



# From the Aleph-Bet

## THE HEBREW ALPHABET

Kaf, Chaf, final Chaf	כ, כּ, כף	'alef	א
Lamed	ל	Bet, Vet	ב, בּ
Men, final Mem	מ, מן	Gimmel	ג
Nun, final Nun	נ, נן	Daled	ד
Samech	ס	Hay	ה
ayin (ion)	ע	Vuv	ו
Pay, Fay, final Fay	פ, פּ, פף	Zion	ז
TZadee, final TZadee	צ, צן	Chet	ח
Koof	ק	Tet	ט
Raysh	ר	Yud	י
SHin, Sin	ש, שן		
Tuf	ת		

## VOWEL SOUNDS

ah (as in <u>f</u> ather)	(inside a word)	אָ	אֶ	אֵ	(1)
I (as in <u>H</u> I)	(at <b>end</b> of a word)-	אִ	(always)-	אֵי	(2)
ee (as in <u>s</u> ee)			אֵי	אֵי	(3)
ay (as in <u>s</u> ay)			אֵי	אֵי	(4)
eh (as in <u>b</u> ed)			אֵי	אֵי	(5)
o (as in <u>c</u> oke)			אֵי	אֵי	(6)
oy (as in <u>b</u> oy)				אֵי	(7)
oo (as in <u>m</u> oon)			אֵי	אֵי	(8)
ooee/ooie (as in <u>ph</u> ooie)				אֵי	(9)
aw (as in <u>s</u> aw)				אֵי	(10)

## THE SH'VAH

Silent or Pronounced (“i” as in “fish”)

**SILENT:** ends (“closes”) a syllable, extending the syllable by letter over the sh’vah;

**PRONOUNCED (“i”):** begins (“opens”) a syllable when:

1) UNDER THE **FIRST LETTER** OF A WORD

שמע

2) UNDER A **LETTER WITH A DAGGESH IN IT**

בִּזְמַן

3) THE **SECOND OF TWO** SH’VAHs **IN A ROW**



































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### THE SECRET TO PRONOUNCING HEBREW CORRECTLY:


*The Sh’vah is NEVER COUNTED AS A VOWEL (even when it is pronounced)!*

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## The Hebrew Alphabet (By Groups of Letters)

		Bet:	Vet	Bet
				 (1)
Kaf:	(final) CHaf	CHaf		Kaf
				 (2)
Pay:	(final) Fay	Fay		Pay
				 (3)
	(final) TZadee	TZadee		ayin (ion)
				 (4)
Samech	(final) Mem	Mem		Tet
				 (5)
Zayin (Zion)	Vuv	(final) Nun		Nun
				 (6)
Koof	(final) CHaf	Daled		Raysh
				 (7)
Sin	Shin	Tuf	Chet	Hay
				 (8)
Lamed	Nun	Gimmel	Yud	ayin
				
				aleph
				 (10)

Try READING and TRANSLATING the following Hebrew words.

- (1) אָבָא      שְׁלוֹם      שֵׁשֶׁת
- (2) שֵׁשֶׁת, שְׁלוֹם, אָבָא:      שֵׁשֶׁת, שְׁלוֹם, אָבָא:
- (3) תּוֹרָה      תְּלָה      לָחֵם
- (4) תְּנוּפָה      סְבוֹת
- (5) גְּדוֹל      יוֹם      גֵּר      גַּם      יִי
- (6) גַּם, גְּדוֹל, תָּהָה, שָׁם: 
- (7) פָּסַח      פּוֹרִים      מָה, יָפָה, אָף
- (8) מָה-יָפָה, הַיּוֹם, שֵׁשֶׁת, שְׁלוֹם:
- (9) אָף, יָפָה      גּוֹף, יָפָה
- (10) מוֹב      שָׁם      מוֹל
- (11) מוֹל, מוֹב      שָׁם, מוֹב      יוֹם, מוֹב
- (12) יִשְׂרָאֵל      עוֹלָם      קְדוֹשׁ      חַי, לֵילָה
- (13) מְלֶכֶךְ      שָׁמַע      בְּרָכָה      פְּרִי-הַגָּפֶן
- (14) מִצָּה      מִצָּה      מִצּוֹת      אֶרֶץ      צְדָקָה
- (15) גוֹי      נַח      שָׁמַח      חַג-שִׂמְחָה      אֲדוֹנָי      בְּמִצּוֹתַי

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ANSWER SHEET: The pronunciation and translation of the following Hebrew words.

