

Ahava Rabbah - C

Also known as **Freygish** mode outside of the Synagogue



Obtaining Ahava Rabbah or freygish mode from major (Ionian) scales.

We will use Ab major to transpose into C freygish mode

Ab Major Scale

Ab Bb C Db Eb F G Ab

1st - We need to transpose the Ab major scale into a phrygian scale.

To obtain a phrygian scale from its relative major find the third scale degree. *3rd scale degree underlined below*

Ab Bb C Db Eb F G Ab

Now spell out the Ab major scale starting on the third scale degree from C to C

C Phrygian Scale

C Db Eb F G Ab Bb C

The scale listed above is now in C phrygian. We can now get from phrygian to freygish mode

2nd - raise the third interval of the scale, "Eb", a half step changing it to E.

This will create an augmented 2nd between the 2nd and 3rd scale degrees.

C Freygish Scale

C Db E F G Ab Bb C

Completed transposition from major to its augmented relative freygish mode.

Quick examples of major to freygish listed below

C Major Scale

Ex-1: C D E F G A B C

E Phrygian Scale

E F G A B C D E

E Freygish Scale

E F G# A B C D E

G Major Scale

Ex-2: G A B C D E F# G

B Phrygian Scale

B C D E F# G A B

B Freygish Scale

B C D# E F# G A B