

Hebrew Step-By-Step

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Packet 4

NEW LETTERS:

ט נ/ן צ י ק

NEW VOWELS:

◌ִ

REVIEW LETTERS:

א ב/ב ד ה ו פ/כ ל מ ר ש ת

REVIEW VOWELS:

◌ִ ◌ִ ◌ִ ◌ִ

Meet your next letter, the **Koof**!

ק

Koof makes the same sound as the English letter

K

Silly Hebrew Trick



Koof looks like a **K**ey

Here's the Koof in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they all look like a “**key**” and go **below the bottom line**, even if other parts of the letter are slightly different!

ק ק ק ק ק ק ק

ק ק ק ק ק ק ק

Circle the long part of the **K**ey of each **K**oof that goes below the line!

The first one has been done for you!

Read Aloud!

Read the Hebrew below. Lines separate the syllables for you on the top
– see if you can figure out the syllables on your own on the bottom!

תְּ

Silent
Sh'va

תְּ

Sounded
Sh'va

קִישָׁר

he connected

קָרָה

cold

1

קִישָׁר

simple/easy

דִּוְקָה

just/only

2

מִמְּתָק

sweeten

קִישָׁר

he read

3

בִּבְּקָשָׁה

תְּ

מִרְקָה

soup

4

Have you heard this word before? It means "please" and "you're welcome"!

קִישָׁר קָרָה קִישָׁר

simple/easy

cold

he connected

5

קִישָׁר מִרְקָה קִישָׁר

line

soup

דִּוְקָה

just/only

6

בִּבְּקָשָׁה מִמְּתָק

sweeten

please/you're welcome

7

Meet your next letter, the **Yud**!



Yud (usually) makes the same sound as the English letter



Silly Hebrew Trick



Yip,
Yip, Yip!

Yud is a tiny puppy saying, "Yip, Yip, Yip!"

Here's the Yud in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they're all a tiny letter in the top half of the usual writing space.

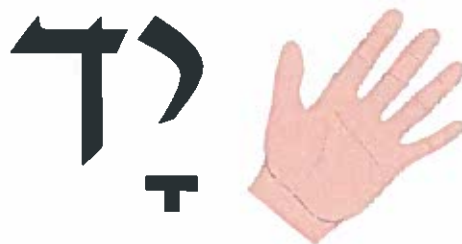
Sometimes the top horizontal line disappears, and it's even tinier:



Circle the big empty space below each
Yippity-Yappity tiny Yud!

The first one has been done for you!

Now you can read the Hebrew word for **hand**:



And one of God's "nicknames,"



Whenever you hear the word "*Halleluyah*,"
that's actually a compound of two words:

Hallelu (praise) + אֶהְיֶה

אֶהְיֶה is not God's full name – it's one of the shorter nicknames
some Jewish texts and people use to refer to God.

Practice reading the Hebrew below aloud:

1 יֵהּ יָד יָמָה יָדָהּ מִיָּה
(girl's name) her hand toward the sea hand (God)

2 יָרָא יָרַד הָיָה יָשָׁר בְּיָד
in (a) hand straight / honest he/it was he went/fell down he feared

3 לִיד דִּיר יָבֵשׁ יֵאלֶלֶה
come/let's go (slang) he dried tenant/resident next to

Read Aloud!

Read the Hebrew below. Lines separate the syllables for you on the top
– see if you can figure out the syllables on your own on the bottom!

יָדָהּ יָדָהּ יָדָהּ 1
her hand in (a) hand hand

יָשָׁר הָיָה 2
straight/honest he/it was

יָבֵשׁוּת תָּיִר 3
you dried tourist

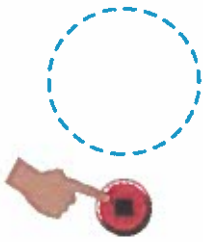
יָאֵלֵךְ לֹאֵד 4
come/let's go (slang) next to

יָדָהּ יָשָׁר יָדָהּ 5
he/it was hand straight/honest her hand

יָאֵלֵךְ לֹאֵד בָּיָד 6
next to come/let's go (slang) in (a) hand

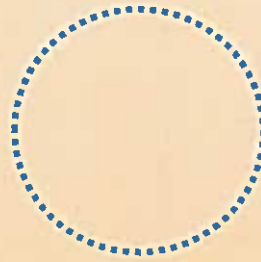
יָבֵשׁוּת תָּיִר 7
you dried tourist

Silly Hebrew Trick



Chirik is a button
that goes,
"bEEEEEEEEEEp!"

Meet your next vowel, the **chirik**:



The **chirik** makes an **EE** sound.

