

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam asher
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok b'divrei torah.*
Blessed are You, Yah, Guide of the Universe, who has
sanctified us with sacred obligations, and invited us to study
words of Torah.

ברוך אתה יהוה
אלהינו מלך-העולם
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו
וצונו לעסוק בדברי-תורה

Praise flows from the Source of all Creation.

May we be blessed as we engage with and soak in the words of Torah.

Mishna Brachot: 4:2

רבי נחוניא בן הקנה הנה מתפלל בכניסתו לבית המדרש וביציאתו תפלה קצרה. אמרו לו, מה מקום לתפלה זו. אמר להם, בכניסתי אני מתפלל שלא תארע תקלה על ידי, וביציאתי אני נותן הודיה על חלקי:

Rabbi Nechunya ben HaKanah would offer a brief prayer when he entered the study hall and when he left. They said to him: What is the nature of this prayer? He told them: Upon my entrance, I pray that no mishaps should occur because of me; and upon my departure, I offer thanksgiving for my portion.

From Bo, Exodus 12:3

דברו אל־כָּל־עַדַּת יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר

Speak (plural to Aaron and Moses) to the whole community of Israel saying....

How could they speak as one? Rashi says

עַדַּת SPEAK UNTO ALL THE CONGREGATION — But did Aaron speak? Has it not already been stated, ([Exodus 7:2](#)) “You (Moses) shall speak etc.”. But the explanation is: **they paid respect one to the other, saying to each other, “Instruct me what to say”. and the divine communication in question issued from both of them, so that it was as though they were both speaking** ([Mekhilta d'Rabbi Yishmael 12:3:2](#)).