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## HEBREW ALPHABET STUDY KIT

*A UNIQUE WAY TO STUDY  
THE HEBREW ALPHABET*

*GET TO READ AND WRITE HEBREW INSTANTLY  
(Two guiding audion CDs included)*

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**Dear student,**

**Thank you for purchasing Ulpan-Or  
Hebrew Alphabet Study Kit.**



**The study kit you have received consists of:**

- **Hebrew alphabet study book for a beginner level divided into two sections: Print and Script letters.**
- **Two CDs.  
CD #1 – for print letters, CD #2 – for script letters.**
- **The CD contents are shown at the beginning of each section in the book.**

### **Study instructions**

Generally it is recommended to study about four letters a day.  
Study each letter, its sound and its shape.

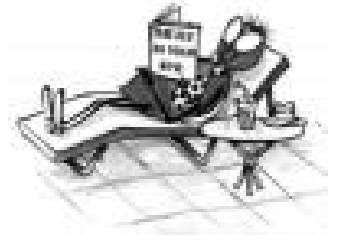
**The two last pages at the end of this book contain your personal Flash Card kit. The cards are made with one side including the Hebrew letter and the other side including its name in English.**

When you study the letters with the CD, **cut out only the respective card.** **Do not cut out all the cards at once.**

It is recommended to study each letter using Flash Cards, which are attached at the end of this booklet.

Go over the Flash Cards several times in order to increase your confidence.

## Working with the study kit



*This kit has been designed so that the book and the CD are used jointly.*

*Please do not try using the CD or the book separately.*

*Note that the Script section starts on page 30.*

The first tracks contain an introduction and a general overview of the alphabet.

Starting with track 6, you will study the Hebrew alphabet - letter by letter. Each letter is explained in the Alef Bet book and on a separate track on the CD.

You will be referred to each respective CD track from the Alef Bet book.

The audio CD further guides you with proper pronunciation of the Hebrew text providing additional confidence.

In most cases the phonetic pronunciation is straight-forward, however it is worth mentioning the following:

We chose the phonetic "KH" to imitate the sound CH as in Scottish "LO**CH**".

Listen to the CD track containing the letter which you are studying. Pronounce the letter with each vowel aloud.

It's essential that you carefully follow your working instructions.

# STUDYING THE PRINT

א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י

כ ד ל מ ס נ ו ע

פ ק ר ש ת

## Alef Bet (print) – CD #1

Track #	Track Name
1.	Introduction to Alef-Bet
2.	Affirmation statement
3.	Alef bet letters
4.	Alef Bet Song
5.	Vowels Explanation
6.	Introduction to pronunciation
7.	Pronunciation Alef
8.	Pronunciation Bet
9.	Pronunciation Vet
10.	Pronunciation Gimel
11.	Pronunciation Dalet
12.	Pronunciation Hey
13.	Pronunciation Vav
14.	Pronunciation Zayin
15.	Pronunciation Khet
16.	Pronunciation Tet
17.	Pronunciation Yud
18.	Pronunciation Kaf
19.	Pronunciation Khaf
20.	Pronunciation Khaf sofit
21.	Pronunciation Lamed
22.	Pronunciation Mem
23.	Pronunciation Mem sofit
24.	Pronunciation Nun
25.	Pronunciation Nun sofit
26.	Pronunciation Samekh
27.	Pronunciation Ayin
28.	Pronunciation Pey
29.	Pronunciation Phey
30.	Pronunciation Phey sofit
31.	Pronunciation Tzadi
32.	Pronunciation Tzadi sofit
33.	Pronunciation Quf
34.	Pronunciation Reish
35.	Pronunciation Shin
36.	Pronunciation Sin
37.	Pronunciation Tav
38.	Reading words with print letters

## Hebrew Alphabet - Summary

CD #1 - Track 3, 4

[Click here to listen to the Audio content of CD track #3](#)

[Click here to listen to the Audio content of CD track #4](#)

Sound	Name	Hebrew letter
Doesn't have sound of its own. It adapts the sound of the associated vowels	Alef	א
<b>B</b> (has a dot inside the letter)	Bet	ב
<b>V</b>	Vet	ו
<b>G</b>	Gimel	ג
<b>D</b>	Dalet	ד
<b>H</b>	Hey	ה
<b>V,O,U</b> (depends on vowels)	Vav	ו
<b>Z</b>	Zayin	ז
<b>KH</b> - as in Scottish "LO <b>CH</b> " It's a guttural letter, but most of the Israelis nowadays pronounce it as KH	Het	ח
<b>T</b>	Tet	ט
<b>Y</b>	Yud	י
<b>K</b> (has a dot inside the letter)	Kaf	כ
<b>KH</b> - as in Scottish "LO <b>CH</b> "	Khaf	כּ
<b>KH</b> (End letter)	Khaf (end)	ך
<b>L</b>	Lamed	ל

