

וְאָהַבְתָּ

Checklist:

- ☐ Reading: read *V'ahavta* without error
- ☐ Comprehension: Answer the questions in full, well thought out sentences
- ☐ Vocabulary: Do the root words exercises.

When you have completed the checklist, ask your teacher to test you to see if you are ready to move on to the next prayer.

V'ahavta

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ.

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְּךָ.

וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבִלְכֻתְךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ
וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ.

וְקִשַּׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ.

וְכַתַּבְתָּם עַל-מַזְזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֵי וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם.

אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֵהָיוֹת לָכֶם
לֵאלֹהִים אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.

Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day.

Impress them upon your children; recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.

Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead.

Inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Thus you shall remember to observe all My commandments and to be holy to your God.

I am Adonai, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Adonai your God.

Comprehension

What prayer comes immediately before V'ahavta in the service? How do you think these two prayers are connected?

What are the instructions that this prayer refers to? What are all the things you should do with these instructions? Where should these words be placed? What objects do you know of that hold these words in those places?

Who is the 'speaker' of this prayer and who is being 'spoken to?' In other words, who is "You" and who is talking to "You?"

What proof does this text offer as why God is so great? What did God do that is worthy of all this love and respect?

Vocabulary

This prayer is called וְאֶהְיֶה. Below are a few other words that all have the same three letter root.

אֶהְיֶה

לְאֶהוֹב

אֶהְיֶה

What is the three letter root in common with all of these words? Circle those three letters in the above words. What does that root mean?

There are many words in this prayer that end with the letter ךְ. That ending means ‘your.’ For example

בֵּית means ‘house,’ בֵּיתְךָ means ‘your house.’ How many words in this prayer end with ךְ?

Why do you think that so many words end with that ending?