

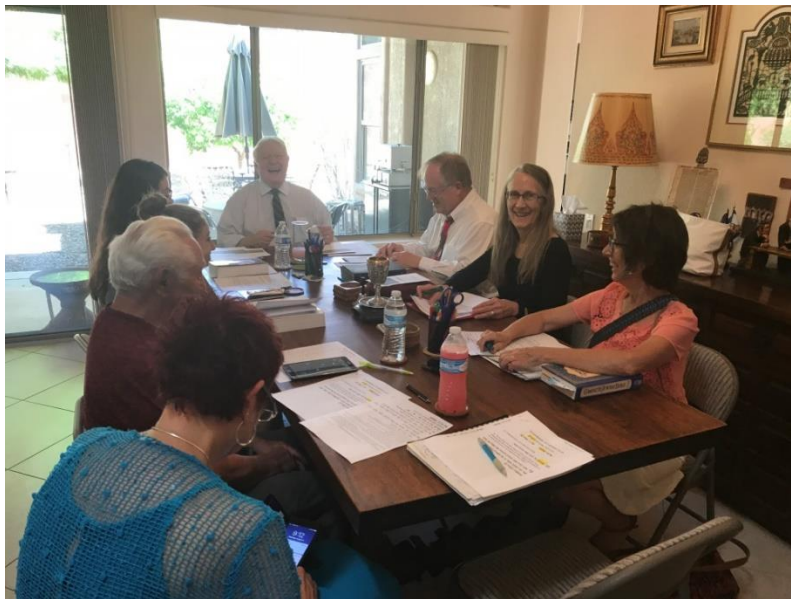
# Biblical Hebrew 101

## *Learning to Read Biblical Hebrew*

### Lesson 4

שְׁעוֹר ד'

## Introduce final letters of aleph-bet



*Hebrew Class at Congregation Faithful Stewardship*

*Learning Hebrew is fun, stimulating ... & helps increase cognitive skills!*

Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth of God," 2Tim 2:15.

### ***Continue learning the Hebrew aleph-bet***

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## Learn the last letters – new vowel (chirek vowel)

In this lesson, we will:

- Begin to learn the remaining letters in the Hebrew aleph-bet.
- Learn the chirek vowel

### 4.01 Introduce the final letters of aleph-bet & another vowel

1. Read the name of each letter below. (Refer to Sound of Letter column for pronunciation)
2. Do *the hand*: make a fist with your right hand. Point thumb down and say *aleph*. Raise index finger



Letters (aka consonants) & Vowels (aka nikkudot נִקּוּדוֹת)					
Please note: there are 2 forms of the פּ.					
The 1 <sup>st</sup> is פּ (pay, which has a dot) while the 2 <sup>nd</sup> is פ (fay, with no dot).					
(There is also the <i>fay sofit</i> ף which has the same sound as the <i>fay</i> פ).					
Book print	Numeric Value	Name of letter	Sound of letter	Block Print (as in English, there are slight variations in letters' shapes)	Write each letter
ע	70	ayin	<i>silent</i>	ע	
פּ פ & ף	80	pay fay & fay sofit	p as in pet f as in far	פּ פ & ף	
צ & ץ	90	tsade & tsade sofit	ts in cats	צ & ץ	
ק	100	koof	k in kept	ק	
ר	200	resh	r in ran	ר	
שׁ שׂ	300	shin ( <i>sheen</i> ) sin ( <i>seen</i> )	sh in shoe s in set	שׁ שׂ	
תּ	400	tav	t in top	תּ	
<b>Vowel</b> (the aleph is used for illustration purposes. The chirek can be used with most consonants)		<b>Name of vowel</b>	<b>Sound of vowel</b>	<b>Print</b>	<b>Write</b>
א		<i>chirek</i> : חִירֶק	ee in sleep	א	

- say *bet*. Lift middle finger - say *gimmel*. Lift ring finger – say *dalet*. And finally lift pinkie – say *bay*

3. Print each letter. (Copy the Block print below & refer to Aleph-Bet chart for letter formulation.)

### 4.03 Practice reading and writing these letters with 5 vowels

The last 7 letters (consonants # 16-22) and 5 vowels: patach & kamats, and segol & tsere, and chirek				
Letter	Name	Sound	Block	Write letter & vowel
א	ayin	<i>silent</i>	א	
אֶ	ayin with patach	<b>ah</b> as in spa	אֶ	
אֵ	ayin with segol	<b>eh</b> as in bed	אֵ	
אִ	ayin with tsere	<b>eh</b> as in bed	אִ	
אִי	ayin with chirek	<b>ee</b> as in sleep	אִי	
פ	pay (has a dagesh/dot inside)	<b>p</b> as in pay	פ	
פֶּ	pay with a dagesh & kamats	pah	פֶּ	
פֶּי	pay with a dagesh & segol	peh	פֶּי	
פֶּי	pay with a dagesh & tsere	peh	פֶּי	
פֶּי	pay with a dagesh & chirek	pee	פֶּי	
פַּ	fay has no dagesh (NOTE: both פֶּ & פַּ have the same sound)	<b>fay</b> as in far	פַּ	
פֶּ	fay with kamats	fah	פֶּ	
פֶּי	fay with segol	feh	פֶּי	
פֶּי	fay with tsere	feh	פֶּי	
פֶּי	fay with chirek	fee	פֶּי	
פֿ	<b>fay sofit</b> (final letter of word; same sound as פֶּ)	<b>f</b> as in far	פֿ	
צ	tzade	<b>ts</b> , in cats	צ	
צֶ	tsade with patach	tsah	צֶ	
צֵ	tsade with segol	tseh	צֵ	
צִ	tsade with tsere	tseh	צִ	

