

Rosh Hashanah Hebrew Starter

Five printable worksheets with answer keys - a free sample of the High Holiday Hebrew Pack

What is inside

- **Holiday greetings reference**

15 greetings with vowels, everyday spelling, transliteration, a literal translation and a note on who says what to whom. Free audio for every greeting on the site.

- **Rosh Hashanah ראש השנה**

12-13 September 2026 (from the evening of 11 September) · 5 printable worksheets

Every worksheet comes with its answer key

The student pages are in this file. The answer keys are in the companion file *Answer Keys*, so you can print the student half for a class without handing out the answers.

Hear every greeting. Each greeting in the reference sheet has clear Hebrew audio on the site, free and with no sign-up:

<https://heb4you.com/pages/holidays/>

How to use it

- **Print on A4 or Letter.** Pages are laid out for A4; choose "fit to page" if you print on Letter.
- **Start with the vocabulary sheet** for a holiday, then the recognition and writing pages, then the review pages a few days later.
- **The spaced-review pages are dated on purpose.** Use one a day through the holiday week.
- **Classroom:** the games and categorize pages work as pair work.

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What to say, and when

15 greetings for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot, with vowels, everyday spelling and transliteration

Every greeting below has free audio at <https://heb4you.com/pages/holidays/>. Play it, then read the line out loud.

HEBREW	HOW TO SAY IT	MEANING AND WHEN TO USE IT
שָׁנָה טוֹבָה everyday spelling: שנה טובה	sha-NA to-VA	Happy New Year <i>literally: a good year</i> The everyday Rosh Hashanah greeting. Said to anyone, from the days before Rosh Hashanah right through Yom Kippur.
שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה everyday spelling: שנה טובה ומתוקה	sha-NA to-VA u-me-tu-KA	A good and sweet New Year <i>literally: a good and sweet year</i> The warmer version, echoing the apple dipped in honey. Very common to children and on cards.
לְשָׁנָה טוֹבָה תִּכְתָּבוּ everyday spelling: לשנה טובה תיכתבו	le-sha-NA to-VA ti-ka-TE-vu	May you be inscribed for a good year <i>literally: for a good year may you be written</i> The traditional blessing, about being written in the book of life. Use it before and on Rosh Hashanah only; after that switch to gmar khatima tova. This form addresses a group - to one man ti-ka-TEV, to one woman ti-ka-TE-vi.
כְּתִיבָה וְחֻתִּימָה טוֹבָה everyday spelling: כתיבה וחתימה טובה	kTi-VA va-kha-ti-MA to-VA	May you be written and sealed for good <i>literally: a good writing and sealing</i> Covers both halves of the season at once: the writing on Rosh Hashanah and the sealing at Yom Kippur. The conjunction is va-, not ve-, because the next syllable carries a hataf vowel.
שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְבֹרָכָה everyday spelling: שנה טובה ומבורכת	sha-NA to-VA u-me-vo-RE-khet	A good and blessed New Year <i>literally: a good and blessed year</i> A more formal register than "good and sweet" - printed cards, synagogue, written wishes.
תִּזְכּוּ לְשָׁנִים רַבּוֹת everyday spelling: תזכו לשנים רבות	tiz-KU le-sha-NIM ra-BOT	May you live many more years <i>literally: may you merit many years</i> A warm add-on, usually to an older person or a whole family. This form addresses a group - to one man tiz-KE, to one woman tiz-KI.
גְּמַר חֻתִּימָה טוֹבָה everyday spelling: גמר חתימה טובה	GMAR kha-ti-MA to-VA	May you be sealed for good <i>literally: a good final sealing</i> For the ten days from just after Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur, and on Yom Kippur itself. Mainly the Ashkenazi wording.
חֻתִּימָה טוֹבָה everyday spelling: חתימה טובה	kha-ti-MA to-VA	May you be sealed for good (short form) <i>literally: a good sealing</i> The same wish, shorter. Mainly the Sephardi and Mizrahi wording, used across the whole stretch from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur.
צוּם קָל everyday spelling: צום קל	TSOM KAL	Have an easy fast <i>literally: an easy fast</i> Said in the hours before Yom Kippur begins, to anyone who will be fasting. Also used before Tisha B'Av. The fuller version is tsom KAL u-mo-IL, "an easy and beneficial fast".
חַג שְׂמֵחַ everyday spelling: חג שמח	KHAG sa-ME-akh	Happy holiday <i>literally: joyful festival</i>

