

Reading of the Torah

Before the Reading

Praise the Lord, to whom our praise is due!  
Praised be the Lord, to whom our praise is due,  
now and for ever!

Praised be the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who  
has chosen us from all peoples by giving us His Torah.  
Blessed is the Lord, Giver of the Torah.



Deuteronomy 29:9-14: 30.11-20

You stand this day, all of you, before the Lord your  
God—the heads of your tribes, your elders and officers,  
every one in Israel, men, women, and children, and the  
strangers in your camp, from the one who chops your  
wood to the one who draws your water—to enter into the  
sworn covenant which the Lord your God makes with you  
this day, in order to establish you henceforth as the people  
whose only God is the Lord, as you had been promised,  
and as God had sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac,  
and Jacob.

And it is not with you alone that I make this sworn cove-  
nant: I make it with those who are standing here with us  
today before the Lord our God, and equally with all who  
are not here with us today.

For this commandment which I command you this day is  
not too hard for you, nor too remote. It is not in heaven,  
that you should say: 'Who will go up for us to heaven and  
bring it down to us, that we may do it?' Nor is it beyond  
the sea, that you should say: 'Who will cross the sea for us  
and bring it over to us, that we may do it?' No, it is very

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בָּרְכוּ אֶת-יְיָ הַמְּבַרְךְ!  
בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבַרְךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!  
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר-בָּנוּ  
מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן-לָנוּ אֶת-תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,  
נֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

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אִתְּם נֹצְבִים הַיּוֹם כְּלָכֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם רְאִישֵׁיכֶם שְׂבֻטֵיכֶם  
וְקַנְיֹתֵיכֶם וְשִׁטְיֹתֵיכֶם כָּל אִישׁ וְאִשְׁתּוֹ: טַפְּכֶם נְשִׂיכֶם וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר  
בְּכַרְבְּ מַחֲנֶיךָ מִחֻטְבַּע עַד שֹׂאֵב מִיַּמֶּיךָ: לְעַבְדְּךָ בְּבִרְיֹת  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וּבְאַלְתָּו אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בִּרְתָּ עִמָּךְ הַיּוֹם:  
לְמַעַן הַקִּים אֶת-יְהוָה לֵאלֹהֵינוּ וְהוּא יְהוָה לֹא אֱלֹהִים כְּאֲשֶׁר  
הִבְדִּילְךָ וּבְאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלִיעֲקֹב:  
וְלֹא אֱתָכֶם לְבִדְכֶם אֲנֹכִי בְרַחֲמֵי אֶת-הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת וְאֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים  
הַזֹּאת: כִּי אֶת-אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁנוּ פֹה עִמָּנוּ עִמָּךְ הַיּוֹם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר יֵאָנְנוּ פֹה עִמָּנוּ הַיּוֹם:

כִּי הַמִּצְוָה הַזֹּאת אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מַצִּיחַ הַיּוֹם  
לֹא-נִפְלְאֹת הִיא מִמֶּךָ וְלֹא-חֲקִיקָה הִיא: לֹא בְשָׂמַיִם הִיא  
לְאֹמֵר מִי יַעֲלֶה-לָנוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְיִקַּח לָנוּ וְיִשְׁמַעֵנו אֶת-ה'  
וְנִשְׁמָעָה: וְלֹא-מִיַּעַבְרַי לֵים הוּא לְאֹמֵר מִי יַעֲבֹד-לָנוּ אֱלֹהֵי  
הַיָּם וְיִקַּח לָנוּ וְיִשְׁמַעֵנו אֶת-ה' וְנִשְׁמָעָה: כִּי יִקְרֹב אֵלֶיךָ הַדָּבָר  
מֵאֵן צְרִיךְ וּבְלִבְבְּךָ לַעֲשׂוֹת: רְאֵה נִתְּתִי לִפְנֶיךָ

near to you, in your mouth and in your heart, and you can do it.

See, I have set before you this day life and good, or death and evil. For I command you this day to love the Lord, to walk in the ways and to keep the commandments, laws, and teachings of your God, that you may live and increase, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land that you are about to occupy. But if your heart turns away and you do not listen, but let yourself be lured away to worship other gods, and serve them, I warn you now that you will perish: you will not live long in the land which you are crossing the Jordan to enter and inherit.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse; choose life, therefore, that you and your descendants may live—by loving the Lord your God, listening to God's voice, and holding fast to the One who is your life and the length of your days. Then you shall endure in the land which the Lord promised to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

*After the Reading*

Praised be the Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Blessed is the Lord, Giver of the Torah.

*As the reading is completed, the Torah might be held high while this is said or sung:*

This is the Torah that Moses placed before the people of Israel to fulfill the word of God.

הַיּוֹם אֶת-הַחַיִּים וְאֶת-הַטּוֹב וְאֶת-הַמּוֹת וְאֶת-הַדָּעַי: אֲשֶׁר  
אָנֹכִי מֵצוּר הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלֵבַת בְּדַרְכָּיו  
וּלְשִׁמּוֹר מִצְוֹתָיו וְחֻקֵּיהֶם וּמִשְׁפָּטָיו וְחַיִּית רַבִּית וּבְרַכָּה יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-אַתָּה בֹּאֲשָׁמָה לְרַשְׁתָּהּ: וְאִם-יִפְנֶה  
לְבַבְךָ וְלֹא תִשְׁמָע וְנִדְחִית וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִית לְאֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים  
וְעִבַדְתָּם: הִגְדַּתִּי לְכֶם הַיּוֹם כִּי אֲבֹר הַתְּאֵבֹדוֹן לְאֶתְנַחְמִי  
יָמִים עַל-הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עֹבֵר אֶת-הַיַּרְדֵּן לְבוֹא שָׁמָּה  
לְרַשְׁתָּהּ: הִעֲדַתִּי בְּכֶם הַיּוֹם אֶת-הַשְּׂמִים וְאֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַחַיִּים  
וְהַמּוֹת נָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ הַבְּרָכָה וְהַקְּלָלָה וּבַחֲרָת בְּחַיִּים לְמִצְוֵי  
הַתּוֹרָה אֲתָה וְהַדָּעַי: לְאַהֲבָה אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשִׁמּוֹר בְּקִלּוֹ  
וּלְדַבָּרָהּ כִּי כִּי הוּא חַיִּיךָ וְאֵדְךָ יָמֶיךָ לְשִׁבַת עַל-הָאָדָמָה  
אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב לֵאמֹר  
לְהֵם:

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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מְלֶכֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ  
תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְסוּי עוֹלָם וְנָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,  
נוֹמֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

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זֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר-שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לְפָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַל-  
פִּי יְיָ בְּיַד-מֹשֶׁה.