getting our attention. A Call to Prayer. Each Hebrew word is next to something used to get people's attention. Write the name of the object that is above the Hebrew word onto the blank line by its English definition, below.

ברכ



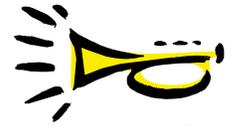
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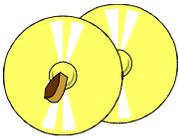
בְּקֶר



לְעוֹלָם



בְּרוּךְ



הַמְּבָרָךְ



אֵת



טוֹב



שְׁלוֹם



בֵּית



good microphone morning megaphone
 house _____ forever _____
 praise (root) _____
 to whom praise is due _____
 peace _____ praised _____
 this word does not translate _____
 let us praise _____

Reading Drill

Key Root:

ברכ

Read the following prayer lines out loud.
Circle all words built on the root for "bless/praise."

1. בְּרָכוֹת וְהוֹדָאוֹת לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל וְהַקְּדוֹשׁ
2. בְּרַכְנוּ אֲבֵינוּ כְּלָנוּ בְּאֶחָד בְּאוֹר פְּנֵיךָ
3. שְׁמִים שְׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים
4. בְּסִפּוֹר חַיִּים, בְּרָכָה וְשְׁלוֹם וּפְרִנְסָה טוֹבָה
5. וְעֲדָקָה וּבְרָכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשְׁלוֹם
6. אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים לָךְ, וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתְךָ, יִתְבָּרַךְ שִׁמְךָ
7. וְעַל כָּלֵם יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִתְרוֹמַם, שִׁמְךָ מְלַכְנוּ תָמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
8. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרַךְ אֶת עַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל עֵת
9. לְשִׁבְחָה לְפָאֵר לְרוֹמַם לְהַדִּיר לְבָרַךְ לְעֵלְיָה וּלְקַלְמֵם

When you have completed the chapter, and have all בְּרָכוּ reading lines checked off, your teacher will give you a sticker!

I have mastered
בְּרָכוּ