



Alright, so you want to learn the Hebrew alphabet.

Let's do it.

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We'll do this in under 1 hour... but under a few conditions from me.

1. You actually try.
2. You don't aim for perfection. (*You'll perfect 'em all once you start reading and writing.*)
3. You skip the slow one character-at-a-time tutorials. Pick up a pen and paper.
4. You **immediately** jump into reading and writing right after. Otherwise, you'll forget it as fast as you've learned it.
5. You accept the fact that you have to read from right to left.

Cool?

We're going to learn the Hebrew Alphabet, or the Alef Bet, together in under 1 hour. Will it be slow and awkward at first? Of course; just like your first kiss. But that's how all learning goes.

This tutorial will comprise of a few steps.

1. Have a sheet of all the Hebrew characters displayed for easy reference.
2. Separate the English versions first into groups.
3. Memorize these groups
4. Associate them with the Hebrew characters
5. Write them out.
6. Repeat steps 3-5 for all groups.

1. The Alef Bet Chart that you must cherish and refer to in your beginner times.

There are 22 characters below, and for now, we'll skip the vowels and specific rules and exceptions. Those will come later and will be **much easier** if you master the first 22 characters.

Here is the print version.

These are the 22 characters of the
Hebrew "alef-bet".

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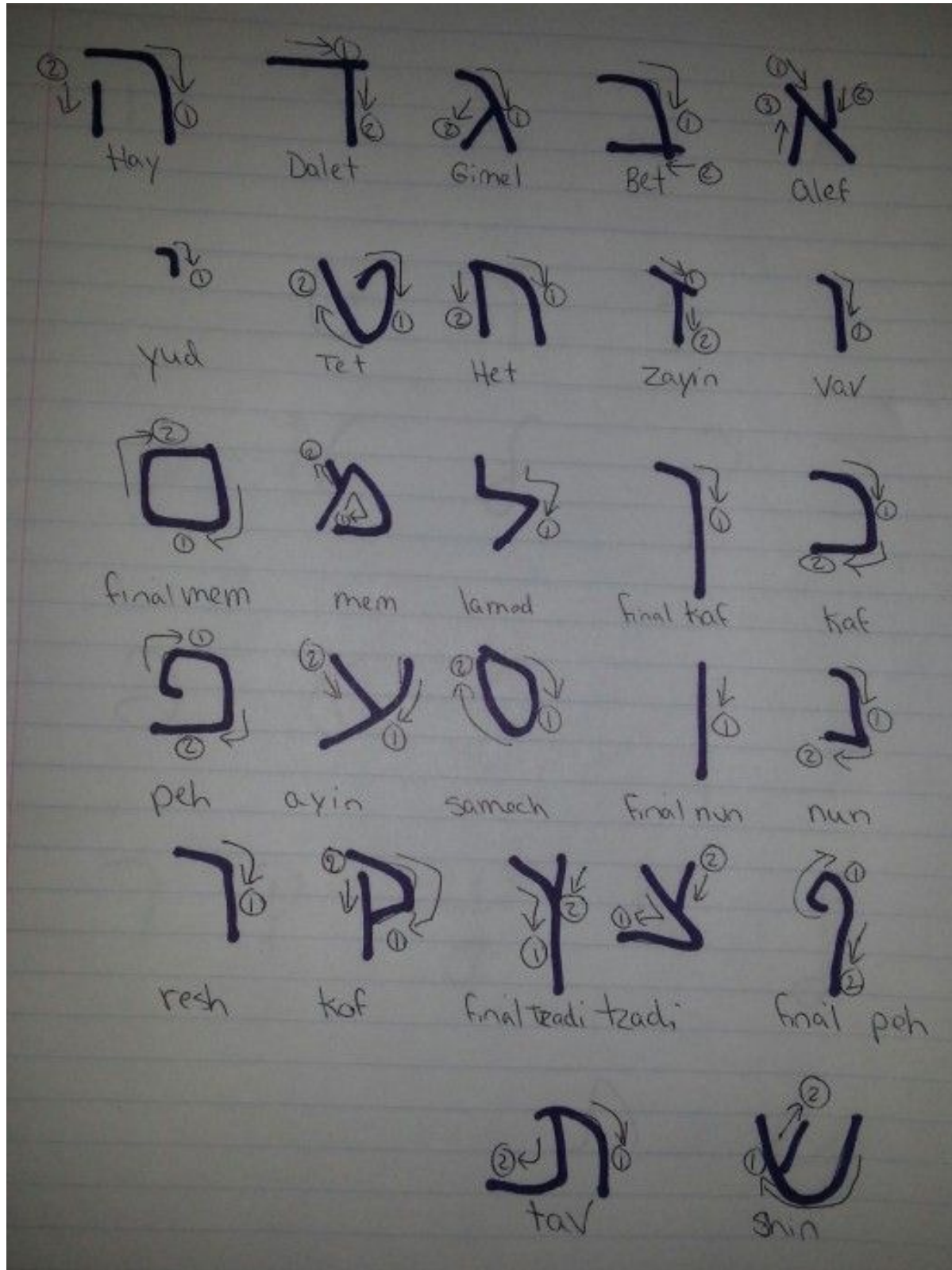
kaf yud tet chet zain vav hey dalet gimel bet alef

