

# Non-Binary Hebrew

(a taste)

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# Nonbinary Nouns

sample noun: חבר — “friend”

masculine singular: חֵבֵר | *ḥaveir*

plural: חֵבֵרִים | *ḥaveirim*

feminine singular: חֵבֶרָה | *ḥaveirah*

plural: חֵבֵרוֹת | *ḥaveirot*

common singular: חֵבֶרֶה | *ḥaveireh*

plural: חֵבֵרוֹל | *ḥaveirol*

- “eh” vowel anchors many singular forms; “ol” the plural
  - “ol” comes from “kol” for “all”
- common forms are gender neutral

# Nonbinary Pronouns

First person already gender-neutral!

2nd person sing: אַתָּה | *ateh*

plural: אַתֶּם | *atel*

3rd person sing: הֵא | *he*

plural: הֵם | *heil*

These sorts of pronouns are very common in liturgy, because so many of our prayer texts involve G-d and the congregation talking to and about one another.

# Nonbinary verbs — a taste

Verbs have dozens of forms; these are just a few of the more common ones

## PARTICIPLES

sing: m: שׁוֹמֵר | *shomeir*

f: שׁוֹמֶרֶת | *shoméret*

c: שׁוֹמְרָה | *shoméreh*

plur: m: שׁוֹמְרִים | *shomərim*

f: שׁוֹמְרוֹת | *shomərot*

c: שׁוֹמְרוֹל | *shomərol*

## PAST TENSE

2nd pers com sing: שָׁמַרְתָּ | *shamárte*

3rd pers com sing: שָׁמְרָה | *shaməreh*

## FUTURE TENSE

2nd pers com sing: תִּשְׁמְרָה | *tishməreh*

2nd pers com plur: תִּשְׁמְרוּל | *tishmərol*