

Note to Parents and Teachers

THE ALEPH BET STORY and CD

The Aleph Bet Story is a Method for Teaching the Letters

Purpose:

The Aleph Bet Story brings the Hebrew letters to life. At the same time, it represents a method for teaching the Hebrew alphabet. The goal is to make each letter distinctive and memorable for the student. The story line, whimsy, characters, colorful pictures surrounding each letter, and 'corners and curves' language for describing the letters are all tools to use to teach and reinforce each letter. Features of the method are listed below:

Features:

1. **Whimsical stories** introduce each letter.
2. **Colorful pictures** frame each letter.
3. **English words** are used to reinforce the sound and name of many letters, e.g. 'lamed is like lightning'.
4. **The sound of each letter** is given, e.g. 'Samech "s" Sound'.
5. **The trigger question for each letter**, "What makes this letter special?" focuses students on the features of each letter and encourages discussion.
6. **'Corners and curves' language** describes special features of the letter (see page 4). This language can also be used to quiz students about a letter.
7. **The Aleph Bet Story CD** tells the full story with sound effects, complete with Aleph Bet Rock Song at the end. Search "aleph bet" on **YouTube** (www.youtube.com) to see the Aleph Bet Rock Video.

The story book and CD should be used alongside the *Activity Book*. The student's familiarity with the images, associations and 'corners and curves' language will deepen retention and create readiness for the Sarah and David reading curriculum that follows. For these reasons, *The Aleph Bet Story* is the foundation of the Sarah and David Hebrew reading curriculum. A black and white version of the story book pictures is also available for display and coloring.*

THE ALEPH BET STORY ACTIVITY BOOK

A coloring book with fun activities for each letter

Purpose:

This *Activity Book* accompanies *The Aleph Bet Story* and is intended for students in kindergarten or first grade. It is an extension of the story book that offers a fun activity for each letter. Please note that the letters bet, caf, pay and shin appear in only one form. Sofeet letters are not included.

Goal:

The goal of the *Activity Book* is to strengthen letter recognition and recall of each letter.

Using the Sarah and David *Activity Book*:

1. **Use the Activity Book alongside *The Aleph Bet Story* to teach each letter.**
2. **To introduce a letter**, read that letter's page in *The Aleph Bet Story*. Discuss the letter's special features with the students. Then turn to the corresponding letter page in the *Activity Book*.
3. **Activities:** The student is invited to trace, color, search and find, or connect the dots to complete the activity.
4. **Bubble Letters:** Each letter is also shown in bubble letter form in the upper left corner of the page. This shows the student another form of the letter.
5. **Remember to use the trigger question** from the story book, "What makes this letter special?" Ask this question as students work on a new letter in the *Activity Book*. The trigger question encourages students to look carefully at the new letter and helps them talk about it.
6. **Use movement** to help students understand the shape of the letter. Refer to letters 'sitting on or below the line', and to 'arms, legs, toes, tails, corners and curves'. With students on their feet, have fun trying to form the letters! Use a black ribbon to represent the line. Step on the line for letters on the line. Lift up the line for letters dropping below. Two students can help hold up the line. Other students can be the letters.

*Purchase separately.



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Aleph Bet
Story**
ACTIVITY BOOK

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for the Hebrew letters

my first hebrew workbook

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*To my dear friend David
who supported every dream and idea I've ever had,
there is a part of you in each one of these books.*

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WELCOME

to the *ACTIVITY BOOK* and the Hebrew alphabet!

Each letter in the Aleph Bet is special. What should you look for?

- Corners or curves
- Openings or closings
- Letters on the line or dropping below it
- Dots
- Arms, legs, toes or tails.

And now, Sarah, David, Ben and Rachel bring you the Aleph Bet!



