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Exercise 1

# The Hebrew Alphabet

Write out and pronounce the twenty-three letters of the Hebrew alphabet several times. It is essential to learn how to recognize, write and pronounce each letter.

Handwriting practice lines for the Hebrew letter Aleph (א). Each row consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. The letter Aleph is positioned at the end of each row for tracing.

א

ב

ג

ד

ה

ו

ז

ח

ט

י

כך

ל

מם

נון

ס

ע

פק

צץ

Handwriting practice lines for Hebrew letters. Each row consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line. The letters are positioned at the end of each row on the right side:

- Row 1: ק
- Row 2: ר
- Row 3: שׁ
- Row 4: שׂ
- Row 5: ת

Write out, in order and from right to left, the 23 consonants of the Hebrew alphabet. Insert a Dagshesh Lene into the *begadkephat* letters.

Give the final form for the following Hebrew consonants.

כ

מ

נ

ט

צ

List the four Hebrew consonants that are called *gutturals*.

Give the names and transliterate each of the following pairs of Hebrew consonants. The first pair is identified by way of example.

1. ב and כ                      *Bet (b) and Kaf (k)*

2. ג and נ

3. ה and פ

4. פ and ת

5. ך and ן

6. ך and ם

7. ן and ן

8. ן and ן

9. ט and ת

10. כ and ק

11. ם and ן

12. צ and ע

13. ך and ך

14. ן and ן

15. ן and ן

Transliterate the following Hebrew nouns and proper names for which only the consonants have been given. The first word has been transliterated by way of example.

1. עבד (servant) *‘bd*
2. אדם (Adam, man)
3. ארץ (earth)
4. זהב (gold)
5. כסף (silver)
6. צדק (righteousness)
7. חודש (month)
8. דבר (word)
9. שפט (judge)
10. משכן (tabernacle)
11. אברהם (Abraham)
12. ישראל (Israel)
- 13.<sup>1</sup> מלך (king)
14. דרך (road, way)
15. מלאך (messenger)

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<sup>1</sup> Note that numbers 13-15 above have a final Kaf with two dots (ך) as noted in 1.10.2 of the grammar.