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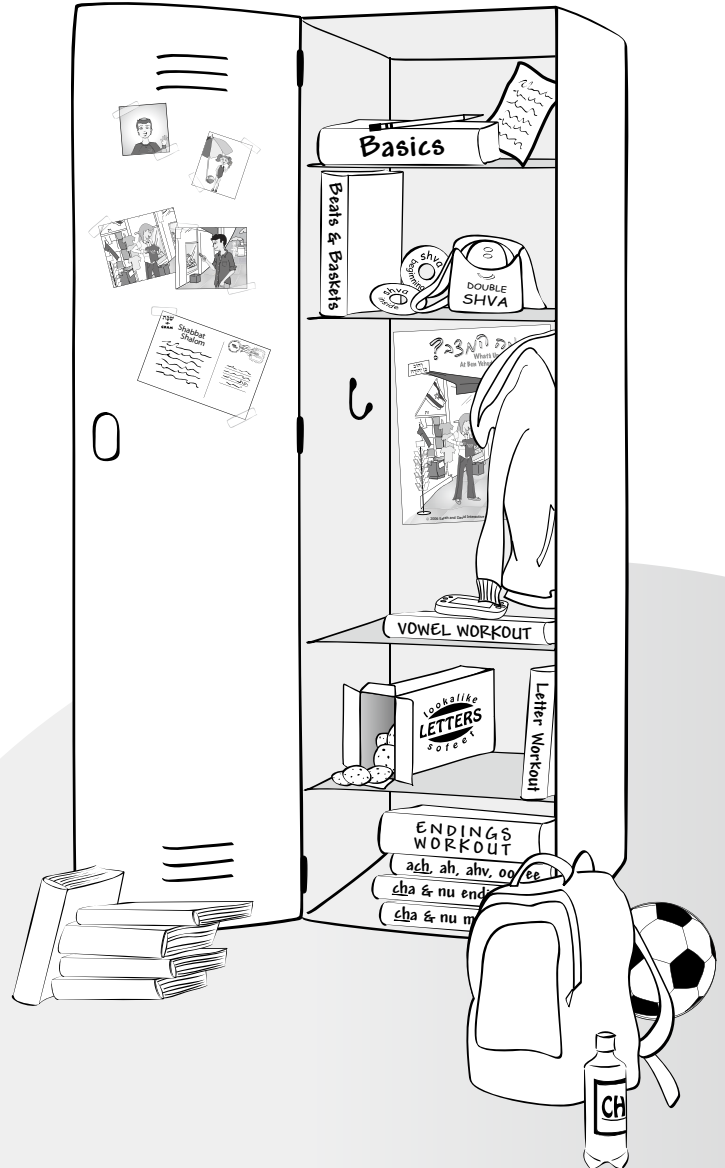
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The Skill and Drill Book offers teachers a new kind of workbook focused on building reading accuracy and fluency. Now that students know HOW to read, REINFORCEMENT of letters, vowels and reading skills is needed to help develop both competence and confidence with Hebrew reading.

This book is suitable for students of all ages who know letters and vowels and have completed either Sarah, David and YOU Read Hebrew, The Read Hebrew Primer, or another primer. We recommend that teachers be familiar with the approach and techniques in The Sarah and David Read Hebrew Program since the same approach, cues and reading skills appear in The Skill and Drill Book. It is recommended that teachers have a copy of The Aleph Bet Story (Hebrew letters) and The Read Hebrew Primer (Hebrew reading) on hand as background for The Skill and Drill Book.

How to Use this Book

The Skill and Drill Book is a flexible tool that can be introduced for review, skill building or testing. The goal of this book is to improve reading accuracy and fluency as students move on to read siddur, Torah and Haftarah. Use this book:

- as a refresher in September to review skills
- to focus on specific Hebrew reading skills
- to test letters, vowels or specific reading skills
- as support for reading the siddur
- for adult education classes for reading review
- as pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah reading review

How The Skill and Drill Book is Organized

a) Basics

This is a warm-up section. Co-author Lily Yacobi lets students know in a fun and friendly way WHAT they will be doing and WHY. Students begin with warm-up exercises to see what they remember in the areas of letters and vowels. The 'Beats and Baskets' technique is described to ensure that students have a good understanding of this essential reading skill.

b) Workout Sections

The workout sections give students pages of reading practice and activities to build quick recognition of vowels, letters, and word endings. Students do 'beats and baskets' throughout to build fluency as they work through the Vowel Workout, Letter Workout and Endings Workout sections.

c) Torah and Tefilah Readings

Beginning with the Vowel Section, there are siddur phrases, vocabulary and sample texts. Sample texts are noted on the Checklist. As students work on look-alike letters, vowels and endings, they will be able to see them more clearly in words and phrases in the siddur.

d) Checklist

The Checklist on page six enables teachers and students to see all of the topics at-a-glance. Use it as an organizer for lessons and encourage students to keep track of what they have learned.