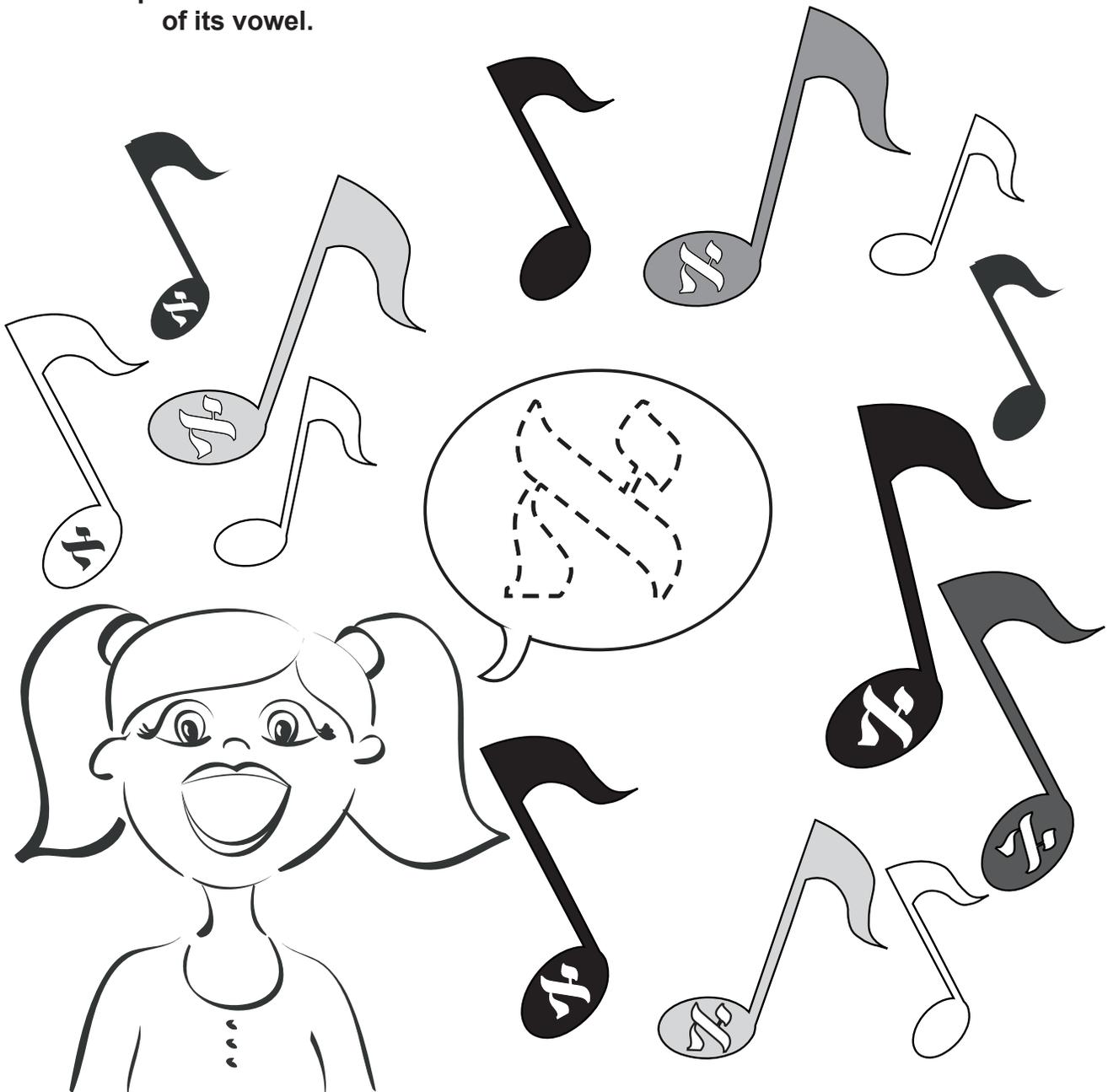
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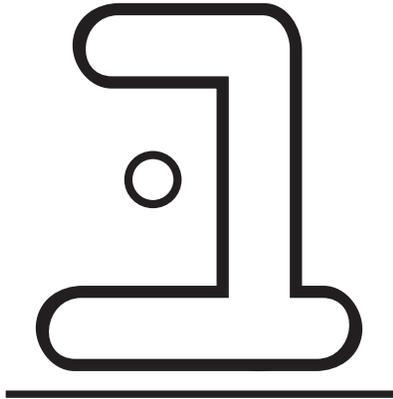
Aleph takes the sound
of its vowel.

Instructions: Rachel loves to sing.
How many **ALEPHS** can you find in the musical notes?
Color each **ALEPH**.

I found _____ **ALEPHS!**

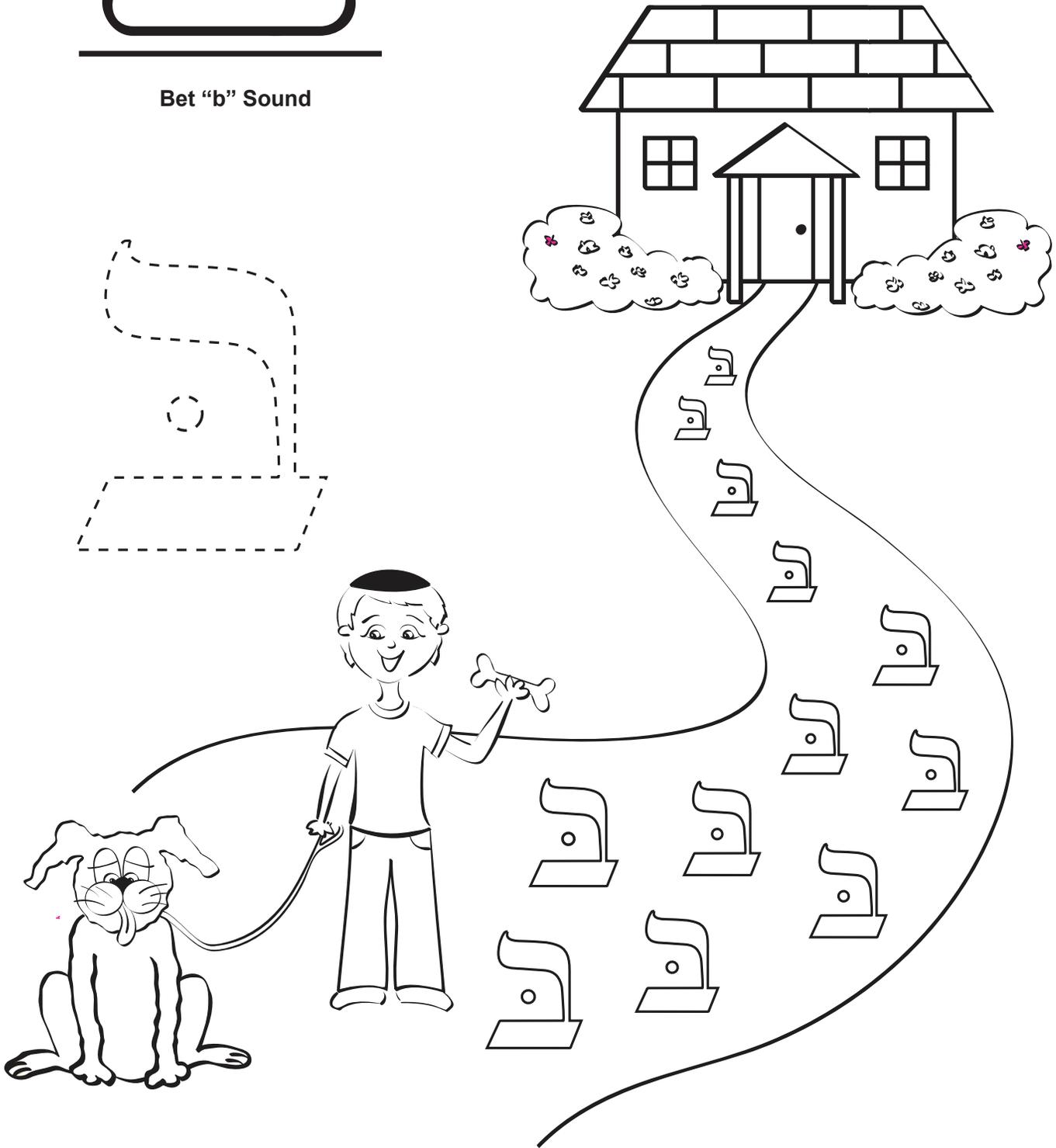


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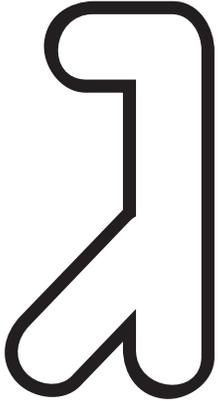


Bet "b" Sound

Instructions: Ben has to go home for dinner!
Trace the **BET**. Then help Benny and Voop see the pathway home by coloring each **BET**.



GIMEL



Gimel "g" Sound

Instructions: Sarah loves high-heel shoes.

GIMEL looks a lot like high-heel shoes.

Can you find all the pairs of **GIMELS**?

Circle all the **GIMEL** pairs you find.



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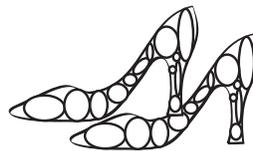
