

Shavuot Morning
& Consecration
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At the beginning of a movie, we see coming attractions.

At the beginning of a book, we read an introduction.

At the beginning of a song, we hear the opening notes.

At the beginning of a game, we welcome the two teams.

At the beginning of a service, we ask if we are ready to pray.

The first prayer of our service is a **CALL TO PRAYER**. It asks the question: Are you ready to pray?

Why do we ask that question? Because praying is very important. Praying is our way of talking with God. It is the way we thank God for all the good things we have. It is the way we ask God to watch over us, our families, and our world.

To pray means to pay attention with our minds.

We will pay attention with our minds.

To pray means to pay attention with our hearts.

We will pay attention with our hearts.

To pray means to pay attention with our bodies.

We will pay attention with our bodies.

(ALL RISE)

בְּרַחוּ אֱתֵי הַמְּבָרָךְ.

בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Ba-re-chu et A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach.

Ba-ruch A-do-nai ha-me-vo-rach le-o-lam va-ed.

May you praise God, who is full of all blessing.

We praise God, who is full of blessing forever and ever.

(ALL SIT)

Death is not the enemy of life, but its friend—for it is the knowledge that our years are limited which makes them so precious. We are like children privileged to spend a day in a great park. True, the day allotted to each of us is not the same in length, in light, or in beauty. Some spend a long and sunlit day in this grand garden we call Earth. For others, the day is shorter, cloudier, and dusk descends more quickly. No, the day that each of us is privileged to spend in the great park of life is not the same — but for all of us, there is enough beauty and gaiety in the hours we do have, if we but treasure them.

(ALL RISE)

יִתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא
דִּי־בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ, וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ
בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yit-ga-dal ve-yit-ka-dash she-
mei ra-ba be-al-ma di ve-ra chir-
u-tei ve-yam-lich mal-chu-tei be-
cha-yei-chon uv-yo-mei-chon uv-
cha-yei de-chol beit yis-ra-eil ba-
a-ga-la u-viz-man ka-riv. Ve-im-
ru a-mein.

Ye-hei she-mei ra-ba me-va-rach
le-a-lam ul-al-mei al-ma-ya.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא
וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Yit-ba-rach ve-yish-ta-bach ve-
yit-pa-ar ve-yit-ro-mam ve-yit-na-
sei ve-yit-ha-dar ve-yit-a-le ve-
yit-ha-lal she-mei de-ku-de-sha,
be-rich hu, le-ei-la min kol bir-
cha-ta ve-shi-ra-ta tush-be-cha-
ta ve-ne-che-ma-ta da-a-mi-ran
be-al-ma. Ve-im-ru a-mein.

Ye-hei she-la-ma ra-ba min she-
ma-ya ve-cha-yim a-lei-nu ve-al
kol yis-ra-eil. Ve-im-ru a-mein.

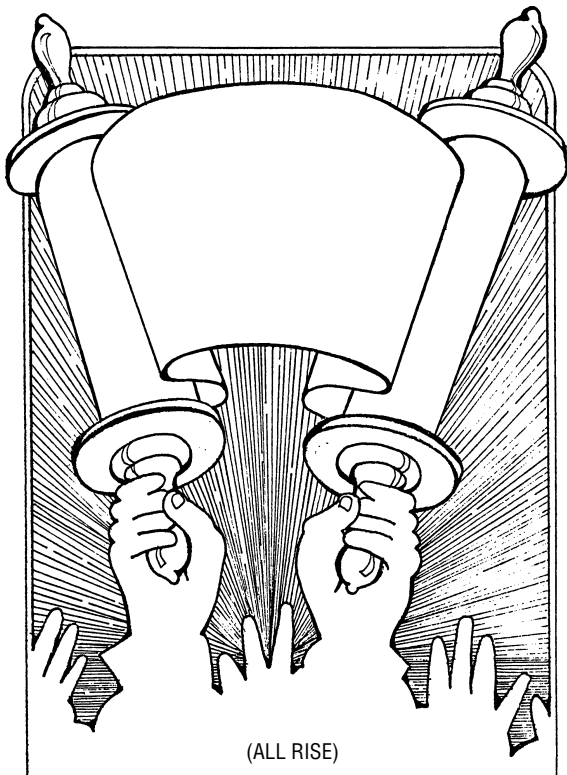
יְתַבְרַךְ וַיְשַׁתַּבַּח, וַיְתַפָּאֵר וַיְתְרוֹמֵם
וַיְתַנְשֵׂא, וַיְתַהוֹדֵר וַיְתַעֲלֶה וַיְתַהַלֵּל
שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעָלְמָא
מִן־כָּל־בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן־שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