צ	tsade with chirek	tsee	צ	
ץ	tsade sofit (final letter of word; same sound as צ)	ts in cats	ץ	
ק	koof	k in keep	ק	
קֶ	koof with kamats	kah	קֶ	
קֵ	koof with segol	keh	קֵ	
קִ	koof with tserere	keh	קִ	
קִי	koof with chirek	kee	קִי	
ר	resh	r in ran	ר	
רֶ	resh with kamats	rah	רֶ	
רֵ	resh with segol	reh	רֵ	
רִ	resh with tserere	reh	רִ	
רִי	resh with chirek	ree	רִי	
ש	shin ( <i>sheen</i> )	sh in shoe	ש	
שֶׁ	shin with patach	shah	שֶׁ	
שֵׁ	shin with segol	sheh	שֵׁ	
שִׁ	shin with tserere	sheh	שִׁ	
שִׁי	shin with chirek	shee	שִׁי	
ס	sin ( <i>seen</i> )	s in set	ס	
סֶ	sin with patach	sah	סֶ	
סֵ	sin with segol	seh	סֵ	
סִ	sin with tserere	seh	סִ	
סִי	sin with chirek	see	סִי	
ת	tav	t in top	ת	

תְּ	tav with kamats	tah	תְּ	
תֵּ	tav with segol	teh	תֵּ	
תֶּ	tav with tsere	teh	תֶּ	
תִּ	tav with chirek	tee	תִּ	

#### 4.04 Let's put these sounds together & read actual words!

Our objective is to become familiar with the letters and their sounds .... not to memorize words.

##### Reminder: How to read Hebrew

1. Hebrew is read right to left and top to bottom. Begin by reading the right-most letter. Then add the vowel that is written below it.
2. For example: with the word אֶהָב. Begin by reading the א; then add the ה. We now have אֶה (ah-ha). Now, we add the ב. Because there is no vowel below this letter, it only has the sound of the consonant. When we put the word altogether we have: אֶהָב (ah-hav).



**Always remember read: right to left and top to bottom.**

Read & Write words below			
Hebrew	Translation	Transliteration (please, try to read before looking at transliteration)	Practice writing each word (Use Block print on page 1 of this lesson.)
בַּר	son of (Aramaic word, Bar Mitzvah)	bahr	
אֶרֶץ	land	eh-rehtz (note: when a 3 or 4-letter word has 2 segols, the first gets the accent)	
הִנֵּה	behold ('listen up')	hee-neh	
אָמֵן	Amen (truly, truth, 'let it be')	ah-mehn	
אֶלֶף	1000 (Num 31:7)	eh-lehf (note: when a 3 or 4-letter word has 2 segols, the first gets the accent)	
דָּוִד	David	Dah-veed	
מָה זֶה?	What is this?	Mah zeh?	
בְּטָח	of course, certainly, for sure, security, safely, securely	beh-tach	
פָּאֵרָן	Paran (Num 13:3)	Pah-rahn	

Refer to laminated aleph-bet sheet to review the entire aleph-bet.

#### 4.05 More practice reading

MORE HEBREW WORDS		
Hebrew	Translation	Transliteration (please, try to read before looking at transliteration)
אָשָׁה	he, or it, did	ah- <b>sah</b>
לְגַן	to the vine (Judges 9:12)	lahg- <b>gah</b> -fehn
אַתָּה	you (masculine)	aht- <b>tah</b>
חֲזַק	be strong	chah- <b>zakh</b>
חָצֵר	permanent (as in settlement)	chah- <b>tzehr</b>
צָעַק	cry out	tzah- <b>ahk</b>

#### 4.06 Review: How Shall I Study Hebrew?

Today, you read 14 more words!!!

1. Consider taking your lesson with you & review it during lunch.
2. Practice saying the all the letters of the aleph-bet *using the hand*.
3. Read again the Hebrew words in this lesson. (Repetition helps reinforce sounds in our minds.)



#### 4.07 Identify the letters we've learned in Genesis 1:1

On the Scripture below, please **write the name of the letter above that particular letter & the name of the vowel below the letter**. Do the same for each letter. (Identify letters & vowels which we have introduced.)

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,” Gen 1:1.

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א בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

↑ chirek