

יוצר אור

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,
יוצר אור, ובורא חשך, עשה שלום ובורא את הכל:

אור חדש

אור חדש על ציון תאיר
ונזכה כלנו מהרה לאורו:

ברוך אתה יי יוצר המאורות:



יוצר אור

Root: א-ר-ב

Meaning - create

Word in the prayer with root: ובורא

יוצר אור is read during a Shabbat morning service. However, it is not typically read during our b'mitzvah services on Shabbat morning. It is found immediately following the ברכו. The prayer thanks God for creating light and darkness, and for creating peace in the world. This prayer also praises God as the Creator of all things.

The prayer is based on a section from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah points out that since God creates everything it also means that God creates good and evil. It reminds us that God created all parts of our lives, positive and negative.

Translation

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Ruler of the World,
Creator of Light and Creator of Darkness, Maker of Peace, and Creator of all things.

אור חדש

Focus Word: על Meaning - on, over

Root: ח-ד-ש Meaning - new

Word in the prayer with root: חדש

אור חדש immediately follows יוצר אור in the “The שמע and its Blessings,” both come just after the ברכו. As with יוצר אור it is not recited in the evening.

אור חדש is a plea to God for a new light to shine on Israel. This “new light” can be interpreted as peace. It services as a message to each of us to spread the light of peace to each other. We each have a light to shine upon Zion (Israel), the Jewish people, and the world.

Translation

Shine a new light on Zion, and may we all soon be worthy to share its light.
Blessed are you יהוה, Creator of the great lights.

Vocabulary

creates - יוֹצֵר	the world - הָעוֹלָם
darkness - חֹשֶׁךְ	light - אֹר
new - חֲדָשׁ	on, over - עַל

Past Roots and Prefixes

choose ב-ה-ר	place, put ש-י-מ	bless ב-ר-כ
life, live ה-י-(י)	root for names of God and also the word "God" א-ל-(ה)	
and ו	to, for ל	great, large ג-ד-ל
give נ-ת-נ	on, in, with ב or ב	save, redeem ג-א-ל
hero, power ג-ב-ר	father א-ב	mother א-מ
holy, sacred ק-ד-ש	love א-ה-ב	speak ד-ב-ר
peace ש-ל-מ	good ט-ו-ב	ruler מ-ל-כ
	guard, protect ש-מ-ר	praise ה-ל-ל