

Hebrew Step-By-Step

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Packet 5

NEW LETTERS:

ג ס ח ם ע

NEW VOWELS:

יְ/יִ

REVIEW LETTERS:

א ב/בּ ד ה ו ט י פ/פּ כ ל
מ נ/נּ צ ק ר ש ת

REVIEW VOWELS:

יְ יִ יֶ יֵ

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

Silly Hebrew Trick



Ayin's Arms
reach up **silently**



Ayin only makes a sound in certain dialects of Hebrew – for instance, in Yemenite Hebrew, it has a slight guttural sound that doesn't exist in English. However, it's most common across other modern dialects for the Ayin to be **silent**.

Here's the Ayin in a bunch of different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they all have two “arms” reaching up silently!



Circle the **Arms** of each **Ayin** reaching up **silently**!

The first one has been done for you!

Now you can read the name of one of
the most central prayers in Judaism:

שְׁמַע

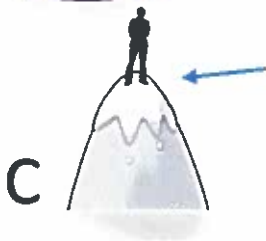
This is the also the first word of the prayer: it means "Hear" or
"Listen," as in "Hear, Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!"

Do you know how to sing this prayer?

You can also read the preposition "on" – one of the few
prepositions that's always its own word, never a prefix:

עַל

Read the Hebrew phrases on the right out loud, then connect them to
the illustration on the left that matches!



1 עַל הַר

2 עַל מִלְכָּה

3 עַל מָרָק

4 עַל יָד

5 עַל עֵין

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!

1 עַד עִיר שְׁמַע

hear/listen

city

until

2 דַּעַת עָשִׁיר

rich

knowledge

3 עַתָּה עִבְרִית

Hebrew (language)

now

4 מַעֲרִיב עֹמְדָה

standing

evening service

5 שְׁמַע עַד עִבְרִית

Hebrew (language)

until

hear/listen

6 דַּעַת עַתָּה עָשִׁיר

rich

now

knowledge

7 עֹמְדָה עִיר מַעֲרִיב

evening service

city

standing

Speed Read!

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

1 עֵתָּה שְׁמַע עִיר
now hear/listen city

2 וְעַד עֲלִיָּה עָבַר
committee going up or a Torah reading he passed/went by

3 צַעַר עֲמִידָה דַּעַת
sadness/regret standing knowledge

4 עָבַד מַעֲרִיב רִקְיָה
he worked evening service heavens/sky

5 בַּעַל עֲצָרָתִי אַרְבַּע
owner I stopped four (number)

6 עֲשִׂיר צְעִירָה שָׁעָה
rich (m) young (f) hour/time

Time Log:

1		2		3		4	
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Before you meet your next letter, remember the **Mem**?

מ

Mem looks like the Man on the Mountain most of the time, but it changes shape whenever it's at the end of a word:

ם



When it turns into this shape, it's called **Final Mem** or **Mem Sofit**. While not quite as convenient as the Final Nun (which still looks mostly like its "regular" form), this Magical transformation into a Music box is just a second shape for the same old letter Mem.

Here's the **Final Mem** in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they're all magically transformed into **boxes**, even if other aspects of the letter are slightly different!



Trace the inside of each box into which the Mem Magically transformed!

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!

בַּיָּם

in a sea

דָּם

blood

יָם

sea

1

אָדָם

man or (boy's name)

מַיִם

water

2

יָדַיִם

hands

הָרִים

mountains

3

בַּיָּם

in a sea

דָּם

blood

יָם

sea

אָדָם

man or (boy's name)

4

יָדַיִם

hands

מַיִם

Water

הָרִים

mountains

5

Speed Read!

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

1 אָדָם קָמִים בָּנִים
man *or* (boy's name) they wake up sons

2 תָּרַם דָּקִים הָרִים
donated/contributed thin (m, plural) mountains

3 בֵּים דְּבָרִים יָמִים
in a sea words/things seas

4 צֶלֶם אֲנָשִׁים מַיִם
he took a photo people water

5 יָדַים מְלָכִים נָשִׁים
hands kings women

6 עִמָּם מִצְרַיִם יָדַים
with them Egypt two hands

Time Log:

1		2		3		4	
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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!

1 חֵם אֶחָא חֶלֶה
brother hot (m)

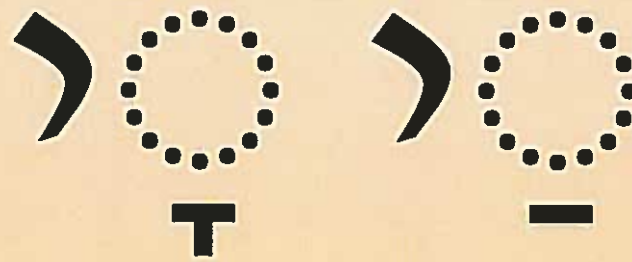
2 חֶלֶה חֶלֶה חֶלֶה
after I waited

3 חֶלֶה חֶלֶה חֶלֶה
five (5) under/underneath

4 אֶחָא חֵם חֶלֶה
under/underneath hot (m) brother after

5 חֶלֶה חֶלֶה חֶלֶה
five (5) I waited

When either "AH" vowel is followed by a Yud
(usually at the end of a word)
the vowel changes slightly:



long i – as in pie

Linguists (people who study languages) call this type of vowel sound a "diphthong," a sound that's made up of two other vowel sounds. The "long i" vowel is technically a combination of "AH" and "EE" smushed together!