		Works for any festival, Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot included. Never on Yom Kippur, which is a fast day. The usual reply is khag sameakh gam lekha or gam lakh.
חג סוכות שמח everyday spelling: חג סוכות שמח	KHAG su-KOT sa-ME-akh	Happy Sukkot <i>literally: joyful festival of Sukkot</i> For Sukkot, which begins five days after Yom Kippur and closes the High Holiday season. Plain khag sameakh works just as well.
מועדים לשמחה everyday spelling: מועדים לשמחה	mo-a-DIM le-sim-KHA	Happy festival season <i>literally: appointed times for joy</i> For chol ha-moed, the intermediate weekdays of Sukkot and Pesach, rather than the festival days themselves.
חגים וזמנים לששון everyday spelling: חגים וזמנים לששון	kha-GIM u-zma-NIM le-sa-SON	Festivals and seasons for joy <i>literally: festivals and appointed times for gladness</i> The set reply to mo-a-DIM le-sim-KHA. Say this back rather than repeating the greeting.
גם לך everyday spelling: גם לך	GAM le-KHA	You too (to a man) <i>literally: also to you</i> The standard short reply to any of these greetings. To a group of men, gam la-KHEM.
גם לך everyday spelling: גם לך	GAM LAKH	You too (to a woman) <i>literally: also to you</i> The same reply to a woman. Unvocalized the two are spelled identically - only the vowels tell them apart. To a group of women, gam la-KHEN.

Rosh Hashanah

ראש השנה

12-13 September 2026 (from the evening of 11 September)

The worksheets for this holiday follow. Vocabulary sheet first, then recognition and writing, then the review and puzzle pages.

#		ENGLISH	HEBREW	TRANSLITERATION
1		Shofar	שׁוֹפָר	sho-FAR
2		Apple	תְּפוח	ta-PU-akh
3		Honey	דְּבַשׁ	DVASH
4		Pomegranate	רְמוֹן	ri-MON
5		Round Challah	חֻלָּה עֲגוּלָה	kha-LA a-gu-LA
6		Honey Cake	עוגת דְּבַשׁ	u-GAT DVASH
7		Candles	נֵרוֹת	ne-ROT
8		Fish	דָּג	DAG
9		Prayer Book	סִידוּר	si-DUR
10		White Tablecloth	מִפָּה לְבָנָה	ma-PA le-va-NA
11		Grapes	עֲנָבִים	a-na-VIM
12		Dates	תְּמָרִים	tma-RIM
13		Machzor	מַחְזֹר	makh-ZOR
14		Synagogue	בֵּית כְּנֶסֶת	BEIT KNE-set
15		Honey Jar	צִנְצָנֶת דְּבַשׁ	tsin-TSE-net DVASH

Name: _____

Date: _____

CEFR A2

~10 min

Prereq: Hebrew alef-bet



Scan to listen

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3		Honey	דְּבַשׁ	DVASH
4		Pomegranate	רִמּוֹן	ri-MON
5		Round Challah	חֻלָּה עֲגוּלָה	kha-LA a-gu-LA
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Exercise: Match English to Hebrew

Match each English word (1–15) with its Hebrew translation (A–O). Write the number next to the letter.

