

# צור יִשְׂרָאֵל

צור יִשְׂרָאֵל, קוֹמָה בְּעֶזְרַת יִשְׂרָאֵל,

וּפְדֵה כְּנֻאֲמָךְ יְהוּדָה וְיִשְׂרָאֵל.

גְּאֲלֵנוּ יְיָ צְבָאוֹת שְׁמוֹ קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ גֹאֲלֵ יִשְׂרָאֵל.



# צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל

Root: ל - א - ג

Meaning - save, redeem

Words in the prayer with the root: גֹּאֲלֵנוּ גֹאֲלֵ

צוֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל is the prayer we say as we are rising for the beginning of the Amidah. It is used to separate “The שְׁמַע and Its Blessings,” from the Amidah.

צוֹר literally means rock. Here it is used metaphorically as a reference to God. Just as a rock is a support, so is God. The meaning here is that God is unchanging and dependable. God can neither be changed nor defeated by our enemies. God is today what God was in the past and what God will be in the future. We can always count on God.

## Vocabulary

Israel - יִשְׂרָאֵל	rock - צוֹר
our savior/redeemer - גֹּאֲלֵנוּ	in/with help of - בְּעֶזְרַת
savior, redeemer - גֹּאֲלֵ	and redeem - וּפְדֶה

## Past Roots and Prefixes

choose ב-ה-ר	place, put ש-י-מ	bless ב-ר-כ
life, live (י)-ה-י	root for names of God and also the word “God” (ה)-ל-א	
and ו	to, for ל	great, large ג-ד-ל

## Translation

Rock of Israel, arise in help of Israel,  
and redeem us according to (the words) of Judah and Israel.  
Our Savior, God of hosts is God’s name, Holy One of Israel.  
Blessed are you, Adonai, Redeemer of Israel.