In English, this vowel's sound is called the "**long E**" – you see it in words like "**beeep**," "**seee**," "**bee**," "**treee**," and tons more! (But the Chirik *never* makes the "short E" as in "bell" – that's a different vowel which we'll learn later!)

Now you can read the word
for "**mom**" – have you
heard this word before?

אִמָּא



Try reading the Hebrew below aloud:

1 אֵ הֵ רֵד הֵל אִמָּא אִשָּׁה

woman

mom

2 הִפָּה דָּוִד הֵלָה תִּקְוָה

hope

halo

(boy's name)

he waited

3 מִלָּה דְּבָה מִקְרָא מִקְוָה

ritual bath

reading

slander

circumcision

The **chirik** by itself is called a "small" vowel, but the vowel also has a "full" form:



Silly Hebrew Trick



Yud is a tiny puppy saying, "Yip, Yip, Yip!"

Silly Hebrew Trick



Chirik is a button that goes, "bEEEEEEEEEEp!"

Like the letter Y in English, sometimes **Yud** sounds like a **consonant**, and sometimes it sounds like a **vowel**.

As a general rule:

If the Yud has its own vowel, it makes a consonant-Y sound.

If the Yud doesn't have its own vowel, it's actually part of the vowel right before it.

Yud as Consonant:



hand

Yud as Part of a Vowel:



covenant

Both the full and small chirik vowels makes the same sound: **EE**.

You could think of the small chirik as the E in "be," and the full chirik as the Es in "see."

Different spelling, same sound!

Now you can read the Hebrew word for
"my name":

שְׁמִי

A boy named Avi might introduce himself by saying,

שְׁמִי אָבִי!



and a girl named Mirah might introduce herself by saying,



שְׁמִי מִירָה!

How would you introduce yourself using this word?
(Remember, there's no "is/am/are" in Hebrew!)

Try reading the Hebrew words below which have a mix
of both small and full chirik vowels!

1 רַבִּי אִמָּא אִישׁ אִשָּׁה

woman

man

mom

my rabbi

2 בְּלִי הִיא יָדִי אֲוִיר דְּתִי

religious

air/atmosphere

my hand

she

without

3 אָבִי דְּבָרָה קְהִילָה קְדִישׁ

sanctification prayer

community

she spoke

my father

4 הַתְּקוּהָ אָבִיב בְּרִית לִבִּי

my heart

covenant/contract

spring

the hope

5 שִׁירָה שְׁבִי רָצִיתָ קְרִיאָה

reading

you wanted

sit! (command)

song/poem



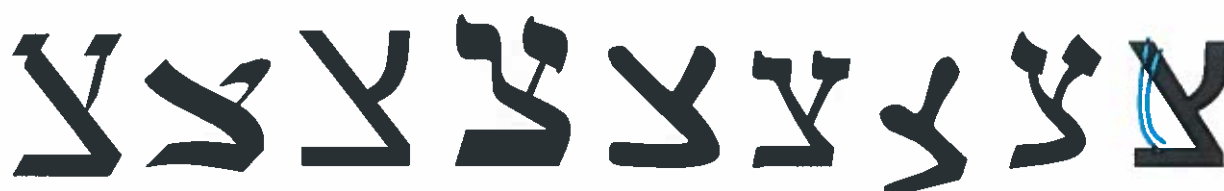
T+Z (**TZ**) or T+S (**TS**).

In Italian words, the same sound is made with two Zs, like in **piZZa**.

A diagram showing a cross-section of a volcano. The mantle is at the bottom, with a red line representing magma rising through the crust. The magma is shown as a yellow line that reaches the surface and erupts as smoke or ash from the volcano's opening.

TZadee has a piece
of steaming-hot
piZZa in its left side

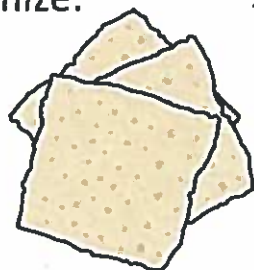
Here's the Tzadee in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they all have those slices of “piZZa” in them, even if other aspects of the letter are slightly different!



Draw the crust on the piece of piZZa on the left side of each TZadee!

The first one has been done for you!

Now you can read a Hebrew word
that you probably recognize:



מַצָּה

During what holiday do we eat מַצָּה? _____

And the word for “situation”:

מַצָּב

...which, in modern Hebrew, is also used as part
of a common conversational question:

מָה הַמַּצָּב?

It literally means “What’s the situation?”
but it’s used the same way as “What’s up?” in English!

Practice making the **צ** sound by reading the lines below out loud!

