

TORAH SOFER™

Font for MS Windows

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To read this .WRI file correctly, *TORAH SOFER* (either TTF or ATM versions) must be already installed in the SYSTEM subdirectory of your WINDOWS directory. If you have not already installed the font, read the README.1ST file for instructions on how to install *TORAH SOFER*.

If installed, you should see the following first five letters of the Hebrew alphabet (from right to left):

hdgba

Otherwise you will see the letters "hdgba."

The keyboard mapping of most of the Hebrew alphabet corresponds to its English sound-alike letter. All 27 letters of the alphabet and 3 of the 4 punctuation marks are typed using **lower-case letters** only. With two exceptions (the single and double prime marks), the keyboard mapping is exactly the same as used by the Hebrew font in the WinGreek shareware package. Versions 1.8 and 1.9 (WGREEK18.ZIP or WGREEK19.ZIP) can be found on many ftp sites).

	Hebrew Letter	Lower Case Key	3-Digit ANSI Code
a	Aleph	a	097
b	Bet	b	098
g	Gimel	g	103
d	Daled	d	100
h	Heh	e	101
v	Vav	v	118
z	Zayin	z	122
x	Cheth	x	120

u	Teth	u	117
y	Yod	y	121
k	Chaph	k	107
;	Chaph-final	;	059
l	Lamed	l	108
m	Mem	m	109
,	Mem-final	,	044
n	Nun	n	110
]	Nun-final]	093
c	Samekh	c	099
i	Ayin	i	105
p	Peh	p	112
[Peh-final	[091
o	Tsadi	o	111
/	Tsadi-final	/	047
q	Koph	q	113
r	Resh	r	114
s	Shin	s	115
t	Tav	t	116

The following are the first two verses of Bereshith (Genesis 1:1-2) using *Torah Sofer* font in 24-point type.

,yhla arb tysarb
/rahv tav ,ymsh ta
vhbv vht htyh /rahv
,vht ynp li ;shv
tpxrm ,yhla xrv
,ymh ynp li

As with most word processors running under MS Windows, single characters are easily inserted at the cursor position by using the following key strokes using the numeric keypad with the NumLock key **on**:

1. Hold down the **ALT** key

2. Press the **0** key (on the numeric keypad)
3. Enter 3-digit ANSI code (on the numeric keypad)

That is, while pressing the **ALT** key, enter **0** and then the **3-digit ANSI** code. For example, pressing **ALT 0097** gives a, while pressing **ALT 0108** gives l.

Although there are no written punctuation marks in scriptural Hebrew as is written in the *Torah*, the following punctuation are provided in *Torah Sofer* for those purposes such as designing wedding or *bar mitzvah* announcements, brit millah (circumcision), *ketubah* (marriage agreement), pidyon ha'ben (redemption of the first born) documents, table place cards, etc.

Key	3-Digit ANSI Code
:	046
;	039
"	" (shift ')
=	061

The . mark (*soph-pasuk*) is equivalent to a period. The = mark (*makkeph*) is used for hyphenated words (e.g. ynp=li). The single prime (') and double prime (") marks are used in modern Hebrew to indicate abbreviations. As examples:

'r = **ybr** (Rabbi)
 y"a = **larsy /ra** (Land of Israel)
 d"nst = The Hebrew calendar year of 5754

The Torah Sofer font supports regular, italic, and bold italic weights.

For extensive writing in Hebrew, the capability of writing normally in the "right-to-left" fashion is obligatory. Shareware packages such as WGREEK19.ZIP (WinGreek, version 1.9)

and SFONT10.ZIP (Silver Fonts, version 1.0) contain utility programs that permit typing from right to left. The SFONT10.ZIP zip file has the R2L.EXE utility which allows writing from right to left.

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If you continue to use *Torah Sofer* beyond the 30-day trial period, a \$5 registration fee is required. Enjoy.