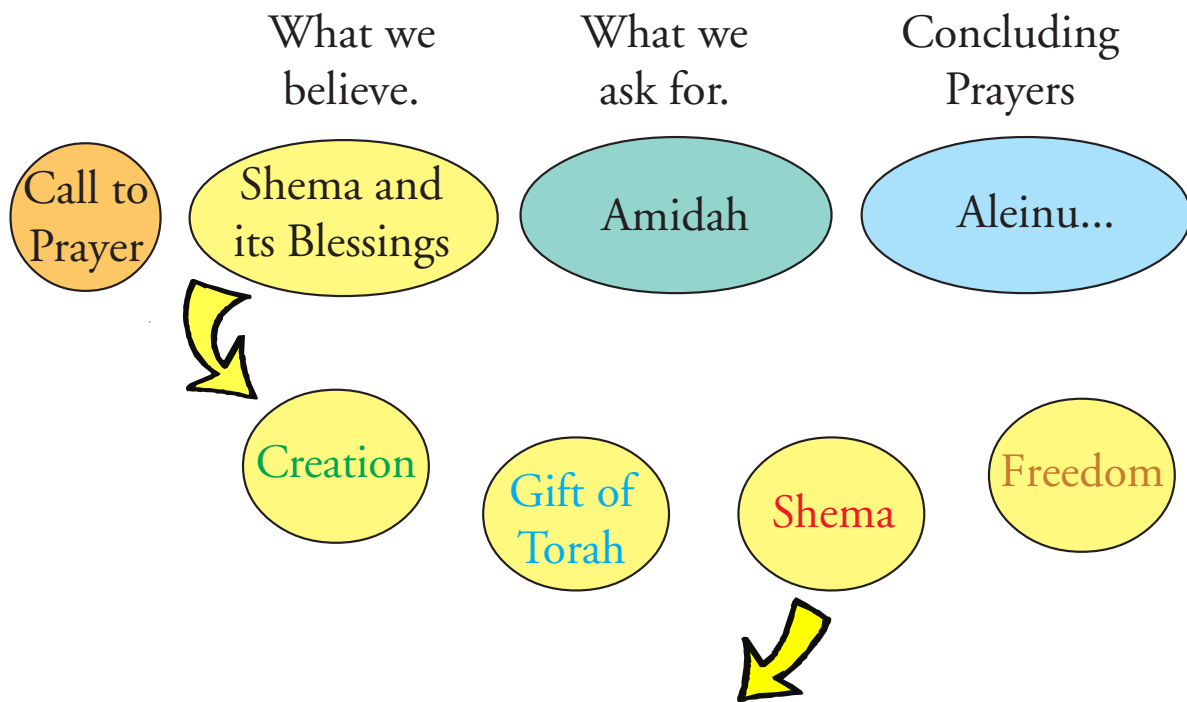


# וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ



After the **שְׁמַע**, our declaration of faith, of God being one, we continue with a passage from the Torah teaching us how that message is to be studied, taught, lived - **וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ**.

The **וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ** is really a part of the **שְׁמַע**, immediately following it in the fifth book of the Torah, Deuteronomy (דְּבָרִים), Chapter 6.

The **שְׁמַע** also includes two other Torah passages. One, from Deuteronomy chapter 11, is about the observance of **מִצְוֹת**. The other, from Numbers chapter 15, is about the laws of the **טְלִיחַ**.

נְפִשְׁךָ  
your breath

נְפִשְׁךָ  
your breath

# וְאָהַבְתָּ

וּבְכָל  
and with all

וּבְכָל  
and with all

לְבָבְךָ  
your heart

לְבָבְךָ  
your heart

בְּכָל  
with all

בְּכָל  
with all

וְאָהַבְתָּ  
And You Shall Love

וְאָהַבְתָּ  
And You Shall Love

אֶת יְיָ  
Adonai

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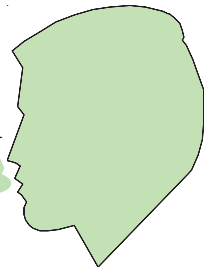
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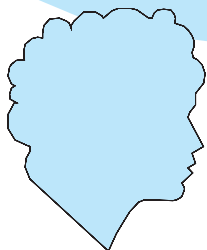
וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-נְפִשְׁךָ

And you shall love  
Adonai, your God,  
with all your heart and  
with all your breath...

