Hebrew Practice Guide



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WELCOME TO HEBREW!

Hebrew is an ancient code!

In English we call the letters and vowels the alphabet.

Hebrew is where this word comes from.

Alef -- Bet

When you are starting, create English words out of the Hebrew letters.

Remember that most of the vowels go under the letters.

Practice 5 minutes a day and the code will be yours!

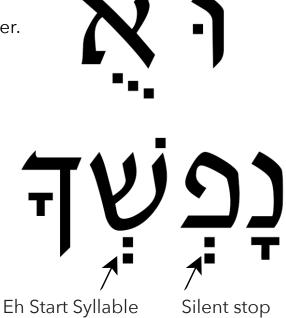
Vowel Review



A dot found above a Vav or any letter when no vowel is below the letter.



A dot found in the gut of a vav or three dots diagonal below any letter.



Identical. looking vowels that indicate syllables.

One is **silent**.

One makes an **Eh sound**.

EH sound **Begins** words

new syllables.

The Silent one ends syllables and ends words.

The silent syllable stop always comes first when next to each other.

Hebrew Letter Review Z ٧ В Silent Н D G CH* (at end of words) CH* Κ CH* Τ *CH= Gutteral not Ch as we know in Cheese/Choose. Ν S M Silent M (at end of words) (at end of words) R K F Р TS F TS (at end of words) (at end of words) Т Т Sh S

English Words/Sounds in Hebrew

במסדה בי מי סי די הי במסדהפ בי מי סי די הי פי בַדַּלַפַּמַת בו דו גו הו מו נו שו תו בדגהמנשת בו דו גו הו מו נו שו תו בדגהמנשת

TALIT BLESSING

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בַּרוּך אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶךְ הַעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בָּמִצְוֹתִיוּ,וְצִוְּנוּ לְהִתְעַטֵּף בַּצִּיצִית.

Blessed are You Adonai our God Ruler of the universe. You make us holy with mitzvot and teach us to wrap ourselves in the fringed Talit.

The Prayer shawl or Talit is the easiest of the mitzvot/commandments to follow.

It is primarily word during the morning service or by the prayer leader and anyone blessing or reading the Torah. The fringes are the most important element of the mitzvah. We are commanded to wear them at the four corners of our clothing. The fringes or strings are twisted and knotted in a special pattern than when concluded counts as 613 individual strings, twists and knots to remind us of the 613 commandments in the Torah we are to follow in our daily lives.

In Reform Judaism we don't follow all 613 commandments, especially since we can't follow any of the commandments referring to the running of Second Temple. We tend to follow the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule, Do unto others as you would want them to do to you. In other words, Be nice if you want people to be nice to you.

We believe in Tikkun Olam, the opportunity to mend the world, and base our practice in celebrating Shabbat, the major Jewish holidays, doing acts of tzedakah or good deeds and learning what it means to be a Jew by attending religious school and learning from our family.



MAARIV ARAVIM

CREATION PRAYER (evening) Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 69

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הַעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר בִּרְבָרוֹ מַעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים,

בָּחְרָמָה פּוֹתְחַ שְׁעָרִים,

וּבִתְבוּנָה מִשׁנֶּה עִתִּים,

וּמַחֲלִיף אֶת־הַוּּמַנִּים,

וּמְסַדֵּר אֶת־הַכּוֹכְבִים

בָּמִשְׁמִרוֹתֵיהֶם בְּרָקִיעַ כִּרְצוֹנוֹ.

בּוֹרֵא יוֹם וַלְיִלְה,

גוֹלֵל אוֹר מִפְּנֵי חְשֶׁךְ וָחְשֶׁךְ מִפְּנֵי אוֹר,

וּמַעֲבִיר יוֹם וּמֵבִיא לְיִלָה,

וּמַבְרִיל בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לְיִלָה,

יָהוָה צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ.

אַל חַי וַקַיָּם

תָּמִיד יִמְלֹךְ עֲלֵינוּ יְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְהנָה, הַמַּצְרִיב צְרָבִים.

SHEMA

HEAR OH ISRAEL - THE DECLARATION THAT GOD IS ONE Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 70

שָׁמַ**ע** ישְּׂרָאָל, יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְהנָה אֶחְ**ד**: בַּרוּך שֵׁם כִּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Hear O' Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One Blessed is God's glorious kingdom forever and ever.

Oneness is our goal. Understanding our uniqueness. Understanding what God's oneness really means is our true purpose. We are meant to bring an understanding of God's oneness into the universe for everyone.



