## Alef-Bet Chart

This is the Hebrew alef-bet (alphabet). Each letter has a name and makes a sound – just like in English.

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<td>Bet</td>
<td>Alef</td>
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A letter to students

Shalom Students,

We put this Alef work book together in order for you to know and be able to produce the name of each Hebrew letter, it’s shape and the sounds it makes. You will learn all the letters in this unit though games and activities which we hope you will enjoy. One thing you need to do to have fun, is listen to your teacher’s directions so that you always know what’s going on and can make the most of each game.

At the end of the unit you will take an assessment and if you do well, you’ll move to Bet level. Assessment? what’s that you might think. It’s a way for you and your teacher to figure if you learned all the material before you move on. This is important because you will need to know all this information in order to be successful going through the next booklets. If are worried about the assessment (which you shouldn’t be), a good idea would be to practice at home (which will for sure help you become an expert). Just ask your teacher for home practice. It’s all included at the end of this booklet.

On behalf of our entire writing team, we hope that you enjoy this booklet.

Lee Walzer, Galeet BenZion
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Unit 1
You Already Know Lots of Hebrew!

In this unit, you will learn the first four letters. In Israel, two of the letters you will learn are taught as one letter with 2 different sounds. Crazy, huh? Along the way, you’ll see ways in which Hebrew and English are different – and not so different.
The Letter Alef

The letter Alef א does not make a sound by itself. When it has a vowel with it, it makes the sound of that vowel. You already know Hebrew words that start with Alef.¹

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<th>Oto</th>
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<td>Ambulans</td>
<td>אמבולנס</td>
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How to write an Alef?

An Alef looks like this:

¹ There are no Hebrew vowel letters (a vowel in English is a, e, i, o, and u). Hebrew vowels are dots and dashes under, above, or after a letter. This is one way that Hebrew is different than English!
This is how you write it:

Practice writing Alefs. Start by repeating line number one, then the second line lastly the last line.

Can you write alefs with no help? Show your alefs below:
Alef Bet Hebrew Songs

Kids in Israel have their own alphabet songs. Here are some fun videos used to teach them the *alef-bet*

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlCzoTs1AdE
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT4btENpqOE&feature=related
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GukEJETngdI

**Quiz yourself**

Answer the following questions fully. If there is something that you don’t remember go back and practice.

1) What is the name of the letter you just learned?

2) What sound does that letter make?

3) Write that letter

Bonus question: what words have this letter in them? Can you say them? Can you write them? If you don’t know the answers, feel free to go back and find this information in the Alef workbook.
The Letter Bet

This is the letter Bet ב. It makes the “b” sound like

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<th>Banana</th>
<th>בּלֶקֶה</th>
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<td>Balon</td>
<td>בּלוֹן</td>
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Action Word!
The Hebrew word Ba ב means “came,” as in “The Father came (to the park, to the beach etc.).

How to write a Bet?

A Bet looks like this:
This is how you write it:

**Practice writing Bets.** Start by repeating line number one, then the second line lastly the last line.

Can you write bets with no help? Show your bets below:
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Color in the Bets

Circle the Bets

תָּנָּן בָּא בָּא מַפ
בּוֹדַר שֶׁנֵּה
תָּמָּן רוּב בּש
What sound does Bet make?
Circle the letters that make the Sound Bet makes.

Here is another example. Circle the letter that makes the sound Bet makes.

 Israeli kids have their own secret languages, just like kids in America try to speak Pig Latin or Ubbi-Dubbi. A popular Israeli kids language is S’fat Habet, where you put a “B” in front of every syllable. So instead of Shalom, kids in Israel would say Shabalabom. There’s even a song, Abanibi (I), that won Israel a song contest in Europe.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOG8z8ePfe0

Can you say Abanibi abohebev obotabach? Can you say it fast? Can you say it fast three times?!

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2 Connector Words
In English, words like at, in, and the are separate words. In Hebrew, they attach to the front of a word. The Hebrew preposition ב/ב (B’, meaning in/at, or Ba, meaning in the/at the) is your first preposition. Mazal Tov!
Quiz yourself
Answer the following questions fully. If there is something that you don’t remember go back and practice.

1) What is the name of the letter you just learned?
2) What sound does that letter make?
3) Write that letter

Bonus question: what words have this letter in them? Can you say them? Can you write them? If you don’t know the answers, feel free to go back and find this information in the Alef workbook.
The Letter ツ

ツ is not like most other letters in Hebrew. ツ looks like the letter バ but it does NOT have the dot in the middle. ツ makes the V sound like in the English words violin or veterinarian. While no Hebrew words start with ツ, the Hebrew word レバ ends in ツ.

Color in the Vets
Circle the Vets

ש ב א פ ר ת
ך ח ל ב ע נ
ؼ ו י ח ס ב
ר ק ד ב מ צ

Quiz yourself

Answer the following questions fully. If there is something that you don’t remember go back and practice.

1) What is the name of the letter you just learned?

2) What sound does that letter make?