ENGLISH

1. Shofar
2. Apple
3. Honey
4. Pomegranate
5. Round Challah
6. Honey Cake
7. Candles
8. Fish
9. Prayer Book
10. White Tablecloth
11. Grapes
12. Dates
13. Machzor
14. Synagogue
15. Honey Jar

HEBREW

- A. מְחֲזֹר
- B. רְמוֹן
- C. דְּבֶשׁ
- D. חֶלֶה עֵגֶלָה
- E. עֻגַת דְּבֶשׁ
- F. תְּמָרִים
- G. שׁוּפָר
- H. סָדוּר
- I. נֵרוֹת
- J. מִפָּה לְבָנָה
- K. דָּג
- L. עֲנָבִים
- M. צִנְצֻנַת דְּבֶשׁ
- N. תְּפִלָּה
- O. בֵּית כְּנָסֶת

Self-check: How did this feel?

Solid

Mostly

Shaky

Re-do

I should review:

Exercise 1: See the English — Write the Hebrew

Name: _____ Date: _____

CEFR A2

~15 min

Prereq: Recognition for this topic

Look at the picture and English word. Write the Hebrew word and its transliteration.



Shofar

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Apple

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Honey

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Pomegranate

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Round Challah

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Honey Cake

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Candles

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Fish

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Prayer Book

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



White Tablecloth

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Grapes

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Dates

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Machzor

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Synagogue

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION



Honey Jar

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HEBREW

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TRANSLITERATION

Exercise 2: Read the Hebrew — Write the English & Transliteration

Read each Hebrew word and write the English meaning and transliteration.

#	HEBREW	ENGLISH	TRANSLITERATION
1	שופר		
2	תפוח		
3	דבש		
4	רמון		
5	חלה עגלה		
6	עוגת דבש		
7	נרות		
8	דג		
9	סדור		
10	מפה לבנה		
11	ענבים		
12	תמרים		
13	מחזור		
14	בית כנסת		
15	צנצנת דבש		

Exercise 3: Read the Transliteration — Write the Hebrew

Read the transliteration and write the Hebrew word. The English meaning is given as a hint.

#	TRANSLITERATION	ENGLISH (HINT)	WRITE HEBREW
1	sho-FAR	Shofar	
2	ta-PU-akh	Apple	
3	DVASH	Honey	
4	ri-MON	Pomegranate	
5	kha-LA a-gu-LA	Round Challah	
6	u-GAT DVASH	Honey Cake	
7	ne-ROT	Candles	
8	DAG	Fish	
9	si-DUR	Prayer Book	
10	ma-PA le-va-NA	White Tablecloth	
11	a-na-VIM	Grapes	
12	tma-RIM	Dates	
13	makh-ZOR	Machzor	
14	BEIT KNE-set	Synagogue	
15	tsin-TSE-net DVASH	Honey Jar	

Exercise 4: Picture Only — Write Everything

Look at the picture only. Write the English, Hebrew, and transliteration from memory.

#		ENGLISH	HEBREW	TRANSLITERATION
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Exercise 5: Word Scramble — Unscramble the Hebrew Letters

The Hebrew letters are jumbled. Rearrange them to spell the correct word. Use the English hint.

ש
ו
ר
פ

Shofar

HEBREW

ו
ת
פ
ח

Apple

HEBREW

ב
ש
ד

Honey

HEBREW

מ
ו
ר
ר

Pomegranate

HEBREW

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Round Challah

HEBREW

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ג

Honey Cake

HEBREW

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ו
ר

Candles

HEBREW

ד
ג

Fish

HEBREW

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Prayer Book

HEBREW

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White Tablecloth

HEBREW

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Grapes

HEBREW

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Dates

HEBREW

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Machzor

HEBREW

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Synagogue

HEBREW

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Honey Jar

HEBREW

Self-check: How did this feel?

