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!

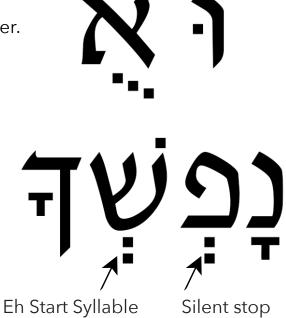
Vowel Review



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

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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.

וְאָהַבְּתָּ אֵת יְהנָה אֶלהֶיךְ, בְּכְל־לְבָבָרְ וּבְכָל־נַפְּשִׁךְ וּבְכָל־מִאֹדֶרְ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה,

אָשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מִצְיָּךְ הַיּוֹם, עַל־לְבָבֶרְי וִשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם, בייירי בררב בררב

בָּאֵבְתִּּךְ בִּבִיתֶּךְ וּבְצֶבְתְּּדְ בַבֶּרֶךְ,

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־יַיֶּרֶרְ. וּבְשַּׂרְבָּּרְ וּבְקוּמֶרְ:

Silent

Ends Syllables

EH Starts Syllables

ּוְהֵיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךְ: וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל־מְּזוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבִשְּׁעֲכִיךְ: לְמַעֵן תִּוְכָּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כְּל־מִצְוֹתְי, וִהְיִיתֶם קְדֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: אני יהוה אלהירם

אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶכֶץ מִּצְרַיִם, לִהְיוֹת לַכֶם לֵאלֹהִים, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהִיכֶם:

V'AHAVTAH (W/TROPE)

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

וְאָהַבְּתִּ אֻת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךְ, בְּבְל־לְבְבְרָ וּבְבְל־נַפְשִׁךְ וּבְכָל־מִאֹדֶך: וְהַיֹּוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵּלֶה, יִ

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

אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מָצוּרְ הַלֶּבְרָתְּ בַּהְרָתְּ וְשִׁנַּנְתְּם לְבָנִיךְ, וְדִבַּרְתִּ בָּם, בִּשִׁרְתִּם לְבָנִיךְ, וִדִבַּרְתִּ בָּם,

יִּבְשְׁכְבָּךָ וּבְקוּמֶךִי

וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יַרֶּךְ,

ּוָהַיָּוּ לְטֹטָפַּת בָּין צִינֶיך:

וּכְתַבְתַּם עַל־מָּזוֹוֹת בֵּיתֶּךְ וּבִשְּעַרֶיךְ: לְמַעַן תִּזְכָּרוּ וַאֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת־כְּל־מִצְוֹתֵי,

וִהְיִיתָם קְּדֹשָׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם:

אֲנִّי יְהַנְה אֱלְהֵיכֶּם,

אָשֶׁר הוֹצָאתִי אֶתְכֶם מאֶכֶץ מִצְּרַיִם,

לִהְיָנֹת לַכֶּם לֵאלֹהֻים,

אָנָי יְהֹנָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

TEFILLAH - AVOT V'IMAHOT

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אָדֹנָי, שִּׂפְתַי תִּפְתַח, וּפִי יַגִּיד תִּהְלֶּתֶּך

Adonai, Open up my lips, that my mouth may declare Your Glory.

בָרוּך אַתָּה יִהוָה,

אֶלהֵינוּ וִאלהֵי אֲבוֹתִינוּ וְאִמּוֹתִינוּ,

אֶלהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלהֵי יִצְחָק, וַאלהֵי יַעַקֹב,

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 הַגִּבוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן,

גוֹמֵל חֲסְדִים טוֹבִים, וִקֹנֵה הַכֹּל,

וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמְּהוֹת,

וּמֵבִיא גָאָלֶה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם,

לִמַעַן שָׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבֶה.

ַבֶּלֶךְ עוֹוֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמְגוֹ.

בָרוּך אַתָּה יְהנָה,

בָגן אַבְרָהָם וָעֶזְרַת שָּׂרָה.

GEVUROT

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> 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.

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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.

N N EE

NN N EE

NN N EH

NN N OH

N N OO

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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.

Dylan K Shoftim Deuteronomy 16 18-17:4

[Deuteronomy]

(16)18: Judges and officers shall you make you in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19:You shall not pervert justice: you shall not respect persons; neither shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

20:That which is altogether just shall you pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the LORD your God gives you.

21:You shall not plant you an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make yourself.

22:Neither shall you set you up a pillar; which the LORD your God hates.

(17)1:You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox, or a sheep, in which is a blemish, any ill thing; for that is an abomination to the LORD your God.

2:If there be found in the midst of you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, man or woman, who does that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant,

3:and has gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of the sky, which I have not commanded;

4:and it be told you, and you have heard of it, then shall you inquire diligently; and behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is done in Yisrael.

ישפטים ושט (16) אוישפטים ושט לא־תזבח:₁(17) בַכוֹן אמת

[Deuteronomy]

שפטים ושטרים (16) שפטים וִיסַלֵּף יָהֹנָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ הוּא: נֹתֵן לֶךְ אִישׁ אוֹראשָׁה אֲשֶׁר יַצְשֶׂה אֶתרהַרֶע בְּצִינְי יְהֹנְהראֲלֹהֶיךָ לַעֲבֹר בְּרִיתְוֹּ: נֵיֵּלֶךְ נִיְצְבֹר אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים וַיִּשְׁמִּחוּ לָהֶם וְלַשֶּׁמֶשׁ אוֹ לַיָּהַח אְוֹ לְכְלֹך יְבָלֵא הַשָּׁמִים אֲשֶׁר לֹארצִוְיתִי: וְּוְהְגַּדרֹלְךְ וְשָׁמֶעְתָּ וְדָרַשְׁתְּ הִישֵׂב וְהִגַּה אֱמֶת נַכְוֹן הַדְּבָר נָעשְּׁתְה הַתּוֹצִבָה הַוֹּאִת בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל:

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

Shabbat shalom

1. 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.