O-se sha-lom bim-ro-mav hu ya-
a-se sha-lom a-lei-nu ve-al kol
yis-ra-eil. Ve-im-ru a-mein.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

(ALL SIT)



(ALL RISE)

Let us adore the ever-living God and give praise to God, who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above, and whose greatness is shown throughout the world. This is our God; there is none else.

וְאֶנְחֵנוּ כֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֵי
מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמַּלְכִּים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

Va-a-nach-nu kor-im u-mish-ta-cha-vim u-mo-dim lif-nei
me-lech mal-chei ham-la-chim ha-ka-dosh ba-ruch hu.

Therefore, we bow our heads down low and give thanks to God, the Holy and Blessed One.

(ALL SIT)

God means different things to different people. To some people, God is the beautiful things in our world. For others, God is the special gifts that are a part of every human being. And for still others, God is the source of hope and love and goodness.

HA-MAKOM ADONAI יְהוָה
TZUR YISRAEL ELOHIM
HA-KADOSH BARUCH HU EL SHADDAI
EIN SOF
AVINU MALKEINU

GOD = 1

Jewish people have called God by many, many Hebrew names. Some we remember easily. Others sound rather strange. But all of these names describe something unique about God. And although we use different names, all the names refer to one God — our God. That is what the **SHEMA** says: God is our God; God is one; God's names are forever special.

(ALL RISE)

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד:

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

She-ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu A-do-nai e-chad.
Ba-ruch shem ke-vod mal-chu-to le-o-lam va-ed.

*Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.
We praise God's name, whose wonder is forever and ever.*

(ALL SIT)

ואהבת

ואהבת את יי אלהיך בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך ובכל מאדך: והיו הדברים האלה אשר אנכי מצוה היום על לבבך: ושונתם לבניך ודברת בם בשבתך בביתך ובילכתך בדרך ובשכבך ובקומך: וקשרתם לאות על ידך והיו לטפת בין עיניך: וכתבתם על מזוזת ביתך ובשעריך: למען תזכרו ועשיתם את כל מצותי והייתם

קדשים לאלהיכם: אני יי אלהיכם אשר הוצאתי אתכם מארץ מצרים להיות לכם לאלהים: אני יי אלהיכם:

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אמת...



הבו גדל לאלהינו, ותנו כבוד לתורה.

Let us declare the greatness of our God,
and give honor to the Torah.

כי מציון תצא תורה, ודבר יהוה מירושלים.
ברוך שנתן תורה לעמו ישראל בקדשתו.

For out of Zion shall go forth Torah,
and the word of God from Jerusalem.

Praised be the One who in holiness gives Torah to our people Israel.

בית יעקב, לכו ונלכה באור יהוה.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk by the light of our God.



שמע ישראל: יהוה אלהינו, יהוה אחד!

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eh-lo-hei-nu, Adonai Echad!
Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God,
the Eternal God alone!

אחד אלהינו, גדול אדנינו, קדוש שמו

Eh-chad Eh-lo-hei-nu, ga-dol A-do-nei-nu, ka-dosh sh'mo.

Our God is One; great and holy is the Eternal One.



גדלו ליהוה אתי, ונרוממה שמו יחדו.

O magnify the Eternal One with me,
and together let us exalt God's name.

