

Hebrew Prefixes

ב

Beyt added to a word supplies the meaning 'In' to the word phrase. As with בְּרֵאשִׁית where it adds 'In' to רֵאשִׁית the feminine noun meaning 'beginning.' Or with בְּשָׁלוֹם 'in peace' an informal way to close a letter or to say goodbye.

ה

As with הַשָּׁמַיִם Hey added to a word supplies the meaning 'the' to the word phrase.

So it becomes in this example, **the** שָׁמַיִם 'heavens.'

ו וְ

Vav added to the beginning of a word supplies the conjunction 'and.' It may appear as a simple vav often with a sheva or other nikud below it, or as a shureq with the dagesh beside it making it say 'oo'

In all cases it supplies the same meaning of 'and.' The first verse of B'raysheet ends (ha'aretz)

with the word הָאָרֶץ 'the earth'

The following verse opens with the same word phrase but adds a vav

and this modifies the phrase to וְהָאָרֶץ

'And the Earth'

ל

The Lamed added to the beginning of a word supplies the meaning of 'to' or 'toward' or 'with regard to.' A traditional Jewish phrase, pronounced after the kiddush wine is poured on Shabbat or as a general 'toast' at a celebration.

לְחַיִּים (L'cHaim) 'To life'

מ

The Mem added to the beginning of a word supplies the meaning of 'from' This comes from a contracted form of the word meaning 'from' or 'out of'

מִן min

פי

This

preposition added to the beginning of a word usually followed by a hyphen adds the meaning of 'that' or 'according to' to the word. It is used over and over in B'resheet (Genesis) 1 to describe the reaction of The Most High to assessing His handiwork- as he completes various aspects of creation he seals what he has made with the phrase

כִּי-טוֹב

Hebrew Word Puzzles B'resheet 1:1-6

Use your Letter Meanings Chart to figure out the Sod (secret) meaning of each word.

כִּי-טוֹב

חֲשָׁךְ

Fill in the Missing HEBREW Letters WITH CORRECT NIKUD to complete the passage:

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּ [] [] אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְ [] [] הָאָרֶץ:

2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תֵהוֹ וְ [] [] וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְ [] [] אֱלֹהִים

מְרַחֶפֶת [] []-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם:

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהי [] [] [] וַיְהי-אֹר: 4 וַיִּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר כִּי-טוֹב

וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ: 5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים | לְאֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ

קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהי-עֶרֶב וַיְהי- [] [] [] יוֹם אֶחָד: