

Four Worlds Words

	ASSIAH	YETZIRAH	BRIAH	ATZILUT
Action	Doing	Formation	Creation	Emanation
Shabbat	Shekhalim	Zachor	Para	Chodesh
Soul Level	Nefesh	Ruach	Chayah	Yechida
Patriarchs	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Matriarchs	Rachel	Leah	Rivka	Sarah
Wells	Esek	Sitnah	Rehovot	Be'er Shevah
Saper ספר	Count	Tell Story	Sapphire	Sphere of Light
Regel רגל	Habit	Spy	Pilgrim	Yontif
Nes נס	Flee	Miracle	Test	Banner
Nachem נחם	Regret	Comfort	Lead	Relent
Status	Renter	Borrower	Paid Guard	Free Guard
Leaders	Kings	Rabbis	Kohanim	Prophets
Fruit	Walnut	Orange	Plum	Fig
Davening	Morning Blessings	P'sukei D'zimra	Shema	Amidah
Sons	Reuvain	Shimon	Levi	Yehuda
Death Penalty	Stoning-hanging	Stabbing	Burning	Strangulation
Direction	South	East	West	North

Over many years, Rabbi Hoffman z'tz'l developed a system of correspondences between the many Torah words that have four meanings, the Patriarchs and the Matriarchs, the Wells in Bereshis, the four Shabbats preceding Pesach, and many other concepts with the four worlds of emanation in the Kabbalistic system. This chart summarizes the words, people, concepts, and their levels.

In practice, this meant we would invoke these meanings as we moved up through the four levels of the Davening - Prayer Service.