Solid

Mostly

Shaky

Re-do

I should review:

Read the paragraph and fill the blanks from the word bank

Name: _____ Date: _____

CEFR A2 ~12 min Prereq: Sentences worksheet

WORD BANK

דָּבֵשׁ · תַּפּוּחַ · צְנֻצָּת דָּבֵשׁ · דָּג · בֵּית כְּנֶסֶת · עֲנָבִים · מַסָּה לְבָנָה · סִדּוּר · חֲלָה עֶגְלָה · נְרוֹת

Each numbered blank can be filled by exactly one word from the bank. Niqqud may be added or omitted.

אָבָא קוֹרָא ב

1

אִמָּא מְדַלִּיקָה

2

בְּעָרְבִי. אִמָּא מְגִישָׁה

3

בַּחֲגִי. אִמָּא

מְגִישָׁה

4

עַל הַשְּׁלֶחָן. אִמָּא מְגִישָׁה

5

אָבָא הוֹלֵךְ ל

6

אֲנִי טוֹבֵל אֶת ה

בְּדָבֵשׁ. אִמָּא שָׂמָּה

7

עַל הַשְּׁלֶחָן. אִמָּא שָׂמָּה

8

עַל הַשְּׁלֶחָן. אִמָּא

9

קוֹנָה

10

לָחַג.

Sound check (transliteration, with each target word blanked):

1. A-ba ko-RE ba-____. 2. I-ma mad-li-KA ____ ba-E-rev. 3. I-ma ma-gi-SHA ____ ba-KHAG. 4. I-ma ma-gi-SHA ____ al ha-shul-KHAN. 5. I-ma ma-gi-SHA ____.

6. A-ba ho-LEKH le-VEIT KNE-set. 7. a-NI to-VEL et ha-____ biD-VASH. 8. I-ma SA-ma ____ al ha-shul-KHAN. 9. I-ma SA-ma ____ al ha-shul-KHAN. 10. I-ma ko-NA ____ le-KHAG.

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Re-do

I should review: _____

Circle the word that doesn't belong with the others

Name: _____ Date: _____

CEFR A2

~8 min

Prereq: Recognition for this topic

How: Four words in each row come from *Rosh Hashana*. One is borrowed from a different topic — find it and circle it.

1.	דָּג DAG	דָּבַשׁ DVASH	מַחְזֹר makh-ZOR	קוּמְקוּם kum-KUM	צִנְצָנֶת דָּבַשׁ tsin-TSE-net DVASH
2.	שְׁמֵן SHE-men	נְרוֹת ne-ROT	רִמּוֹן ri-MON	סְדוּר si-DUR	חֶלֶה עֲגוּלָה kha-LA a-gu-LA
3.	עוֹגַת דָּבַשׁ u-GAT DVASH	עֲנָבִים a-na-VIM	תְּפוּחַ ta-PU-akh	מָכוֹן כּוֹשֶׁר ma-KHON KO-sheR	בֵּית כְּנֶסֶת BEIT KNE-set

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I should review: _____

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Answer keys, teacher copy

Every answer key in this file matches a worksheet in the student pack, in the same order. Keep this file for yourself.

Some pages are open-ended on purpose (the writing and games pages, and the free-sentence half of the sentence pages). Those have no key, so the number of pages here is smaller than the number of worksheets in the student pack.

Matching Answers

13-A (Machzor = מחזור)	4-B (Pomegranate = רמון)	3-C (Honey = דבש)	5-D (Round Challah = חלה עגולה)
6-E (Honey Cake = עוגת דבש)	12-F (Dates = תמרים)	1-G (Shofar = שופר)	9-H (Prayer Book = סדור)
7-I (Candles = נרות)	10-J (White Tablecloth = מפה לבנה)	8-K (Fish = דג)	11-L (Grapes = ענבים)
15-M (Honey Jar = צנצנת דבש)	2-N (Apple = תפוח)	14-O (Synagogue = בית כנסת)	

Exercises 1–4

1. שופר (sho-FAR)

5. חלה עגולה (kha-LA a-gu-LA)

9. סדור (si-DUR)

13. מחרוזת (makh-ZOR)
2. תפוח (ta-PU-akh)