Try saying "pie" *veeeery* slowly – can you hear the two vowel sounds that make up the "ie" sound?



Now you can read the word for "life"
that some Jewish people wear on a
necklace:

(It also represents the number 18!)



Try reading the Hebrew with the "ie" vowel combination below aloud:

1 אֵי קֵי שֵׁי דֵי חֵי עֵלִי

on me

life

enough

gift/present

2 יָדַי בָּנַי כְּדֵי שְׂדֵי אֵיתֵי

Itai (boy's name)

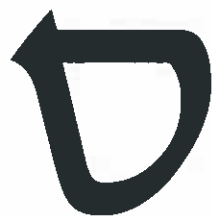
(one of God's nicknames)

like enough

my sons

my hands

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



Samech makes the same sound as the English letter

S

Silly Hebrew Trick



Circle **S**amech gives you a **S**mile

Here's the Samech in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, they're all a circle (or at least circle-ish) with a Smile at the bottom:



Trace the Smile at the bottom of each Samech!

The first one has been done for you!

Now you can read the Hebrew word for
"miracles":

נְסִים

You can tell the difference between Samech & Final Mem
by looking at how (music) boxy or smiley/circular
the bottom is!

(Also, Final Mem only comes at the end of a word – Samech can go anywhere.)

Can you think of two נְסִים in the Jewish tradition? (The pictures might give you some hints, but there are others, too!)



1. _____

2. _____



You can also read the Hebrew words for
"grandmother" and "grandfather":



סבתא

סבא



Try reading the Hebrew words with Samech below!

1 סל סס סם מסע סרק

scour/examine

hike/journey

fragrant spice

moth

basket

2 סד מס אסר סיר טס

fly (in a plane)

pot/pan

he prohibited/forbade

tax

splint

3 סדרה סנאי בסים סלים

baskets

basis

squirrel

series/sequence

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!

סֵם

fragrant spice

סֵל

basket

1

סֵבַתָּא

grandmother

סֵבָא

grandfather

2

סַנְדָּל

sandal

אִסַּר

he prohibited/forbade

3

בַּסִּיס

basis

סַנְדָּלָר

shoemaker

4

אִסַּר

he prohibited/forbade

סֵל

basket

סֵם

fragrant spice

5

סֵבָא

grandfather

סֵבַתָּא

grandmother

בַּסִּיס

basis

6

סַנְדָּלָר

shoemaker

סַנְדָּל

sandal

7

Speed Read!

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

סֵם

fragrant spice

נָסַע

he traveled

סֵבֵא

grandfather

1

אָסַר

he prohibited/forbade

סֵבֵתָא

grandmother

סָרַק

he scoured/examined

2

בְּסֵם

in the fragrant spice

נִסִּים

miracles

סִיר

pot/pan

3

סַנְדָּל

sandal

חֲסֵתִי

I pitied/had mercy

מִסָּה

essay/paper

4

מַסַּע

hike/journey

סַנְדָּלָר

shoemaker

חֲסַתְּ

you pitied/had mercy

5

בְּסִיס

basis

טַסַּתִּי

I flew (on a plane)

קִסָּם

enchanted/charmed

6

Time Log:

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



Gimel makes the same sound as the English letter

G

Silly Hebrew Trick



Gimel has a **G**ap

Here's the Gimel in several different fonts and handwritings – as you can see, the bottom of each one has a Gap, even if other parts of the letter are slightly different!



Circle the **G**ap in the bottom of each **G**imel!

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

גַּמֵּל

camel

גַּל

wave

1

גִּבְעָה

hill

גָּמַר

he finished/completed

2

הַגֵּג

the roof

נָגַע

he touched

3

בִּגְדִים

clothing

נִגְעָה

she touched

4

גָּמַר

he finished/completed

גַּל

wave

גַּמֵּל

camel

5

נִגְעָה

she touched

נָגַע

he touched

הַגֵּג

the roof

6

בִּגְדִים

clothing

גִּבְעָה

hill

7

Speed Read!

Time yourself reading the Hebrew below out loud at least 4 times.
What's the best time you can get?

נָגַע

he touched

גִּבְעָה

hill

גַּמֶּל

camel

1

גִּרְתִּי

I lived

בְּגָדִים

clothing

הָגָר

(biblical woman's name)

2

הַגָּג

the roof

נִגְנַב

it was stolen

גָּנַב

he stole

3

גִּרְהָ

she lived/resided

חֲגִים

holidays

בַּגֵּב

on the back

4

לְגַן

to a garden

גָּדַלְתָּ

you grew (up)

גַּלִּים

waves

5

נָגְעָה

she touched

גַּלְגָּלִים

wheels

וְגַם

and also

6

Time Log:

1		2		3		4	
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