

4 שְׁמַע

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד 1__

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד 2__

Hear, O Israel, YHVH is our God, YHVH is ONE.
Blessed is the honorable name of God's rule forever and ever.

READING

CHANTING

Teacher

Date

Teacher

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Parent

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WHERE FOUND

The Sh'ma (Hear) is prayed every Morning and Evening Service.
It consists of Deuteronomy 6:4 and a non-Biblical response.

MAJOR THEMES

There is a unique power which we call God.

God is the source of all, of everything.

God is what unifies all creation, what makes all one.

KEY WORDS

שְׁמַע

Hear!

יִשְׂרָאֵל

Israel

יהוה

Name of God/My Lord

אֶחָד

One / Unique / Only

DISCUSSION STARTER

Why is it so important to say that God is "one"? What makes God the unique power?

Why is God associated with One, unity, uniqueness? What are we trying to "hear"?