

Dive into Decades Shacharit

Connecting Prayer to Historical Musical Eras

Goal:

- Explore connections between the different decades and the traditional prayers
- Learn more about the history of music while also learning about the prayers

Time: 40-50 Minutes

Space Needed: Medium sized classroom

Shabbat Friendly: Yes

Participants: 0-30

Audience: Grades 9-12

Keywords: Decades, Eras, Music, Trivia, History, Tefillah

Materials:

- Siddurim
- Some type of candy
- Copies of this sheet for every leader

Instructions:

1. Read the introduction
2. Afterwards, go through every prayer. Read the description first, then ask the question, give the answer, and then have everyone turn to the prayer and say it together

Say: Hello and welcome to Dive Into Decades Shacharit! Before each prayer we will ask a question. If you get the answer right you will receive [candy name here]. We will begin with a practice question to get your brain spinning into gear.

Which band consisted of 3 brothers and one of their cousins?

- A. Temptations
- B. Cream
- C. The Beach Boys**

Modeh Ani - page 2

Modeh Ani has to do with the sun and a person rising in the morning. Which famous band sang the song "Here Comes the Sun"?

- A. The Beach Boys
- B. The Beatles**
- C. Rolling Stones

Birkot Hashachar - page 10 (please rise)

The *Birkot Hashachar* discusses all of the rights and freedoms G-d has given us. Which group of five brothers were given the right to record music?

- A. Jackson 5
- B. Bob Dylan
- C. Rolling Stones

Baruch Sheamar - page 54 (please rise)

Baruch Sheamar is about the thankfulness of the creation of the universe. Which song by Three Dog Night, expresses the happiness of the Earth?

- A. Mama Told Me
- B. Pieces of April
- C. Joy to the World

Ashrei - page 80 (you may be seated)

Ashrei is a prayer that uses every letter in the alphabet to praise *Adonai*. Which song by the Eagles has lyrics that give attention to someone?

- A. Hotel California
- B. Desperado
- C. Life in the Fast Lane

Halleluyah - page 88

The literal meaning of the word *Halleluyah* is "praise God". This prayer incorporates all types of instruments that are used to praise God. Which band had some of the longest instrumentals in their albums?

- A. Pink Floyd
- B. The Rolling Stones
- C. Queen

Nishmat - page 334

The true meaning of *Nishmat* is "the breath of", or our souls. Another way to think of this prayer is pouring our heart and soul into *Adonai*. Which artist is most famously known for pouring his soul into his music?

- A. Art Garfunkel
- B. Stevie Wonder
- C. Neil Diamond

Shochein Ad - page 336

Shochein Ad marks the beginning of *Shacharit*. Which band formed at the beginning of the 1980s?

- 1. Massive Attack
- 2. WHAM!
- 3. Green Day

Barchu - page 340

Barchu is a call to worship God. What band wrote a song about calling someone?

1. **Tommy Tutone**
2. Metallica
3. AC/DC

***El Adon* - page 342**

El Adon is a liturgical poem that was written during the medieval era. Which song was inspired by a famous poem?

1. Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen
2. **All I Wanna Do - Sheryl Crow**
3. Don't Stop Believin' - Bon Jovi

***Or Chadash* - page 344**

In many of the prayers, we thank G-d for his many creations. In *Or Chadash* we are thanking him for the creation of light. What year did Madonna come out with the song "Ray of Light?"

1. 1992
2. 1995
3. **1998**

***Ahava Raba* - page 346**

Ahava Raba is the prayer where we show our love and devotion to God. Which band sang the famous 90's love song named after a flower?

1. Counting Crows
2. REM
3. **The Goo Goo Dolls**

***Shema* - page 346**

The *Shema* is one of the most famous prayers that almost every Jew knows. Which 90s song do most people know?

1. Wonderwall
2. I Want It That Way
3. **Ice Ice Baby**

***Mi Chamocha* - page 352**

Mi Chamocha is a prayer the Miriam sang to *Adonai* to give thanks after he freed the israelites from slavery. Which song by the Spice Girls does not show a theme of new found independence?

1. Wannabe
2. **Say You'll Be There**
3. Saturday Night Divas

***Amidah* - page 354 (please rise)**

***Kaddish Shalem* - page 392**

Say at End: Thank you for participating in Dive Into Decades. I hope you had a blast like we did!