

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..