צַ צָ צֵ צֶ צִ צְ 1

צָבָא צָמָא צָלָה צִד צַא 2

army

yearned

he grilled/toasted

side

leave! (command)

רָצָה מַצָּה מָצָא מַצָּב 3

he wanted

Passover flatbread

he found

situation

צִדְקָה רָצִיתִי הִצִּיל צְדִי 4

economic justice

I wanted

he rescued/saved

(letter name)

Read Aloud!

Read the Hebrew below. Lines separate the syllables for you on the top
– see if you can figure out the syllables on your own on the bottom!

צָבָא

army

צָדִי

(letter name)

1

צָלָתָהּ

she grilled/toasted

קָצָה

a little bit

2

צָדִיקָה

economic justice

רָצָתָהּ

she ran

3

צָלָתָהּ

she grilled/toasted

קָצָה

a little bit

צָבָא

army

4

רָצָתָהּ

she wanted

צָדִיקָה

economic justice

צָדִי

(letter name)

5

Speed Read!

Time yourself reading the Hebrew below out loud at least twice.
What's the best time you can get?

מַצָּה קֵצֶת בֶּצֶל 1

Passover flatbread

a little bit

onion

אֶצֶר כְּצֵד צֶבֶא 2

he safeguarded

like a side

army

מָצָא רָצְתָה רָצַתְּ 3

he found

she wanted

you ran

מַצֵּב צִדְקָה צָלָה 4

situation

economic justice

he grilled/toasted

אֶצְרָה צִדְקָתְּ צֶבֶר 5

she safeguarded

you were correct

sabra (cactus-fruit)

רָצִיתְּ מָצָאתְ צָדִי 6

you wanted

you found

(letter name)

Time Log:

1		2		3		4	
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Meet your next letter, the **Nun**!

Silly Hebrew Trick



Nun has a **N**arrow
foot **N**ext to
the ground



Nun makes the same sound as
the English letter

N



Here's the **Nun** in a bunch of different fonts and handwritings – as you
can see, they're all half as wide as the Chaf (which would otherwise
look very similar) – and its **N**arrow foot is always **N**ext to the ground!

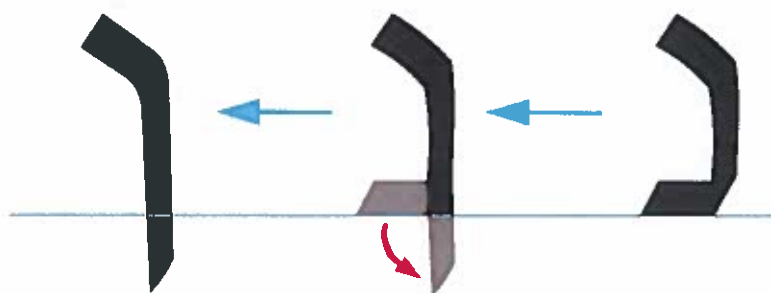
(Sometimes the top line disappears,
but the base line on the bottom is always there.)



Circle the **N**arrow foot of each **N**un!

The first one has been done for you!

The **Nun** changes shape whenever it's at the end of a word – the bottom line “drops down” below the writing line:



This new shape is called a “**Nun Sofit**” or “**Final Nun**.”

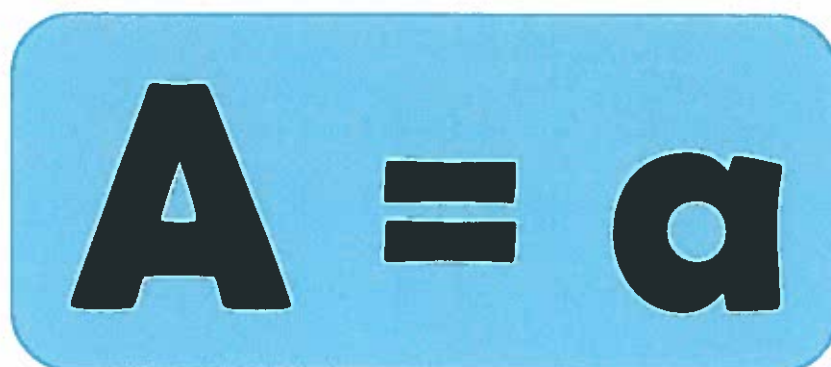
Here's the **Final Nun** in a bunch of different fonts and handwritings next to its “regular” shape – as you can see, the base drops down below the line, but otherwise, they look like the same letter!