← Read from right to left

ל מ נ ס ע פ צ ק ר ש ת

tav shin resh kof tzadik pe ain samech nun mem lamed

And here's the written version. We're going to follow the written way. Note the arrows to help you understand how to write each character. See the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, Alef, and the arrows and numbers to guide your writing? Just follow in that order and it will be easy.



2. Separate these 22 characters into 5 groups.

Just the names of the characters.

1. Alef, Bet, Gimel, Dalet
2. Hey, Vav, Zain, Chet
3. Tet, Yud, Kaf, Lamed
4. Mem, Nun, Samech, Ain, Pe
5. Tzadik, Kof, Resh, Shin, Tav

All separated. For now, let's focus on the first 3 groups for the sake of simplicity.

3.1. Memorizing the first 3 groups (Time: 5 minutes max)

So, going group by group, starting with the first one, you're going to memorize JUST the English versions (names of the characters).

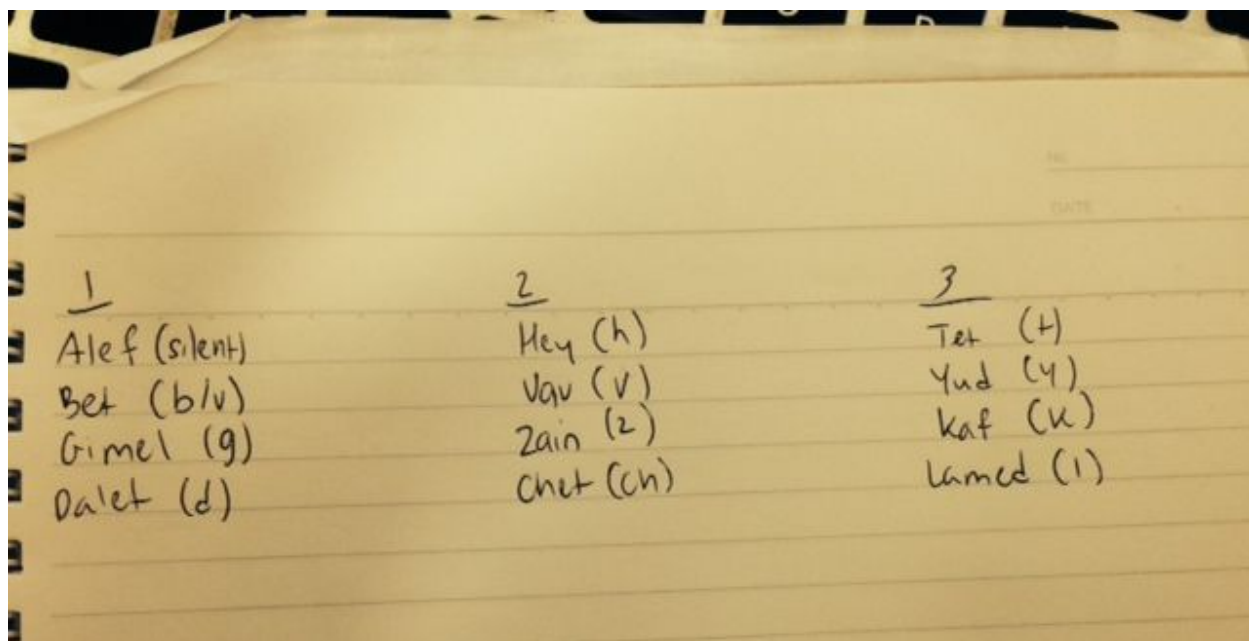
- **Sit down, take the first 3 groups and memorize them. We'll do the first 3 for the sake of simplicity.**
- **Say them out loud. Close your eyes. Write them down. This will take you a minute or three at most.**

Quick test: Can you repeat these 12 character names without looking at this page? Yes? Good. Now, let's line them up with their Hebrew characters.

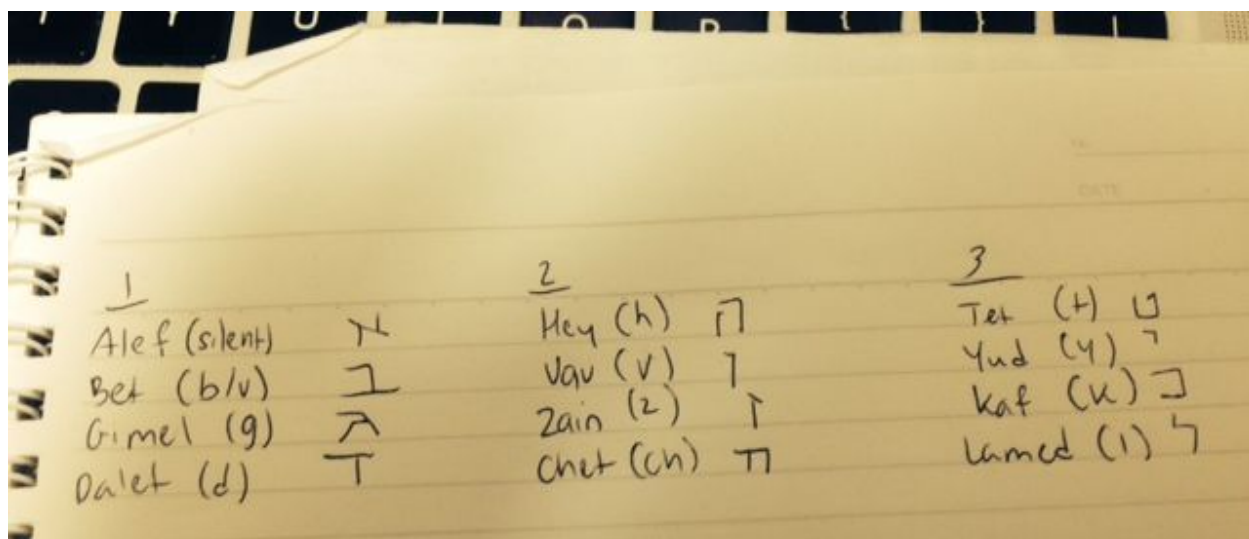
4.1. Associate the first 3 groups with their Hebrew characters. (Time: 3-5 minutes)

You'll need a paper & pencil for this. (*Did you expect reading articles alone would work?*) And this should take maybe 3-5 minutes.

- **So, write down the names of the characters. And leave a space for the Hebrew one.** I also include their sounds/pronunciation in parenthesis to ease you into reading them.



- **Done?** Use the chart above to see the stroke order and write the character along side. **Forget perfection.** We'll get to that later.

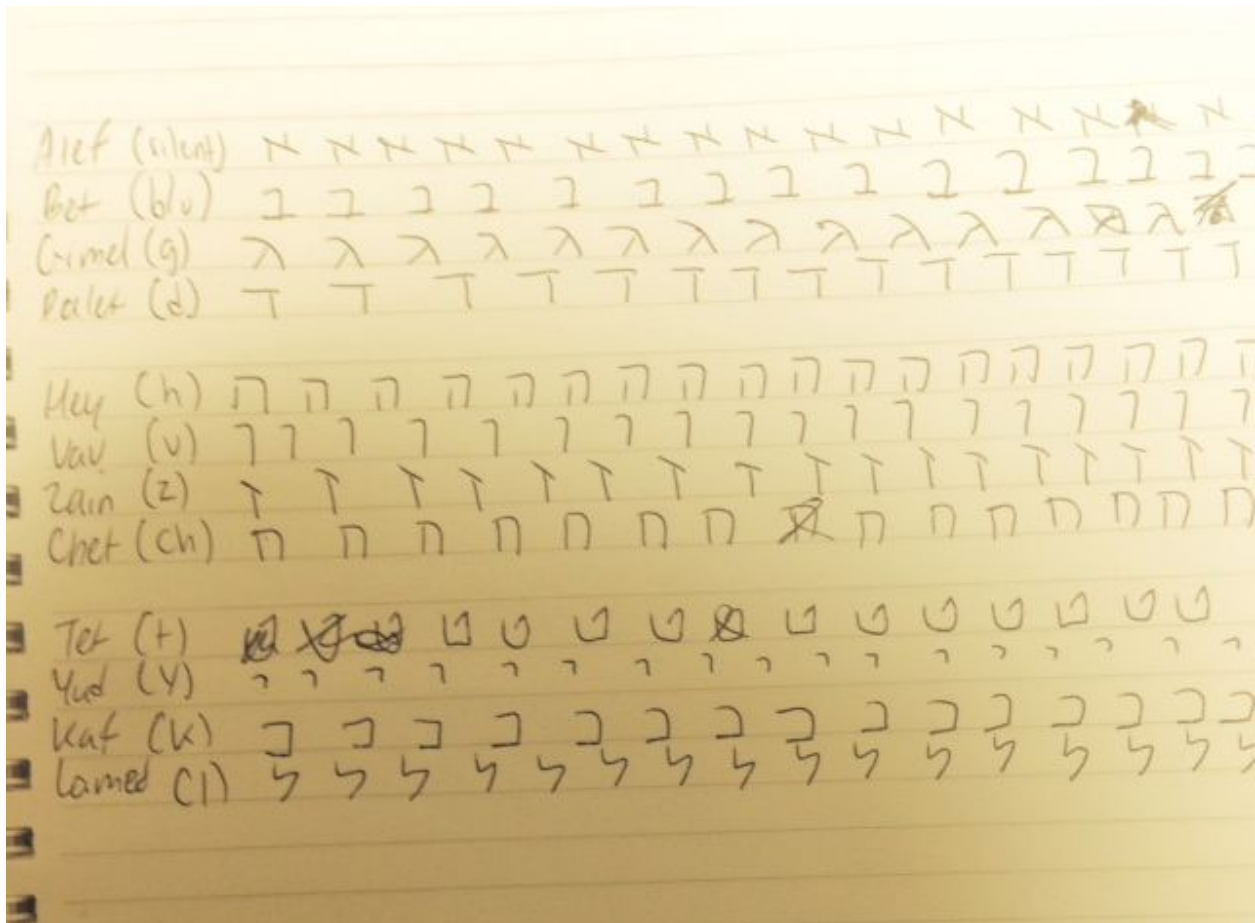


5.1. Write them out. (Time: 20 minutes if not less)

Now that you've acquainted yourself with the character strokes, it's time to write them all out. Just the first 3 groups that you've memorized.