V'AHAVTAH (NO TROPE)

AND YOU WILL LOVE ADONAI WITH ALL YOUR HEART Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 70

And you will love Adonai with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. And all these words which I command you on this day will be upon your heart. And you will give them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on your way.

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֵת יְהנָה אֶלהֶיךְ, בְּכְל־לְבָבָרְ וּבְכָל־נַפְּשִׁךְ וּבְכָל־מִאֹדֶרְ: וָהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה,

ּוְשִׁבַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם, וִשִׁבַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם,

בּאַבְתָּךְ בִּבִיתֶךְ וּבְלֶּכְתִּךְ בַדֶּרֶךְ,

What does it mean to love and live your life with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might?

וּבְשַּׂרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יַיֶּדְרָ. וּבְשַּׂרְבָּּרְ וּבְקוּמֶּךְ:

וָהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךְ:

וּכְתַבְתָם עַל־מָּזוֹוֹת בִּיתֶךְ וּבִשְּׁעַכִיךְ: לְמַעַן תִּוְכָּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתִי,

וְהְיִיתֶם קָּדֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם:

אָנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם,

אָשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם,

לְהְיוֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים,

אָנִי יְהנָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

V'AHAVTAH (W/TROPE)

AND YOU WILL LOVE ADONAI WITH ALL YOUR HEART Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 70

וְאָהַבְּתִּ אֻת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךְ, בְּכַל־לְבְּבְרָ וּבְכַל־נַפְשִׁךְ וּבְכַל־מִאֹדֶך: יְהִיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה,

What does it mean to sing out your joy with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might?

אָשֶׁר אָנכִי מִצוּיְךְ הִבְלֶרְתִּ בַּם, וְשִׁנֵּנְתִּם לְבָנִיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתַּ בַּם, וִשִּׁנִּנְתִּם לְבָנִיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתַּ בַּם,

יִבְשְׁכְבָּרָ וּבְקוּמֶרְיּ

וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יַדֶּךְ,

וָהַיָּוּ לְטֹטֵפַתׁ בַּין צֵינֶיך:

וּכְתַבְתַּם עַל־מָּזִוֹּת בִּיתֶּךְ וּבִשְׁעַרֶיךְ: לְמַעַן תִּזְכָּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כְּל־מִצְוֹתְי,

וְהָיִיתֶם קְּדֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם:

אֲנִّי יְהַנְה אֱלְהֵיכֶּם,

אָשֶׁר הוֹצָאִתִי אֶתְכֶם מאֶכֶץ מִאְרָים,

לָהְיָנֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהְים,

אָנָי יְהֹנָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

N N EE

NN N EE

NN N EH

NN N EH

N N OH

N N OO

TUDD

Starts Syllables

Silent Ends Syllables

TEFILLAH - AVOT V'IMAHOT

CONNECTION TO OUR ANCESTORS Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 75

אָדֹנָי, שִּׂפְתֵי תִּפְתָח, וּפִי יַגִּיד חָהִלְּתֶּךְ אַתָה יִהוָה,

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ וָאִמּוֹתִינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וֵאלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב,

Without our ancestors where would we be? Who would we be? What stories would we really have to tell? Who would we be without our stories?

אֶלהֵי שָּׁרָה, אֱלהֵי רִבְּקָה, אֱלהֵי רָחַל, וַאלהֵי לֵאָה,

הָאֵל הַגָּרוֹל הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן,

גוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקֹנֵה הַכֹּל,

וְזוֹבֵר חַסְבֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמְּהוֹת,

וּמֵבִיא גָאָלֶה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם,

לִמְעַן שָׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבֶה.

ָבֶּבֶר עוֹזֵר ומוֹשִׁיעַ וּבְּגַן.

בָרוּך אַתָּה יְהנָה,

בָגן אַבְרָהָם וָעֶזְרַת שָּׂרָה.

GEVUROT

GOD'S POWER Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 76

> אַתָּה גִבּוֹר לְעוֹלֶם אֲדֹנָי, מִחֵיָה הַכֹּל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ.

Winter: End of Sukkot to Passover מַשִּׁיב הָרְוּחַ וּמוֹרִיד הַגְּשֶׁם.

Summer: Passover to end of Sukkot

מוֹרִיד הַטְּל.

Understanding God's greatness is the beginning of wondering about the strength and fragility of everything we understand in our lives.

מָכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד,

מְחֵיּה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים,

סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפָלִים, וַרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים,

וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,

ּוּמְקַיִּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישֵׁנֵי עָפָּר.

מִי כַמְוֹךָ בַּעַל גָבוּרוֹת, וּמִי דְוֹמֶה לַּךְ,

מֶלֶךְ מִמִית וּמְחַיֶּה וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה.

וָנֶאֶמָן אַתָּה לְהַחֲיוֹת הַכֹּל.

בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהנָה, מְחֵיִּה הַכֹּל.

TORAH SERVICE

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יִשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְהוָה אֶחְד:

God's Oneness begins at the moment we raise our voices and at that first moment when we received the Torah



TORAH BLESSINGS

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Blessing before each Aliyah/portion of Torah is read:

Leader reads:

בָּרָכוּ אֶת־יְהוָה הַמְבֹרָךְ.

Congregation Responds: בַּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלְם וְעֶד.

We bless the moment before and after we read the Torah to express how much the Torah has been a blessing in all of our lives.

בּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְּבֹרְךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בָּרוּךְ יְהוָה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בַּרוּךְ אַמָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר בְּחַר־בְּנוּ מִכְּל־הָעַמִּים,
יְנְתַן־לְנוּ אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ.
בַּרוּךְ אַתִּה יִהוָה, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

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TYPE DE

Starts Syllables Syllables

Blessing after each Aliyah/portion of Torah is read Leader Reads:
בַּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהִינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר נְתַן־לְנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת,
יְחֵיִּי עוֹלָם נְטַע בְּתוֹכְנוּ.
בַּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְהוָה, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.
בַּרוּךְ אַתְּה יְהוָה, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

HAFTARAH BLESSINGS

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בַּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה , אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הַעוֹלֶם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בִּנְבִיאִים טוֹבִים, יְרָצְה בִדִבְרִיהֶם הַנֶּאֲמְרִים בֶּאֱמֶת: בַּרוּךְ אַתִּה יְהוָה, הַבּוֹתֶר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבְמֹשֶׁה עַבְדֹּוֹ, וּבְיִשְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ,

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N N N EE

N N N EH

N N N N OH

N N OO

TUDD

Starts Syllables

Silent Ends Syllables

We read from the Book of Prophets, your Haftarah portion, to remind us of times when we couldn't read Torah in public under threat of death. We read from the Torah and Haftarah on Shabbat to show how far we've come and to bless the preciousness of our freedom and safety in this age.

HAFTARAH BLESSINGS

BLESSING AFTER THE HAFTARAH READING Shabbat AFTERNOON Service page 85

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הַעוֹלָם, צוּר כְּל־הָעוֹלְמִים, צַּדִּיק בְּכְל־הַדּוֹרוֹת, הָאֵל הַנָּאֲמָן, הָאוֹמֵר וְעֹשֶׁה, הַמְּדַבֵּר וּמְקַיִם, שֶׁכְּל־דְּבָרָיו אֱמֶת וַצֶּדֶק.

על הַתּוֹרָה, וְעַל הָעֲבוֹרָה, וְעֵל הַנְּבִיאִים, וְעַל יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת הַוָּה,

שֶׁבְּתַתְּ לְּנוּ, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ,

לִקְרָשָׁה וָלִמְנוּחָה, לְּכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְּאָרֶת. עַל הַכֹּל יְהוָה אֶלֹהֵינוּ

אָבְחָנוּ מוֹדִים לָךָ, וּמְבָרָכִים אוֹתָךּ,

יִתְבָּרַךְ שִׁמְךְּ בָּפִי כְל־חֵי

תָּמִיד לְעוֹלְם וָעֶד.

בָּרוּך אַתָּה יְהוָה, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

D'var Torah Outline for your Speech

2. The Torah portion I'm reading from is:
3. It is from the book of Chapter
4. It describes how
5. A few things that were important to me are
6. This taught me that
7. Apart from learning my Hebrew and Torah portion I also had to do a mitzvah project

8. Being Jewish and becoming a bar/bat mitzvah is important to me because

9. Thank yous

1. Shabbat shalom

Shabbat shalom

Your speech is about you. It is about your journey to this moment. It is about our past as a people, about you, about your family and about where you come from. Please find words to express who you are and what you feel is important about becoming a bar/bat mitzvah and becoming a young adult in the Jewish community.