Online Supplements and Audio Support for The Skill and Drill Book

Teachers will find activities online to print and use in class. The ACTIVITIES tab at www.sarahdavid.com is the address for copy masters that will make it easy for teachers to review skills from previous lessons, start class with a quick quiz or give a diagnostic test. Also, Lily reads the entire book online providing audio support for this book.



What's the Plan?

Now that you've learned how to read, the goal is to get you from the Primer to the Prayer Book and have fun getting there.

The Skill and Drill Book will keep you very busy and this is what you'll be doing:

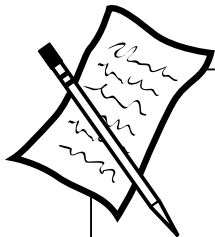
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Along the way, there will be some warm-up activities and lots of reading activities.

There is a Checklist on the next page with all the topics you'll be working on. Check them off as you go along.

You'll be done in no time!

Here's a checklist to use for your reference as you work through this Skill and Drill Book.
Use this checklist to keep track of what you are learning!



BASICS

- ___ Aleph Bet Review
- ___ Vowel Review
- ___ Beats and Baskets

VOWEL WORKOUT!!

- ___ Dots
- ___ Dashes
- ___ OH and OO
- ___ Special Rules - Kol, Chol
- ___ Reading Practice: Torah Verses

LETTER WORKOUT!!

- ___ Look-alike letters
- ___ Sofet Letters
- ___ Vav is Special
- ___ "CH" Clear Your Throat Letters
- ___ Reading Practice: Siddur Phrases

ENDINGS

- ___ Ach, ah, ahv, oo-ee
- ___ Reading Practice: Ashrei
- ___ Cha and nu endings
- ___ What 'cha' and 'nu' endings mean
- ___ Reading Practice: A Prayer for Jerusalem



BASICS SECTION

Now that you've learned how to read Hebrew, there's a little more work to do. Just as with other subjects or activities, practice makes perfect.

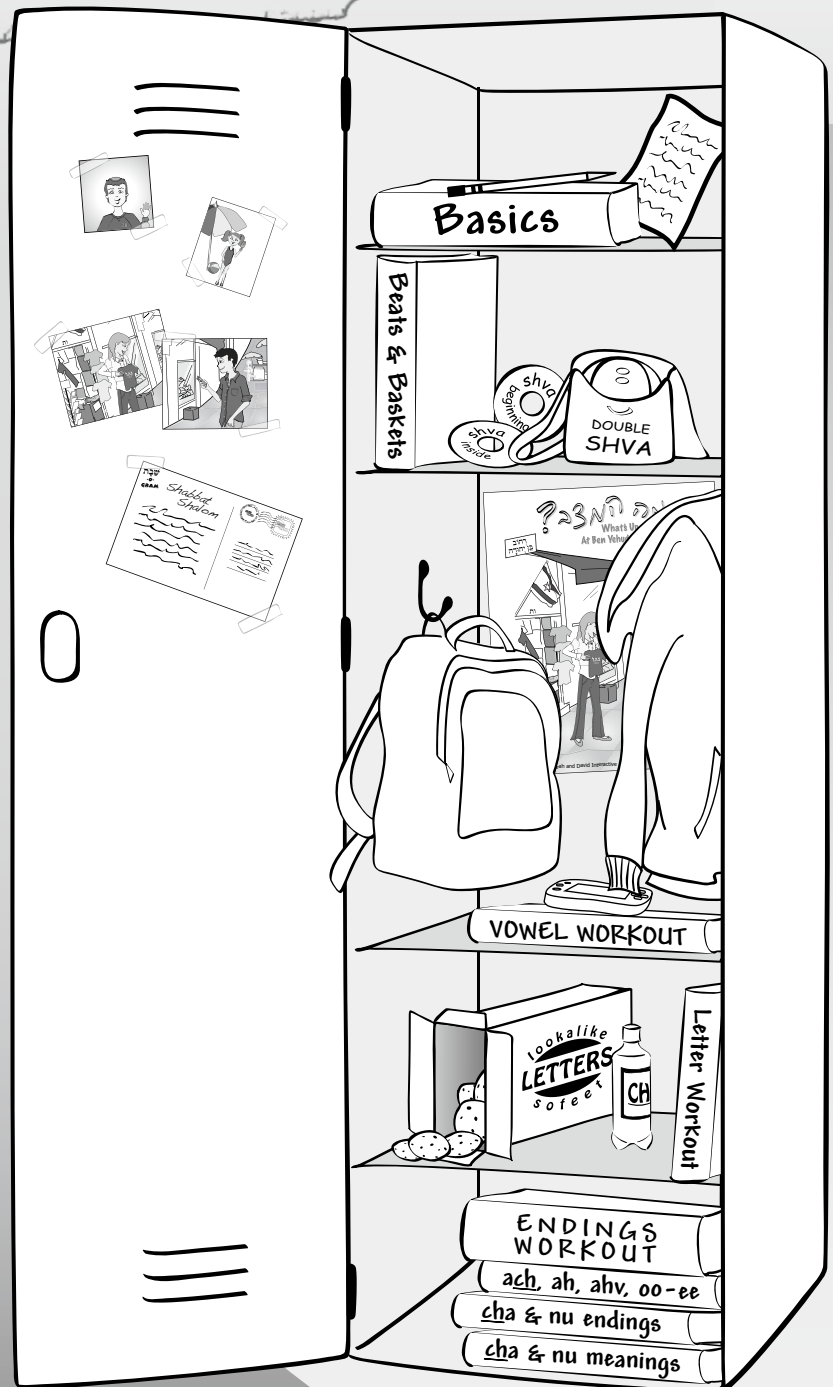
This book will give you lots of practice with the letters, the vowels and all the other tricks you need to read Hebrew well. We'll begin with the basics.

