

Who Knows Thirteen Things about the Siddur?

*Do this as a family – and just do your best. Don't worry if you can't answer all of them.
If you get stuck, skip the question and come back to it if you have a chance.
At the end, we will go over all of the answers together!*

1. Find one of the best-known (and short) Jewish prayers, which emphasizes that there is only one G0d. (It appears in two places, but you only need to find one.)

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2. Can you find the words, taken from the Book of Numbers, that we sing just after we open the ark for the Torah service? (Just give the first line.)

Words:

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3. Find the series of blessings that thank G0d for clothing the naked, freeing the captive, raising the bent over, etc., helping us think about how lucky we are to be starting a new day.

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4. Some form of the Kaddish appears several times in this siddur. Find at least one. What kind is it?

Name of the Kaddish:

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5. Find the prayer, taken from the prophet Isaiah, which praises G0d as the Creator of everything, including opposites like light and darkness.

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6. From the Biblical book of Proverbs we learn that the Torah is a living Tree (A Tree of Life) for those who cling to it. In what prayer do we sing those words? (It appears in two places, but you only need to find one. Just use the first three words of the song for its name.)

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7. After what prayer do we throw candy (very gently, of course!) at the Bar/t Mitzvah?

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8. What page does the Shabbat (not festival) Amidah (the "Standing" Prayer) begin and end?

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Ends on page

How many blessings are in the Shabbat Amidah?

9. Find at least one prayer in which we bend our knees and bow.

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10. Find the prayer in which we sing the words from Torah sung by Moshe, Miriyam and the Children of Israel after they crossed the Sea of Reeds.

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11. Find the prayer praising G0d for giving Torah to us with love, containing the words, "V'ha'er eyneynu b'Toratecha..."

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12. Find the section of prayers we say to celebrate especially joyful days in the Jewish year, including Rosh Chodesh, Hanukkah and Festivals.

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13. Find the prayer often said as a person enters a place of prayer. Some people use this prayer to count for a minyan. At Etz Chayim we often sing this in a round.

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If you finish and have extra time, use the siddur to make up your own questions for someone else to try and answer: