

יוֹצֵר אֹר

Checklist:

- Reading: read *yotzer or* 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.

Yotzer Or

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא חֹשֶׁךְ
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא אֶת הַכֹּל
הַמְאִיר לְאֶרֶץ וְלַדָּרִים עָלֶיהָ בְּרַחֲמִים וּבְטוֹבוֹ מְחַדָּשׁ בְּכָל יוֹם
תָּמִיד מַעֲשֵׂה בְּרָאשִׁית
מִה רַבּוֹ מַעֲשָׂיֶיךָ יְיָ כּוֹלֵם בְּחֻכְמָה עֹשֵׂת מְלֵאָה הָאֶרֶץ קוֹנֵינֶךָ
תִּתְבָּרֵךְ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל שְׂבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֶיךָ וְעַל מְאֹרֵי אוֹר
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ יְפָאָרוֹךְ סְלָה
אוֹר חֲדָשׁ עַל צִיּוֹן תְּאִיר וְנִזְכָּה כְּלָנוּ מִהֲרָה לְאוֹרוֹ
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ יוֹצֵר הַמְּאֹרוֹת

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of light and darkness, who makes peace and creates all things

In mercy, You illumine the world and those who live upon it. In Your goodness You daily renew creation

How numerous are Your works, Adonai! In wisdom, You formed them all, filling the earth with your creatures

Be praised, Adonai our God, for the excellent work of Your hands, and for the lights You created; may they glorify you

Shine a new light upon Zion, that we all may swiftly merit its radiance

Praised are You, Adonai, Creator of all heavenly lights.

Comprehension

In this prayer, we thank God for, among other things, renewing creation daily. What does it mean to renew creation daily?

In Judaism, we are God's partners in the world. What are two ways you can be God's partner in renewing creation?

We thank God in this prayer for creating light. Pick one location in your life you visit daily and imagine how difficult it would be to be in that space with no light. What would be the hardest thing to do?

Vocabulary

The Hebrew letters א.נ.ר mean 'light.' Find and circle all the words in the prayer that are formed from those letters. Write all the different forms you find here. If you find the same form more than once, you only need to write it once.

There are two different verbs used for creation in this prayer. Try to find each of them in the prayer above and write them here (look for create(s) in the translation and try to match it to the Hebrew words)

One of the creation words, בּוֹרֵא, means 'creates from nothing' and the other, יוֹצֵר means 'forms from things that already exist.' Why do you think there are two different words for Creation? What is created from nothing and what is formed from things that already exist?