לך, יהוה, הגדלה והגבורה והתפארת והנצח וההוד, כי כל בשמים ובארץ. לך, יהוה, הממלכה והמתנשא לכל לראש.

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and earth is Yours. You, O God, are sovereign; You are supreme over all.

Consecration

עַל־שְׁלֹשָׁה דְבָרִים
הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד:
עַל הַתּוֹרָה,
וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה,
וְעַל גְּמִילוּת חַסְדִּים

Al she-lo-sha de-va-rim ha-o-lam o-meid:
al ha-To-rah, ve-al ha-a-vo-dah,
ve-al gi-mi-lut cha-sa-dim.

*The world depends on three things:
on Torah, on prayer, and on acts of lovingkindness*

Consecration

*Consecrants are called to the bimah to
receive a blessing from their rabbis as
they begin their formal Jewish
education.*

*You shall love God
with all your mind,
with all your strength,
with all your being.*

*Set these words,
which I command
you this day, upon
your heart. Teach them
carefully to your children;
speak about them in your
home and on your way,
when you lie down and
when you rise up.*

*Bind them as a sign
upon your hand; let
them be a symbol before
your eyes; inscribe them
on the doorposts of your
house, and on your gates.*

*Remember all of My mitzvot,
and do them: so shall you be
God-like. I am God, your God,
who led you out of Egypt.
I am your God.*



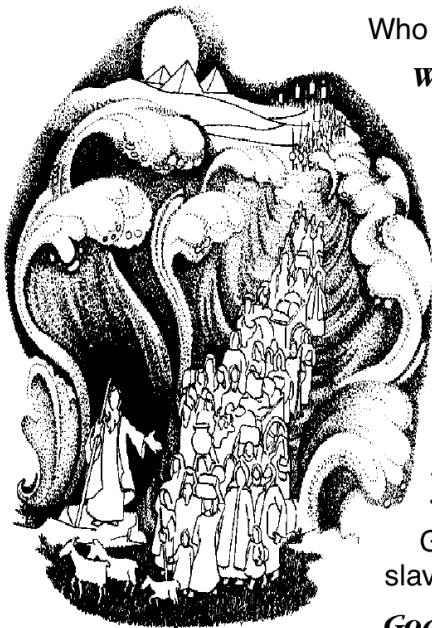
מִי כַמּוֹכֵה

God created us. God gave us the Torah. And God helps us. We remember one special moment of help—when the Jewish people left slavery to become free human beings. We thank God for being with us then and we ask God to be with all people who are not yet free.

Mi cha-mo-cha
ba-ei-lim, A-do-nai?
Mi ka-mo-cha,
ne-dar ba-ko-desh,
no-ra te-hi-lot,
o-sei fe-leh?

מִי־כַמּוֹכֵה בְּאֵלִים, יי?
מִי־כַמּוֹכֵה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
נֹרָא תְהִלַּת, עֲשֵׂה פֶלֶא?

*Who is like You, Adonai, among all the gods that people worship?
Who is like You, Adonai, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?*



Who is like God?

We are like God!

How are we like God?

God helps people in trouble; we should help people in trouble!

Who is like God?

No one is quite like God!

What has God done for us?

God has been with the Jewish people for thousands of years.

God helped us no longer be slaves in Egypt.

God helped us escape from danger at the Sea.

We thank God for always being with us.

תַּפְּי־לֵה

(ALL RISE)

***Our God and God of our Fathers:
God of Abraham,
God of Isaac, and
God of Jacob.***

***Our God and God of our Mothers:
God of Sarah,
God of Rebekkah, and
God of Leah and Rachel.***

***Our mothers and fathers
prayed to You in days past;
so, too, do we pray to You today.***

Just as You listened to their prayers,
please listen to ours.

***Just as You taught them how to live,
please teach us.***

Just as You remembered their good deeds,
please remember ours.

***Just as You helped them in times of trouble,
please help us.***

Just as You were their God, please be ours.

(ALL SIT)