In the **וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ** we find the origin of some of our most basic **מִצְוֹת**, such as the **מְזוּזָה**. Placed on the doorposts of the home, the **מְזוּזָה** contains this Torah paragraph handwritten on parchment. Listen for the lesson of this **מִצְוָה** as you read the passage below in Hebrew and English.



1. **וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדֶךָ:**
2. **וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְבְּךָ:**
3. **וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם בְּשַׁבְּתֶךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ**
4. **וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְקָשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדֶיךָ וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:**
5. **וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל-מְזוּזֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:**

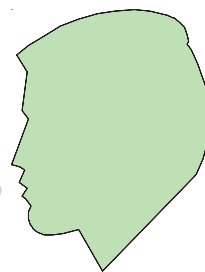


And you shall love Adonai, your God, with all your heart and with all your breath and with all your strength. Take these words that I command you today to heart. Teach them to your children. Speak them when you sit in your house and when you go on your way, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hands and let them be a symbol before your eyes. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## Key Phrase

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ

And you shall love Adonai, your God,  
with all your heart and with all your breath



## Key Words

בְּ... with, in

וְ... and

יְ... your

**אהב** love (root)

וְאַהֲבַתְּ and you shall love

אֶת (does not translate)

אֱלֹהֶיךָ your God

כָּל, כָּל\* all, every\*

לֵב, לֵב heart

נַפְשׁ soul/breath

\*כָּל is pronounced “kol,” and not “kal.”

# וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ

לֵב is heart. But in the תּוֹרָה and in prayers it is much more.

לֵב is really a combination of the way we feel and the way we think.

נֶפֶשׁ is often translated as soul. But it is more than this.

נֶפֶשׁ is the essence of a living being - the body, the spirit, the breath.

Use the key words, your לֵב and your נֶפֶשׁ to help translate below:

\_\_\_\_\_ אהב \_\_\_\_\_ וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ

\_\_\_\_\_ אֵת וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ אֵת יְיָ

\_\_\_\_\_ אֱלֹהֶיךָ

\_\_\_\_\_ וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ

\_\_\_\_\_ כָּל \_\_\_\_\_ בְּ

\_\_\_\_\_ וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל

\_\_\_\_\_ לֵב, לְבָב \_\_\_\_\_ אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְבָבְךָ

\_\_\_\_\_ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ \_\_\_\_\_ נֶפֶשׁ

\_\_\_\_\_ נֶפֶשְׁךָ \_\_\_\_\_ בְּכָל-נֶפֶשְׁךָ

\_\_\_\_\_ וְ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-נֶפֶשְׁךָ

\_\_\_\_\_ וְאֶהְבֶּתָּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ

# אֱלֹהֶיךָ

ךָ is the suffix for **your** when it is attached to a noun.

אֱלֹהֶיךָ = your God.

children - בָּנִים

house - בַּיִת

hand - יָד

eyes - עֵינַיִם

gate - שַׁעַר

soul - נַפְשׁ

heart - לֵב

strength - מְאֹד

Each colored word in the וְאֵלֹהֶיךָ is a *noun* with a *suffix*. Use the colors to find the matching nouns (vowel sounds and end letters may change). Combine the noun with the suffix, and write each word's meaning in the blanks.

Then practice reading the lines with a partner, until you can read each one comfortably.



1. וְאֵלֹהֶיךָ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
your God



2. בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ:



3. וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לְבָבְךָ:



4. וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיָךָ וּדְבַרְתָּ בָּם



5. בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בְּדַרְךָ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:



6. וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ



7. וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפַת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:

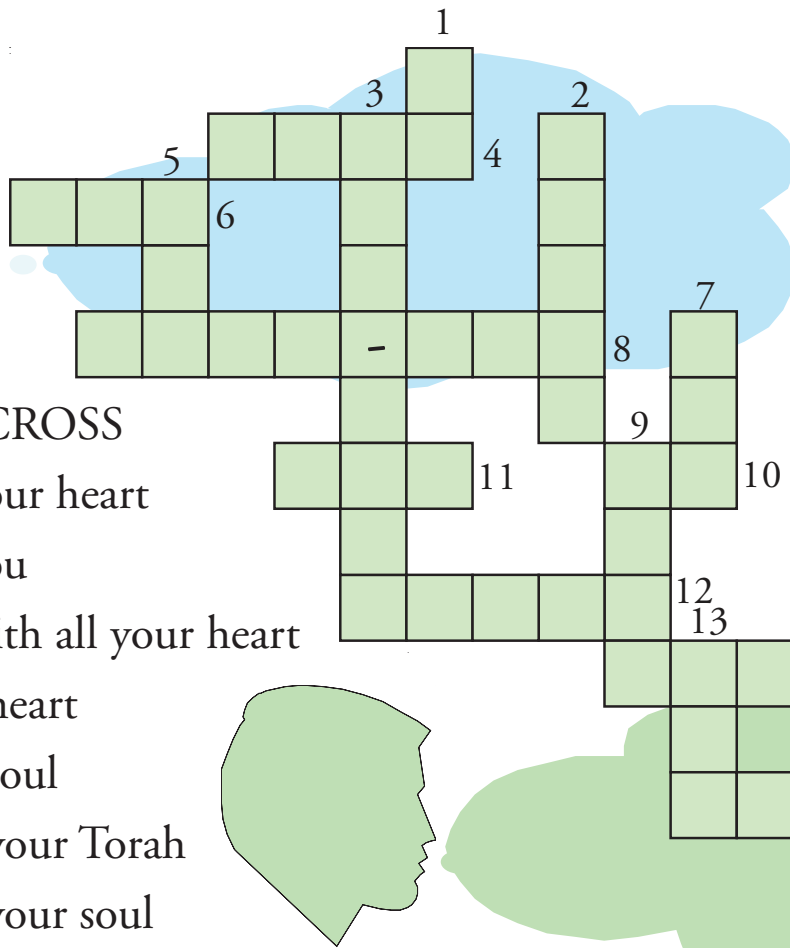


8. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל-מְזוֹזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

# בְּכָל-לְבַבְךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ

בְּ = in or with, so בְּכָל = with all

Complete the crossword, filling כָּל the squares בְּכָל the Hebrew words at the bottom of the page. Leave out the vowels and dots.



- ACROSS
- 4. your heart
  - 6. you
  - 8. with all your heart
  - 10. heart
  - 11. soul
  - 12. your Torah
  - 14. your soul
  - 15. the name of this prayer

- DOWN
- 1. all/every
  - 2. and you shall love
  - 3. with all your soul
  - 5. love (root)
  - 7. with all
  - 9. your house
  - 13. Sabbath

## CHOICES

וְאָהַבְתָּ      לֵב      נַפְשֶׁךָ      נֶפֶשׁ      כָּל      בְּכָל      שַׁבָּת  
 בֵּיתְךָ      וְאָהַבְתָּ      בְּכָל-לְבַבְךָ      בְּכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ      תּוֹרַתְךָ  
 לְבַבְךָ      אָהַב      אֶתָּה

# Reading Drill

Key Root:

**אהב**

Read the following prayer lines out loud.  
Circle all words built on the root for "love."

1. אֶהְבֶּה רַבָּה אֶהֱבֹתָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חֲמֵלָה גְדוֹלָה וַיִּתְרָה
2. לְשָׁמֵר וּלְעֲשׂוֹת וּלְקַיֵּם אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֵי תִלְמוּד תּוֹרָתְךָ בְּאַהֲבָה
3. וַיַּחַד לְבַבְנוּ לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת-שְׁמֶךָ, וְלֹא נִבּוֹשׁ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד
4. אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם, לְאַהֲבָה אֶת-יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
5. וּמִבִּיא גּוֹאֵל לְבָנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוּ בְּאַהֲבָה

These lines conclude the final paragraph of the **שְׁמַע**. God asks us here to do **מִצְוֹת**, reminding us of the Exodus from Egypt.

1. לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי וְהֵייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים
2. לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ
3. מִצְרַיִם לְהִיּוֹת לָכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

When you have completed the chapter, and have all the **וְאַהֲבָתָה** reading lines checked off, your teacher will give you a sticker!

I have mastered  
**וְאַהֲבָתָה**