6. עוגת דבש (u-GAT DVASH)

10. מפה לבנה (ma-PA le-va-NA)

14. בית כנסת (BEIT KNE-set)
3. דבש (DVASH)

7. נרות (ne-ROT)

11. ענבים (a-na-VIM)

15. צנצנת דבש (tsin-TSE-net DVASH)
4. רמון (ri-MON)

8. דג (DAG)

12. תמרים (tma-RIM)

Exercise 2: Hebrew → English

1. Shofar (sho-FAR)

5. Round Challah (kha-LA a-gu-LA)

9. Prayer Book (si-DUR)

13. Machzor (makh-ZOR)
2. Apple (ta-PU-akh)

6. Honey Cake (u-GAT DVASH)

10. White Tablecloth (ma-PA le-va-NA)

14. Synagogue (BEIT KNE-set)
3. Honey (DVASH)

7. Candles (ne-ROT)

11. Grapes (a-na-VIM)

15. Honey Jar (tsin-TSE-net DVASH)
4. Pomegranate (ri-MON)

8. Fish (DAG)

12. Dates (tma-RIM)

Exercise 5: Word Scramble

1. שופר (Shofar)

5. חלה עגולה (Round Challah)

9. סדור (Prayer Book)

13. מחרוזת (Machzor)
2. תפוח (Apple)

6. עוגת דבש (Honey Cake)

10. מפה לבנה (White Tablecloth)

14. בית כנסת (Synagogue)
3. דבש (Honey)

7. נרות (Candles)

11. ענבים (Grapes)

15. צנצנת דבש (Honey Jar)
4. רמון (Pomegranate)

8. דג (Fish)

12. תמרים (Dates)

Cloze paragraph answers

1. סֵדוּר (Prayer Book)

2. נֵרוֹת (Candles)

3. דָּג (Fish)

4. דְּבֶשׁ (Honey)

5. חֶלֶה עָגוּלָה (Round Challah)

6. בַּיִת כְּנֶסֶת (Synagogue)

7. תַּפּוּחַ (Apple)

8. מִפָּה לְבָנָה (White Tablecloth)

9. צִנְצָנֶת דְּבֶשׁ (Honey Jar)

10. עֲנָבִים (Grapes)

Full sentences (for reference)

1. אָבֹא קוֹרֵא בַּסֵּדוּר. — Dad reads in the prayer book.

2. אִמָּא מְדַלִּיקָה נֵרוֹת בְּעֶרֶב. — Mom lights candles in the evening.

3. אִמָּא מְגִישָׁה דָּג בַּחֹג. — Mom serves fish on the holiday.

4. אִמָּא מְגִישָׁה דְּבֶשׁ עַל הַשֻּׁלְחָן. — Mom serves honey on the table.

5. אִמָּא מְגִישָׁה חֶלֶה עָגוּלָה. — Mom serves a round challah.

6. אָבֹא הוֹלֵךְ לְבֵית כְּנֶסֶת. — Dad goes to synagogue.

7. אֲנִי טוֹבֵל אֶת הַתַּפּוּחַ בְּדֶבֶשׁ. — I dip the apple in honey.

8. אִמָּא שׁוֹמָה מִפָּה לְבָנָה עַל הַשֻּׁלְחָן. — Mom puts a white tablecloth on the table.

9. אִמָּא שׁוֹמָה צִנְצָנֶת דְּבֶשׁ עַל הַשֻּׁלְחָן. — Mom puts a honey jar on the table.

10. אִמָּא קוֹנֶה עֲנָבִים לְחֹג. — Mom buys grapes for the holiday.

Odd-one-out per row

1. קומקום — Kettle (from *Home Appliances*, category: Home & Rooms)
 2. שמן — Oil (from *Food And Beverages*, category: Food & Nature)
 3. מִכּוֹן נוֹשֵׁר — Gym (from *Sports*, category: Everyday Life)
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