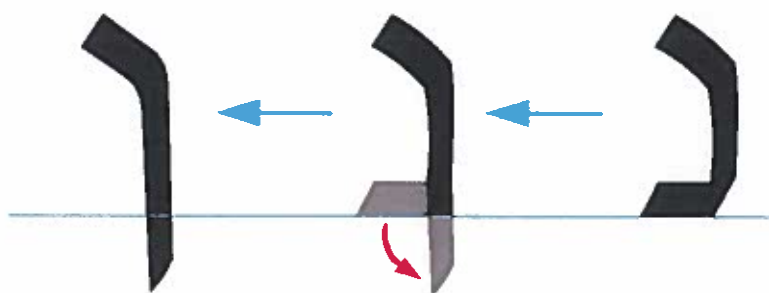
Circle the dropped base line of each **Final Nun**!

The first one has been done for you!

If you think about it, a final letter in Hebrew is only a little different from a capital letter in English:



English letters change to uppercase at the beginning of sentences or names/proper nouns, but it's still the same letter as the lowercase version – just a second shape!



Read the following lines of Hebrew with נ out loud:

1 נָּוּ נָּוּ נָּוּ נָּוּ נָּוּ נָּוּ נָּוּ
he gave he stayed overnight judgement from judged

2 לָּבָן מְשָׁכָן מֵבִין קִנְיָן
canteen he understands dwelling white

3 רָּנוּ יָּוון לְמַדּוֹן נִבִּין
sang/rejoiced Greece scholar we will understand

Read Aloud!

Read the Hebrew below. Lines separate the syllables for you on the top
– see if you can figure out the syllables on your own on the bottom!

נָתַן

he gave

רָנַן

he sang/rejoiced

1

מֵבִין

he understands

נָבִיא

prophet

2

לְמַדָּן

scholar

קַנְיָן

canteen

3

בִּנְיָנָה

מֵבִינָה

she understands

4

מֵבִין

he understands

רָנַן

he sang/rejoiced

נָתַן

he gave

5

בִּנְיָנָה

קַנְיָן

canteen

נָבִיא

prophet

6

מֵבִינָה

she understands

לְמַדָּן

scholar

7

Speed Read!

Time yourself reading the Hebrew below out loud at least twice.
What's the best time you can get?

יין

wine

יוון

Greece

אני

I/me

1

הדין

the court/judge

ונתן

and he gave

תליו

you will stay overnight

2

לאן

to where?

נתנת

you gave

לבן

white

3

נצן

flower bud

נתנתי

I gave

אילן

tree

4

יבין

he will understand

מתנה

gift

היין

the wine

5

ישן

he slept

ושננת

and you will teach

הרן

(biblical city – Abraham's birthplace)

6

Time Log:

1		2		3		4	
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Meet your next letter, the **Tet**!

b

Tet makes the same sound
as the English letter

T

Silly Hebrew Trick



Tet looks like a Tent
with a hole
in the Top

Here's the Tet in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they have a hole in the **Top**, even if other parts of the letter are slightly different!



Circle the hole in the Top of the Tent in each **Tet!**

The first one has been done for you!

Now you can read the name of the fringed prayer shawl many Jews wear when they pray:

טלית



The fringes of the טלית are called ציצית



And the adjective short/small:

קטן

This version of the word describes a boy.

קטנה

This version of the word describes a girl.



Practice reading the ט in the Hebrew below aloud:

1 טה טל טיר טש טרי

fresh

flew

dew

2 מט לט קט תט טקטי

tactical

tiny

magic trick

wobbled

3 שטר מטה טלית קטן

small (m)

prayer shawl

bed

bill/bank note

4 מטור קטנה לאט מטרה

purpose/goal

slowly

small (f)

rainstorm

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תְּ

Silent
Sh'va

תְּ

Sounded
Sh'va

מִטָּה

bed

טל

dew

1

שֵׁטֶר

bill/bank note

טָמַן

he hid/concealed

2

טֹלִית

לֹאט

slowly

3

נִטִּילָה

taking responsibility

צִיטָטָה

quotation

4

מִטָּה

bed

טל

Dew

טָמַן

he hid/concealed

5

טֹלִית

slowly

שֵׁטֶר

bill/bank note

6

צִיטָטָה

quotation

נִטִּילָה

taking responsibility

7

Speed Read!

Time yourself reading the Hebrew below out loud at least twice.
What's the fastest time you can get?

1 מְטָה טְלִית טָרִי

fresh

prayer shawl

bed

2 לֵאט נְטִילָה קָטָן

small (m)

planting (seeds)

slowly

3 טָמֵן טַקְטִי מְקָלֵט

shelter

tactical

he hid/concealed

4 מְטָר קְטַנָּה נִטַּשׁ

he left/abandoned

small (f)

rainstorm

5 שֵׁטֶר מִטְרָה לְטַל

to dew

purpose/goal

bill/bank note

6 רָטַט הִבִּיטָה נְשִׁבֵּט

(name of a Hebrew month)

she looked at

he trembled/shook

Time Log:

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