## Hebrew Alphabet – Summary (cont.)

<b>M</b>	<b>Mem</b>	<b>מ</b>
<b>M</b> – (End letter)	<b>Mem (end)</b>	<b>ם</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>Nun</b>	<b>נ</b>
<b>N</b> – (End letter)	<b>Nun (end)</b>	<b>ן</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>Samekh</b>	<b>ס</b>
<b>A guttural</b> It's a guttural letter, but most of the Israelis nowadays pronounce it as A	<b>Ayin</b>	<b>ע</b>
<b>P</b> (has a dot inside the letter)	<b>Pey</b>	<b>פ</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Fey</b>	<b>ף</b>
<b>F</b> – (End letter)	<b>Phey (end)</b>	<b>ף</b>
<b>TZ</b>	<b>Tzadi</b>	<b>צ</b>
<b>TZ</b> – (End letter)	<b>Tzadi (end)</b>	<b>ץ</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Quf</b>	<b>ק</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Reysh</b>	<b>ר</b>
<b>SH</b> (dot on the upper right-hand side)	<b>Shin</b>	<b>שׂ</b>
<b>S</b> (dot on the upper left-hand side)	<b>Sin</b>	<b>שׁ</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>Tav</b>	<b>ת</b>



## Hebrew Vowels - (Nekudot)

Before studying the Hebrew letters, let's get acquainted with the Hebrew vowel system. Hebrew vowels, called "nekudot"

- dots, are not an integral part of the alphabet.

They are written as small dots or symbols underneath, above, inside or beside the letters. In Modern Hebrew as spoken in Israel, several different vowels may have the same pronunciation.

In the chart on the following page you will find the vowels used with the first Hebrew letter א (Alef), because the letter א does not have a sound of its own. It adapts the sound of the associated vowel.

·	··	··	—	⌒
Chireq	Segol	Tsere	Patach	Qamats
⌒	⌒	··	·	·
Shuruq	Cholam maley	Qubbutz	Cholam	Sh'va
··	··	⌒	⌒	⌒
Chataph segol	Chataph patach	Chataph qamats		

*\* Please note: In this study kit we presented the vowels (Nekudot), so that you can study their pronunciation in Hebrew.*

*To simplify your learning process, the vowels have been intentionally used **only to help you pronounce the words correctly**, without following any other grammatical rules in Hebrew.*



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## Hebrew vowel system chart

CD #1 - Track 5

Sound	As in:	Hebrew vowel name	Location and example	Hebrew vowel shape
<b>A</b>	<b>F<u>a</u>ther</b>	<b>Hataf-Kamatz, Kamatz</b>	Underneath the letter אָ	אָ
<b>A</b>	<b>F<u>a</u>ther</b>	<b>Hataf Patakh, Patakh</b>	Underneath the letter אֲ	אֲ
<b>E</b>	<b><u>E</u>gg</b>	<b>Hataf Segol, Segol</b>	Underneath the letter אֱ	אֱ
<b>E</b>	<b><u>E</u>gg</b>	<b>Tzere'</b>	Underneath the letter אִ	אִ
<b>I (EE)</b>	<b><u>P</u>eer</b>	<b>Khirik</b>	Underneath the letter אִ	אִ
<b>O</b>	<b>Sh<u>o</u>rt</b>	<b>Kholam</b>	On top of "Vav" or others אֹ אֵ	אֹ
<b>OO</b>	<b><u>P</u>oor</b>	<b>Kubutz</b>	Underneath the letter אֻ	אֻ
<b>OO</b>	<b><u>P</u>oor</b>	<b>Shuruk</b>	At the left side of "Vav" אֹו	אֹו
<b>Either silent or é</b>		<b>Sh'va</b>	Underneath the letter אֱ	אֱ

\* In normal texts of Modern Hebrew, vowels are totally omitted, relying on the reader's knowledge of the correct word pronunciation in the respected context.



*Listen to the respective track on the CD and fill in the vowels as in the example for letter “Alef”.*

Silent or é	OO as in <u>p</u> oor	O as in sh <u>o</u> rt	EE as in <u>p</u> eer	E as in <u>e</u> gg	A as in <u>f</u> ather	Sound
:	..	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	Hebrew Vowels

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CD #1 - Track 8

(B) ב Bet

ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	B ב Bet
בַּא בּוֹבִי אֲבִי בּוֹבֵא אֲבִי														

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CD #1 - Track 9

(V) ב Vet

ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	ב	V ב Vet
אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי אֲבִי													