

17 אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְרוֹ // מְעַרֵב עֲרָבִים

- 1_ בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
- 2_ אֲשֶׁר בְּדַבְרוֹ מְעַרֵב עֲרָבִים
- 3_ בְּחֶכְמָה פּוֹתַח שְׁעָרִים וּבִתְבוּנָה מְשַׁנֶּה עֵתִים
- 4_ וּמַחְלִיף אֶת הַזְּמַנִּים וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים
- 5_ בְּמִשְׁמְרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרַקִּיעַ פְּרָצוֹנוֹ
- 6_ בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וְלַיְלָה
- 7_ גּוֹלֵל אֹר מִפְּנֵי חֹשֶׁךְ וְחֹשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אֹר
- 8_ וּמְעַבֵּיר יוֹם וּמְבִיא לַיְלָה
- 9_ וּמְבַדֵּיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה
- 10_ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ
- 11_ אֵל חַי וְקַיִם
- 12_ תְּמִיד וּמְלוֹךְ עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Blessed are you, YHVH our God, sovereign of the universe, whose word causes evening to fall. In wisdom are the gates opened, with awareness do the seasons change, as time passes by. The stars are ordered in their courses throughout the heavens as is the divine plan. Day and night are created, with light rolling into darkness and darkness becoming light. Day passes and brings on the night, so that there is a separation between the day and the night. YHVH of Hosts is the Name! Living and nurturing God, always and forever sustain us, even to eternity. Blessed are you, YHVH, who causes evening to fall.

READING

CHANTING

Teacher

Date

Teacher

Date

Parent

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WHERE FOUND

The Ma'Ariv Aravim (Creator of Evenings) is prayed as the first blessing of every Evening Service Sh'ma (Hear).

MAJOR THEMES

We thank God for the wonders of creation.

God orders and sustains the universe.

We sense God in the order of the universe, and in the changes of day, night and the seasons.

KEY WORDS

עֶרֶב

Evening

יוֹם

Day

לַיְלָה

Night

אוֹר

Light

חֹשֶׁךְ

Darkness

DISCUSSION STARTER

What in nature are you thankful for?

How do you sense God in creation, the universe and the changes present in nature?