

# The Shema / שְׁמַע

The Shema (Deut. 6:4-5) is the confession of our faith & said by those in covenant with the LORD<sup>1</sup>.

**MEN:** put on tallit -- cover head

**ALL:** face east toward Zion<sup>2</sup>



Face toward the Eastern Gate, thru which Messiah will come.

## Shema in Hebrew:



שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:  
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד  
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וְאַהֲבַת אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל  
נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל מְאֹדְךָ: (repeat 2 times)  
וְאַהֲבַת לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ: (אָמֵן)

Shema Yisra'el Adonai Ehlohaynu Adonai echad!

*(chant this line in undertone)* Baruch shem kavod, shem kavod, malchuto layohlam va-ed

Vayahavta et Adonai elohhaycha baychol layvavcha

uvchol nafshaycha uvchol mayoday-cha. *(repeat these two lines 2 times)*

Ve-ahavta lere-acha kamocho. (Amein)

## Shema in English:

*Hear, O Israel, the LORD Our God, the LORD is One.*

*Blessed be His glorious Name Whose kingdom is forever and ever!*

*And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart & with all your soul and with all your might.*

*And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart.*

*And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit at home, and when you walk along the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.*

*And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes.*

*And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut 6:4-9, ESV)*

*And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Amen. (Lev 19:18b, ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> Yeshua explained the importance "of all the commandments which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:28-31a NIV quotes Deut.6:4-5 NIV and Lev19:18 NIV).

<sup>2</sup> The custom of facing east (or toward Zion) is thought to have been originated with Daniel. (Dan 6:10)