

DICTIONARY OF SEPHARDIC GIVEN NAMES

Abdo (M) Language: Hebrew. Meaning: His servant; may be a diminutive of Ovadia; see Ovadia. Found in: Medieval Spain. Reference: SephardicGen Medieval Spanish Surnames. Database.

Abel (M) Language: Hebrew (Bible [Genesis 4:2]). Meaning: Breath or vanity; derives from 'hevel' that means 'breath' as well as 'vanity'; name of one of Adam's sons. Found in: Algeria. Reference: Haddey, J.M., *Livre d'or*. Algiers, 1871.

Abiaïl (F) Meaning: Misspelling of Abigail; see Abigail. Found in: Southeastern France. Reference: 1808 Declarations of names. Database.

Abiathar (M) Meaning: Variant of Eviatar; see Eviatar. Found in: Egypt. Reference: Fargeon, M., *Juifs d'Egypte*. Cairo, 1938.

Abiezer (M) Language: Hebrew (Bible [Joshua 17:2]). Meaning: My father's support; spelling of Aviezer according to Sephardic pronunciation of the letter beth with no dagesh; compound of 'Avi' and 'ezer' that respectively mean 'my father' and 'help' or 'support'; name of a member of Menashe tribe. Found in: Morocco. Reference: Corcos, D., Prénoms juifs marocains in *Studies in the History of the Jews of Morocco*. 1978.

Abigael (F) Meaning: Variant of Abigail; see Abigail. Found in: Netherlands, Amsterdam. Reference: Saltiel Olsen, V., Poor Sephardic Jews in Amsterdam. Database.

Abigail (F) Variants: Abiaïl, Abigael. Diminutive: Bigail. Language: Hebrew (Bible [I Samuel 25:3]). Meaning: My father is joy; compound of 'Abi' and 'gail' that respectively mean 'father' and 'joy'. Name of one of the wives of King David. Found in: Germany, Hamburg. Reference: Stundemund-Halevy, M., *Biographisches Lexikon*. Hamburg, 2000.

Abihaïl (M) Language: Hebrew (Bible [Esther 9:29]). Meaning: Father of valor; compound of 'avi' and 'hail' that respectively mean 'my father' and 'valor'; name of Queen Esther's father. Found in: Southeastern France. Reference: 1808 Declarations of names. Database.

Abitob (M) Language: Hebrew (Bible [I Chronicles 8:11]). Meaning: My father's goodness; derives from Avituv spelled according to Sephardic pronunciation; compound of 'avi' and 'tuv' respectively meaning 'my father' and 'goodness'; name of a member of Benjamin's tribe. Found in: Algeria. Reference: Haddey, J.M., *Livre d'or*. Algiers, 1871.

Abner (M) Language: Hebrew (Bible [I Samuel 17:55]). Meaning: Father of light; spelling according to Sephardic pronunciation of the letter 'beth' with no 'dagesh'; compound of 'ab' and 'ner' that respectively mean 'father' and 'light'; name of a general in King Saul's army. Found in: Erets Israel. Reference: Montefiore Censuses. Database.

Abraam (M) Meaning: Variant of Abraham; see Abraham. Found in: Medieval Spain. Reference: SephardicGen Medieval Spanish Surnames. Database.

Abrafim (M) Meaning: Mixed spelling of Abraham and its Arabic version Ibrahim with the interchange between letters h and f current in medieval Spanish documents; see Abraham. Found