

# Absolute Beginner Prayerbook Hebrew #9

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

Blessed (are) You (oh) Lord, Our God, King of the World  
*Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha-olam*

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ...

Who Sanctifies us with his commandments and commands us  
*Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvohtav v'tzivanu*

... לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

to light the candles of Shabbat  
*l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat*

... עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם.

Concerning waving of hands  
*al n'tilat yadaim*

Name	Sound	Letter	Name	Sound	Letter
Zayn	Z	ז	Tet	T	ט
Hatuf Patach	ah	-:			

Notes:

- 1) This is a longer standard opening formula of blessing for performing a mitzvah. We have here two very common blessings, one for lighting Shabbat candles and one for washing hands.
- 2) Note the word וְצִוָּנוּ *v'tzivanu*. Note the first and second vav (וּ, וּ) is a V sound and the third (וּ) is an oo sound. For this letter, see if there is a vowel for the letter. If it is, its a vav, if not, its a vowel.
- 3) To make this more confusing is the word בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, *b'mitzvohtav* which looks like it is pronounced *b'mitz'ohtav*. But here too it isnt. Also check the letter before the vav for a vowel as well. The tzadi has a shewa (ְ) under it. It doesnt need another vowel, so the vav is a vav.

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Beit	B	ב	Veit	V	ב	Aleph	silent	א
Hei	H	ה	Daled	D	ד	Gimel	G	ג
Chet	Ch as in loch	ח	Zayin	Z	ז	Vav	V	ו
Chaf	Ch as in loch	כ	Yud	Y	י	Tet	T	ט
Lamed	L	ל	Chaf sofit	Ch as in loch	ך	Caf	C	כ
Nun	N	נ	Mem sofit	M	ם	Mem	M	מ
Ayin	silent	ע	Samech	S	ס	Nun sofit	N	ן
Phei sofit	Ph	ף	Pei	P	פ	Phei	Ph	פ
Koof	K	ק	Tzadi Sofit	Tz	ץ	Tzadi	Tz	צ
Shin	Sh	ש	Sin	S	ש	Resh	R	ר
			Tav	T	ת	Tav	T	ת
shuruq	oo	ן	holem	oh	ן	holem	oh	·
hatuf patach	ah	ֿ:	hatuf qamatz	aw	ֿ:	hatuf Segol	eh	ֿ:
hiriq	ee	.	tzere	ei	..	Segol	eh	ֿ:
Patach	ah	-	Qamatz	ah/aw	ֿ	Shewa	silent	:
Kubutz	oo	ֿ:	hiriq	ee	יֿ.	Tzere	ei	יֿ..