

# בְּרַחוּ

## Checklist:

- Reading: read *bar'chu* 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.

# Bar'chu

Leader

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ

Congregation

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Praise Adonai to whom praise is due forever!

Praised by Adonai to whom praise is due, now and forever!

## Comprehension

What are some signals that let us know something important is starting

Bar'chu is a signal that the service is starting and the community is gathered. Why do you think that these words are used to signal to us that it is time to pray?

If you were creating a prayer to start off the service, what would it say (in English)?

## Vocabulary

Circle the three letters that all of these words have in common (one may be a final letter!)

בְּרָכוּ

בְּרוּךְ

הַמְבָרֵךְ

When Hebrew words have the same three or four letters, in the same order, that is called the root of the word. What do you think is the root of all of these words? Keep in mind, one of the root letters may look like a final letter in one or more of these words.

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Based on the translation of Bar'chu, what do you think this root means?

Why do you think that this is an important word in the prayer?