The BASICS Section which follows is a quick review of letters and vowels. Then you'll roll up your sleeves and go to work on Letter, Vowel and Ending Workouts!

WHAT'S NEXT?

BASICS!

- Aleph Bet Review
- Vowel Review
- Beats and Baskets



Try this!!

Do you know these letters?

Step one:

Write the sound of each letter on the line.

- _____ ח _____ ה _____ ק _____ צ .1
- _____ מ _____ ט _____ ן _____ ן .2
- _____ ז _____ פ _____ ב _____ כ .3

Step two:

Match up the letters that sound alike.

- ו ס .4
- ח ת .5
- ש כ .6
- ט ב .7

Step three:

Name these sofet/final letters.

- _____ ם _____ ך .8
- _____ ן _____ ן .9
- _____ _____ ץ .10



**To ace this activity
you need to recognize
each letter instantly.**

Why?

When we read Hebrew, we need to know the letters really *WELL* and recognize them *INSTANTLY*, just as we do in English.

If we're not sure about the letters, it won't be fun to read Hebrew.

Once we know the letters and vowels, we can spend our brainpower on reading the words and not on figuring out each individual letter or vowel. Knowing the letters and vowels well will be the foundation for accurate and fluent reading.

This Basics Section will give you lots of practice with remembering all of the Hebrew letters. Check back with the Aleph Bet Chart on page 10 as often as you need to, to help you remember the Aleph Bet.

The Aleph Bet

Here's a few things to note about the letters on this Aleph Bet Chart:

- They are shown in Aleph Bet order.
- They are grouped to show "letter families".
- They are sitting on, above or extending below the line.



COOL RULE!

Remember, when reading Hebrew words, there is always an "imaginary line" under the letters. You can pencil in this line to help you recognize those long sofeet (final) letters.



Aleph Bet in Order

It's helpful to know the Aleph Bet in order. See how much you know!

Instructions: Write the sound of each letter.

- | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| _____ ג | _____ ב | _____ ב | _____ א | .1 |
| _____ ז | _____ ו | _____ ה | _____ ד | .2 |
| _____ י | _____ ט | _____ ח | | .3 |
| _____ ד | _____ כ | _____ פ | | .4 |
| _____ ס | _____ מ | _____ ל | | .5 |
| _____ ע | _____ ס | _____ ו | _____ נ | .6 |
| _____ פ | _____ פ | _____ פ | | .7 |
| _____ ק | _____ צ | _____ צ | | .8 |
| _____ ת | _____ ש | _____ ש | _____ ר | .9 |

The Aleph Bet

Let's practice the Aleph Bet once more. This time you need to complete the chart. Add whatever is missing for each letter. Give this a try!

Name	Sound	Letter	
Mem			.16
		מ	.17
	"n"		.18
Nun Sofeet			.19
		נ	.20
	takes sound of vowel	ע	.21
	"p"		.22
	"f"		.23
		פ	.24
Tzadi			.25
	"tz"		.26
Koof			.27
		ק	.28
	"sh"		.29
		ש	.30
		ת	.31

Name	Sound	Letter	
	takes sound of vowel	א	.1
Bet			.2
	"v"		.3
		ג	.4
		ד	.5
	"h"		.6
Vav			.7
Zyin			.8
		ח	.9
Tet			.10
	"y"		.11
		ט	.12
	"ch"		.13
	"ch"		.14
		ל	.15



Recognize the Letters

Hebrew letters come in different fonts just like English letters.
How many of each letter can you find? Fill in the number below.

ק	ב	נ	ז	.1
ט	מ	ר	ד	.2
ז	ל	ו	ז	.3
ף	ץ	ש	מ	.4
ה	ת	ה	נ	.5
פ	ג	נ	ה	.6
ס	צ	ש	ם	.7
י	ד	ד	ר	.8

HOW MANY?

א 1 ב ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י פ כ ד ל
 מ ס נ ו ס ע פ פ ר ש ש ת

Some Hebrew letters are part of a letter family. They look similar, and they sound similar. Knowing the families will help you remember the letters.

Instructions: Fix up the mixed up letter families!

Fixed Up Letter Families

_____ ב

_____ כ

_____ מ

_____ נ

_____ פ

_____ צ

_____ ש

Mixed Up Letter Families

.1 ס ב

.2 ך ב כ

.3 ש מ

.4 ץ נ

.5 ד כ פ

.6 ן צ

.7 פ ש



Dots Inside Hebrew Words

Sometimes you'll see a dot inside of a letter. This dot is called a dagesh. The dagesh either 1) affects the sound of the letter or; 2) gives the letter emphasis without changing its sound. Let's look at two groups of dagesh letters.

Instructions: Fill in the sound of each letter on line one. Read the words on line two.
Notice that the sound of these letters is affected by the dagesh.

1. פ פ כ כ ב ב ש ש

2. פְּרָח כְּסוֹף בְּבֵה שְׂמֹחָה שְׂמִים

Did you know?

Many of the other letters can also have a dagesh but the dagesh doesn't change their sound. The dot gives the letter emphasis or the weight of a syllable.

Instructions: Add the dagesh for the letters on line three using the gray dot as a guide.
Read the words on lines four and five.

3. ג ד ו ז ט י ל מ נ ס צ ק ש ש ת

4. מְזוּג מְגֵשׁ נִיד לְפִטָּר לְצֵלִים

5. נִיקוּז נְקוּדָה הַשְּׁבֵת תְּתַגְדֵּל













These letters never have a dagesh: א ה ח ע ר.
They are called guttural letters. When pronounced correctly these letters' sounds are pronounced from the throat.

Try this!!

Do you know these vowels?

Step
one:

Write the sound of each vowel on the line.

_____		_____		_____		.1
_____		_____		_____		.2
_____		_____		_____		.3
_____		_____		_____		.4

Step
two:

Can you write these sounds in English?

_____		_____		_____		.6
_____		_____		_____		.7



**To ace this activity
you need to recognize
each vowel instantly.**

Why?














Just like with the letters, you need to know the vowels really well. If you know the vowels, reading will be easier and more accurate. You'll discover that you won't have to stop to figure out what the vowel is and can focus on reading the word.

In Hebrew, you'll notice that vowels are symbols that come below, beside or above the letters. Most vowels appear under the letters. You'll also notice that the vowel sounds are similar to those in English.

Let's take a look at the different vowels.

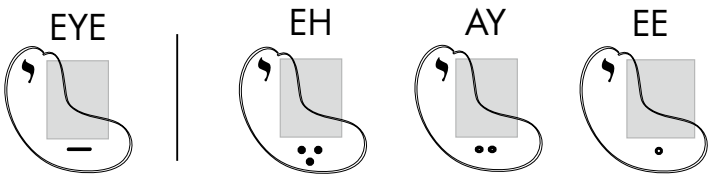
Vowel Overview

In Hebrew, vowels are symbols that come below, beside or above the letters. Most vowels appear under the letters. Let's look at the different vowels, how they look, where to find them, and the sounds they make.

OH	IH	OO	EE	EH	EH	AY	AH	AH	AH	
										<u>below</u>
T:	:	··	·	··	··	··	-·	-	T	
				OH	OO					
										<u>beside</u>
				OH						
										<u>above</u>

VOWELS WITH YUD:

When the 'ee' vowel (·), the 'ay' vowel (··), and the 'eh' vowel (··) are followed by yud, they make an 'ee' bean, an 'ay' bean and an 'eh' bean. **SPECIAL RULE:** When the 'ah' vowel (-) is followed by yud and is also at the end of a word, it makes the "eye" sound. Drawing a "bean" around the vowel and the yud that follows helps us see this combination.



Try this!!

Can you read these words?

Let's
read.

Find a friend and read these words. See how you do!

1. פּוֹס קִיר נֶשֶׁל עֵס

2. תְּקַר רֶמֶז רָעֵב מִיטָה

3. נְתוּחַ פִּיקְדוֹן לְזַיִף שִׁגְרָרוֹת

4. תְּרַנְגוּלָתַּת לְהַתְּכַתֵּב פִּרוּשֵׁיהָ כְּמַעֲשֵׂיָהּ