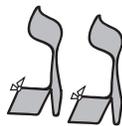
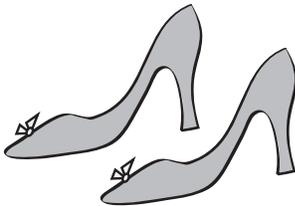


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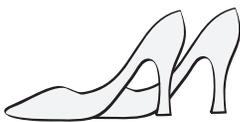
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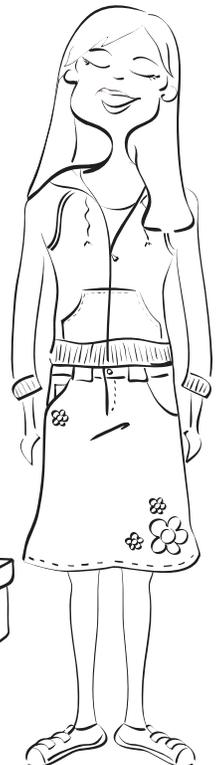
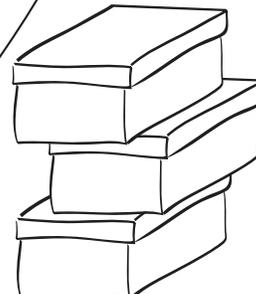
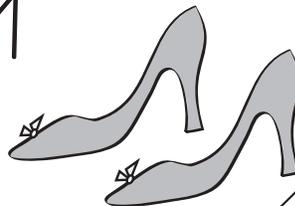


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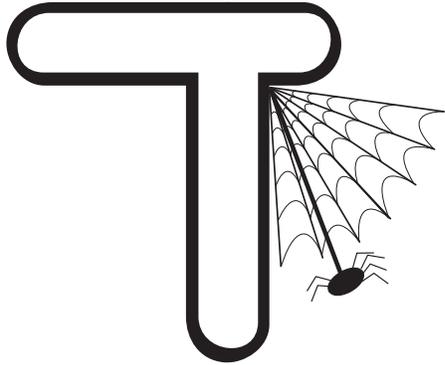
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DALED



Instructions: David is a little grossed out!
DALED has a dusty, dark, dirty, dented corner
 that **creepy** things love.
 Trace and color each **DALED**. Then add a cobweb
 to make the dark, dirty, dented corner.

Daled "d" Sound