3) Write that letter

Bonus question: what words have this letter in them? Can you say them? Can you write them? If you don’t know the answers, feel free to go back and find this information in the Alef workbook.
The Letter Gimmel

The letter Gimmel ג makes a hard g sound, like in

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<td>gitara</td>
<td>גיטָרָה</td>
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How to write a Gimmel?

A Gimmel looks like this:
This is how you write it:

**Practice writing Gimmels.** Start by repeating line number one, then the second line lastly the last line.

Gimmels with no help? Show your Gimmels below:
We Interrupt This Program For An Important Announcement!

Newsflash! Here is your first VOWEL in Hebrew:
Both of the vowels above make the AH sound! Say AAHHHHH!

Who remembers what we told you about vowels in Hebrew?

In Hebrew, vowels are dots and lines that appear under (most of the time), next to (many times), and on top of (not so much) a letter.

Here’s an example: בָּאָ פָּתָ�ח + אַהַ = בָּא

Reading Practice
Mazal Tov! You’ve learned 4 letters and 1 vowel and you already can read and write Hebrew words – just like kids in Israel learn.
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What’s the Missing Letter? fill it in!

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We now resume our regular alef-bet programming…

Quiz yourself
Answer the following questions fully. If there is something that you don’t remember go back and practice.

1) What is the name of the letter you just learned?
2) What sound does that letter make?
3) Write that letter

Bonus question: what words have this letter in them? Can you say them? Can you write them? If you don’t know the answers, feel free to go back and find this information in the Alef workbook.
Extension Activities

Alef Bet Hebrew Song

Alef Bet
While we’re here in Hebrew School we’re going to have some fun,
And sing the Hebrew alphabet--a song for everyone.
It’s going to be quite simple cause all you’ll have to do,
Is sing the letters after us, then we’ll sing after you.

Alef נ, bet ב, vet ו, ... gimel ג, dalet ד, hey ה ... 
Vav ו, zayin ז, chet ח, tet ט, ... yud י, kaf ק, chaf ח, ... 
Lamed ל, mem מ, nun נ, ... samech ס, ayin ע, pey פ, fey פ
Tzadee צ, koof ק, resh ר, ... sin ס, shin ש, tav ת.

Let’s learn the Alef-Bet, simple as it can be
You’ll learn the Alef-Bet if you sing the letters after me
Each letter has a name and a sound that it always makes
Now let’s sing this special chorus, we’ll have fun it will not bore us
It’s the Alef-Bet:

Alef נ, bet ב, vet ו, ... gimel ג, dalet ד, hey ה ... 
Vav ו, zayin ז, chet ח, tet ט, ... yud י, kaf ק, chaf ח, ... 
Lamed ל, mem מ, nun נ, ... samech ס, ayin ע, pey פ, fey פ
Tzadee צ, koof ק, resh ר, ... sin ס, shin ש, tav ת.
Let’s try it once again, practice the alef bet. Each time we sing our song then the easier the letters get. You sing it first this time, sing out loud let us hear your voice. We will hear you getting better as you sing each Hebrew letter, It’s the alef bet:

Alef ז, bet ב, vet ו, gimel ג, dalet ד, hey ה ... Vav ו, zayin ז, chet ח, tet ת, ... yud י, kaf כ, chaf צ, ...
Lamed ל, mem מ, nun נ, ... samech ס, ayin ע, pey פ, fey פ ... Tzadee צ, koof ק, resh ר, ... sin ס, shin ש, tav ת.

Each letter has a name and a sound it always makes. Together they’re the alphabet—the alef bet.

**Homework:**
Go to [http://youtu.be/UrCzoTs1AdE](http://youtu.be/UrCzoTs1AdE) on the web and follow along!!
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גָּן  Park
גָּע  Touch! (Command)
גָּר  Lived
גָּשׁ Approach/Present (Command)

דָּג  Fish
דַּם  Blood
דַּף  Page

הַ  The
הַר  Mountain

וָ  Hook
וָ  Moved
חַג
Holiday

חַם
Hot

חָשׁ
Felt

טָס
Flew (plane)

יָד
Hand

יָם
Sea

כּוֹאן
Here

כּ
Jug/Pitcher

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<td>Slept</td>
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<td>Basket</td>
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<td>On</td>
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<td>עָף</td>
<td>People, Nation</td>
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<td>פּ</td>
<td>Fly (bird), Scram/Get Out (as in, “I’m outta here”)</td>
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<td>Wastebasket</td>
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פַּס  Stripe

פו  Fudge

צָב  Turtle

צָד  Side

צָמ  Fasted

צַר  Narrow

קַו  Line

קָל  Easy

קָם  Got up, Woke up

קָר  Cold
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רָב Quarreled
רַב Rabbi
ךְ Soft
רַע Bad
רַז Ran
רק Only

שׁ Returned
שׁב Sailed
שׁם There (as in “Over there”)
שׁר Sang

שת Put

ת_Tag
תָּג Tag
תָּם Innocent, Simple
Ended