

# יְשׁוּמְחוּ

Root – ש – מ – ח

Meaning – Guard, Protect

Words in the prayer with the same root שׁוּמְרֵי

יְשׁוּמְחוּ is found after the first three prayers of the Amidah. It is generally sung together by the whole congregation. It is in the section of the Amidah known as Kedushat Hayom – The Holiness of the Day.

When we sing יְשׁוּמְחוּ we are confirming to God that we will make Shabbat a special day. By observing Shabbat we will be filled with joy and we will be reminded that God created the world and the Shabbat as a holy day.

## Vocabulary and Translation

Shall Rejoice – יְשׁוּמְחוּ

Guard, protect, observe – שׁוּמְרֵי

People – עַם

Creation (In the Beginning) – בְּרֵאשִׁית

## Past Roots

Bless - ב – ר – כ

Choose - ב - ה - ג -

Roots of the names of God - ל - א -

Rule - כ - ל - מ

Holy - ש - ד - ק

Those who observe the Shabbat and call it a delight

Shall rejoice in your kingdom.

The people who make the seventh day holy,

Shall all be satisfied and shall delight in Your goodness.

You desired the seventh day, and made it holy.

You called it “beloved of days.”

A reminder of the creation of the world.