

אַבוֹת וְאַמְהוֹת

Checklist:

- Reading: read *avot v'imahot* without error
- Comprehension: Answer the questions in full, well thought out sentences
- Vocabulary: Do the root words exercises.

When you have completed the checklist, ask your teacher to test you to see if you are ready to move on to the next prayer.

Avot V'Imahot

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב
אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה
הַאֵל הַגָּדוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֵל עֲלִיוֹן גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים
וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמּוֹת
וּמְבִיא גְאֻלָּה לְבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה
מְלֹךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ מַגֵּן אַבְרָהָם וְעֹזֵר
שָׂרָה.

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 and remembers the love of our fathers and mothers

Who brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of the Divine Name

Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper, and Shield. Blessed are You, Adonai, Abraham's shield
and Sarah's Helper

Comprehension

This prayer says God is the “God of Abraham, God of Isaac, etc.” Why do you think the prayer says it this way instead of “God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah...etc.”? What does it add to say “God of” each time?

Why do you think it is important to bring up the names of all the patriarchs and matriarchs in this prayer? What do you think it might make God think/do?

This prayer lists a number of attributes about God. Circle them in the translation on the previous page. Which one is most meaningful/important to you? Why?

Vocabulary

When the letter ׀ is put at the front of a word, it means 'and.' Sometimes it is written as ׀ and sometimes as ׀. How many times do you see 'and' written in the Hebrew? Circle all of them.

A number of words in this prayer end with the letters ׀. Underline each word that ends with those letters. Use the English translation to make an educated guess about the meaning of that ending. Write your guess here.

Translate each of the following attributes of God as described in the prayer above:

הַגָּדוֹל _____

מֶלֶךְ _____

הַגִּבּוֹר _____

עוֹזֵר _____

הַנּוֹרָא _____

וּמוֹשִׁיעַ _____

עֲלִיוֹן _____

וּמְגִן _____