

From the Aleph-Bet

LESSON 2

Letters

aleph - א (4)
(SILENT Letter)

(final) Mem - מ (5)

Lamed - ל (6)

Vowels

o (as in coke) - ו (2)
(cholem)

Words



- שלום (2)

PEACE




- אבא (3)

FATHER, DADDY

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The Secret To Pronouncing Hebrew Words:
the SH'VAH!

There is one set of dots  which is not a vowel and which is never counted as a vowel!

It is called a “SH’VAH.” :

- 1) Sometimes the sh’vah is SILENT.
- 2) Sometimes the sh’vah is PRONOUNCED as a short “i” – as in the English word “fish”)

Even when the sh’vah is pronounced, a sh’vah is never counted as a vowel!

Every Hebrew syllable *must* have *one* vowel.

Since a sh’vah is never counted as a vowel, a sh’vah can never create a Hebrew syllable – even if it is pronounced.

What does the SH’VAH do?


- 1) The SILENT SH’VAH **EXTENDS** A SYLLABLE BY THE LETTER OVER THE SH’VAH – and **ENDS** (or “CLOSES”) the syllable.

BahSH-Tah  2 vowels, 2 syllables

- 2) The PRONOUNCED SH’VAH **BEGINS** A SYLLABLE and is added to the **FOLLOWING LETTER AND VOWEL**. The PRONOUNCED SH’VAH (and the letter under it are pronounced **QUICKER** – similar to a “grace note” in music).

B’S^hHah-BahT  2 vowels, 2 syllables
(on the Sabbath)

- 3) Sometimes, a VOWEL-SOUND is added to a PRONOUNCED SH’VAH to give it more of a sound.

 Pronounced “ah” (but NOT a vowel!)

The sh’vah is never counted as a vowel – even if a vowel-sound is placed next to it!

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Name _____

HEBREW א

Review Sheet, Lesson 2

A. LETTERS. Circle the sound each letter makes (or circle "silent" if the letter makes no sound at all).

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| SILENT M B L ... ל (6 | SILENT SH L M ... א (1 |
| SILENT M B T ... ת (7 | SILENT B M SH ... ב (2 |
| SILENT M B SH ... מ (8 | SILENT L B SH ... ש (3 |
| SILENT M L T ... ט (9 | SILENT L T B ... ת (4 |
| SILENT M L T ... ל (10 | SILENT M T L ... מ (5 |

B. VOWELS. Circle the sound each vowel makes (or circle "silent" if the letter makes no sound at all).

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|-------------------|----------------|-----|---|----|
| ah (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (1 |
| ah (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (2 |
| ah (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (3 |
| ah (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (4 |

C. NAMES of LETTERS. Write the name of each Hebrew letter.

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| _____ - מ (3 | _____ - ל (2 | _____ - א (1 |
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D. SYLLABLES. How many syllables does the following word have? _____ שלום
(Remember: same as the number of vowels in the word.)

E. TRANSLATION. Put the letter of the picture next to the correct Hebrew word.

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| _____ - אָפּאָ (C | _____ - שְׁלוֹם (B | _____ - שַׁבָּת (A |
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F. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH: _____ - שַׁבָּת שְׁלוֹם

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ANSWER SHEET

HEBREW 8

Review Sheet, Lesson 2

A. LETTERS. Circle the sound each letter makes (or circle "silent" if the letter makes no sound at all).

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| SILENT M B <u>L</u> ... ל (6 | <u>SILENT</u> SH L M ... ש (1 |
| SILENT M B <u>T</u> ... ת (7 | SILENT <u>B</u> M SH ... ב (2 |
| SILENT <u>M</u> B SH ... מ (8 | SILENT L B <u>SH</u> ... ש (3 |
| SILENT M L <u>SH</u> ... ש (9 | SILENT L <u>T</u> B ... ת (4 |
| SILENT M <u>L</u> T ... ל (10 | SILENT <u>M</u> T L ... מ (5 |

B. VOWELS. Circle the sound each vowel makes (or circle "silent" if the letter makes no sound at all).

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----|---|----|
| <u>ah</u> (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (1 |
| ah (as in father) | <u>o</u> (as in coke) | ... | א | (2 |
| ah (as in father) | <u>o</u> (as in coke) | ... | א | (3 |
| <u>ah</u> (as in father) | o (as in coke) | ... | א | (4 |

C. NAMES of LETTERS. Write the name of each Hebrew letter.

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| MEM - מ (3 | LAMED - ל (2 | ALEPH - א (1 |
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D. SYLLABLES. How many syllables does the following word have? 2 - שלום
(Remember: same as the number of vowels in the word.)

E. TRANSLATION. Put the number of the picture next to the correct Hebrew word.

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| 2 - אבא (C | 1 - שלום (B | 3 - שבת (A |
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F. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH: Sabbath Peace - שבת שלום