**אִמָּה**  
ee-Mah  
mother

**אָבִי**  
ah-Bah  
father

**שָׁלוֹם**  
SHah-LoM  
peace

**שַׁבָּת** (1)  
SHah-BahT  
Sabbath

**שַׁבָּת שָׁלוֹם, אִמָּה:**  
Sabbath peace, mother.

**שַׁבָּת שָׁלוֹם, אָבִי:** (2)  
Sabbath peace, father.

**תּוֹרָה**  
To-Rah  
Torah (Teaching, Law)

**חֻלָּה**  
Chah-Lah  
Holiday Bread

**לֶחֶם** (3)  
Leh-ChehM  
Bread

**סִבּוֹת**  
Soo-KoT  
Booths

**חֲנוּכָּה** (4)  
Chah'Noo-Kah  
Dedication

**יְיָ**  
(ah'Do-NI)  
Lord

**נִסִּים**  
NayS (NehS)  
miracle

**נֵר**  
NayR (NehR)  
candle

**יוֹם**  
YoM  
day

**גָּדוֹל** (5)  
Gah-DoL  
big/great



Words on a dreidel (top spun on Chanukah):

**שָׁמַיְם גָּדוֹל הָיָה נִסִּים** (6)  
SHahM Hah-Yah Gah-DoL NehS  
“A great miracle happened there.”

**אָף**  
ahF  
nose

**יָפֵה**  
Yah-Feh  
beautiful

**מָה**  
Mah  
how/what?

**פּוּרִים**  
Poo-ReeM  
Lots (Purim)

**פֶּסַח** (7)  
Peh-SahCH  
Paschal Lamb (Passover)

**מֵהֵיּוֹם הַיּוֹם, שַׁבָּת שָׁלוֹם:** (8)  
SHah-LOM SHah-BahT Hah-YoM Yah-Feh Mah  
“How beautiful is the day, Sabbath Peace.”

**גּוֹי יָפֵה**  
Yah-Feh GooF  
“pretty body”

**אָף יָפֵה** (9)  
Yah-Feh ahF  
“pretty nose”

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<p><b>מִזְלַ</b> Mah-ZahL luck/constellation</p>	<p><b>שֵׁם</b> SHayM (SHehM) name</p>	<p><b>טוֹב</b> (10) ToV good</p>
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<p><b>יוֹם טוֹב</b> ToV YoM “Holiday” good day</p>	<p><b>שֵׁם טוֹב</b> ToV SHehM “Reputation” good name</p>	<p><b>מִזְלַ טוֹב</b> (11) ToV Mah-ZahL “Congratulations” good luck</p>
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<p><b>לַיְלָה</b> LI-Lah night</p>	<p><b>חַי</b> CHI life</p>	<p><b>קְדוּשָׁה</b> Kee-DooSH (a blessing to make something holy)</p>	<p><b>עוֹלָם</b> o-LahM world/universe</p>	<p><b>יִשְׂרָאֵל</b> (12) YeeS-Rah-ayL Israel</p>
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<p><b>פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן</b> Hah-Gah-FehN P’ree “Fruit of the Vine”</p>	<p><b>בְּרָכָה</b> B’Rah-CHah a blessing</p>	<p><b>שְׁמַע</b> SH’Mah Hear!/Listen!</p>	<p><b>מֶלֶךְ</b> (13) Meh-LehCH king</p>
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<p><b>צְדָקָה</b> TZ’Dah-Kah charity/righteousness</p>	<p><b>אֲרֶץ</b> eh-RehTZ earth/land</p>	<p><b>מִצְוֹת</b> MeeTZ-VoT commandments</p>	<p><b>מִצְוָה</b> MeeTZ-Vah commandment</p>	<p><b>מַצָּה</b> (14) Mah-TZah unleavened bread</p>
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<p><b>חַג־שִׂמְחָה</b> Sah-May-ahCH CHahG “Happy Holiday”</p>	<p><b>שִׂמְחָה</b> Sah-May-ahCH happy</p>	<p><b>נֹחַ</b> No-ahCH Noah</p>	<p><b>גּוֹי</b> (15) Goy Nation</p>
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<p><b>בְּמִצְוֹתָיו</b> B’MeeTZ-Vo-TahV with his commandments</p>	<p><b>אֲדוֹנָי</b> ah’Do-NI My Lord (“The Lord”)</p>
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Try reading these three blessings and the first line of “the Sh’ma.”

(1) בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת:

Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to light the candle(s) of the Sabbath (Shabbat).

(2) בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן:

Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

(3) בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ:

Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, the One who brings forth bread from the earth.

The First Line of “The Sh’ma”\*

(4) שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד.

Hear, Israel! Adoni is our God, Adoni is one.

(Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.)

[\*Traditionally, “The Sh’ma” is to be recited as one goes to sleep each night and upon awakening the next morning.]

(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת:

Bah-RooCH ah-Tah ah'Do-NI eh'Lo-Hay-Noo Meh-LehCH Hah-o'LahM  
ah'SHehR Kee-D'SHah-Noo B'MeeTZ-Vo-TahV V'TZee-Vah-Noo  
L'HahD-LeeK NehR SHehL SHah-BahT.

**Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to light the candle(s) of the Sabbath (Shabbat).**

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Bah-RooCH ah-Tah ah'Do-NI eh'Lo-Hay-Noo Meh-LehCH Hah-o'LahM  
Bo-Ray P'Ree Hah-Gah-FehN.

**Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.**

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Bah-RooCH ah-Tah ah'Do-NI eh'Lo-Hay-Noo Meh-LehCH Hah-o'LahM  
Hah-Mo-TZee Leh-CHehM MeeN Hah-a'RehTZ.

**Blessed art Thou, Adoni our God, King of the universe, the One who brings forth bread from the earth.**

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SH'Mah YeeS-Rah-ayL ah'Do-NI eh'Lo-Hay-Noo ah-Do-NI eh-CHahD.

**Hear, Israel! Adoni is our God, Adoni is one.  
(Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.)**