1. Write the names of the characters down one side of your notebook.

2. And practice writing each character across the sheet.
3. Will it be messy? Oh yeah! Gotta learn somehow!



This first half should take you 30 minutes if not less. Most of the time would go into writing these characters out, I assume.

Before we proceed to part 2 and the next groups, 4 & 5, make sure to take some time to quickly drill quiz yourself on the newly learned characters.

1. **Remember all 12 character names & their English sounds, write them down on the left side of the paper as I've done above.**
2. **Then, for review, write in the Hebrew characters too.**

Done? Let's move onto Part 2 – The final 2 groups – and repeat Steps 3-5.

3.2. Memorizing the next 2 groups (Time: 5 minutes max)

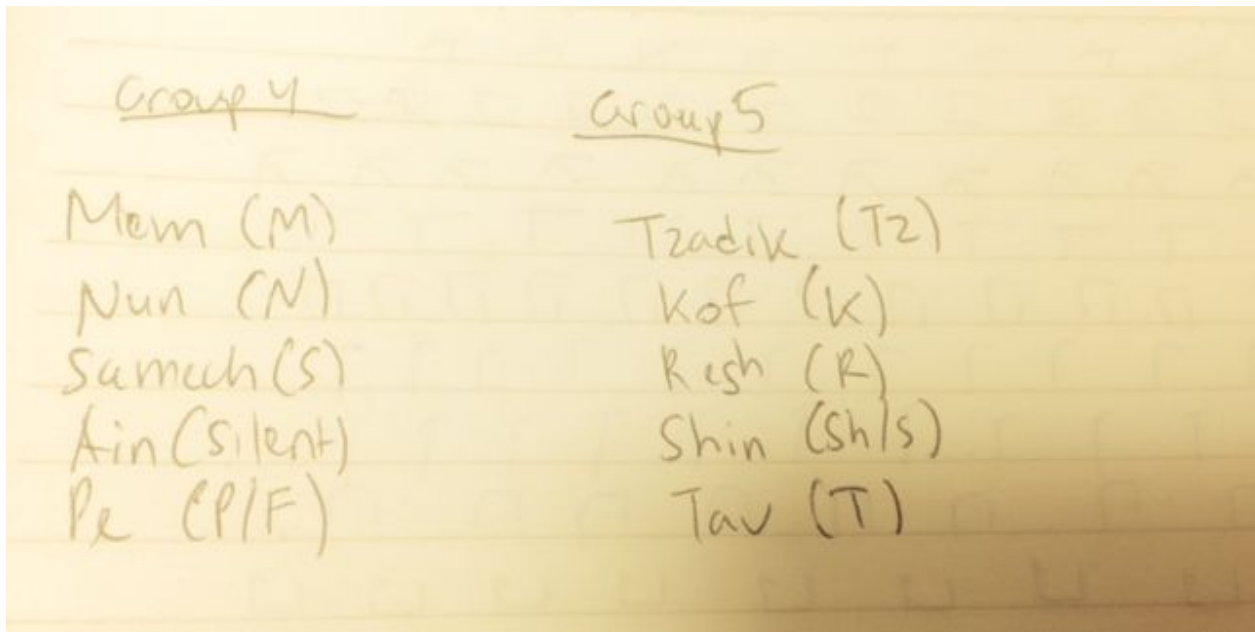
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- Group 4: Mem, Nun, Samech, Ain, Pe
- Group 5: Tzadik, Kof, Resh, Shin, Tav
- **Sit down and memorize them.**
- **Say them out loud. Close your eyes. Write them down. This will take you a minute or three at most.**

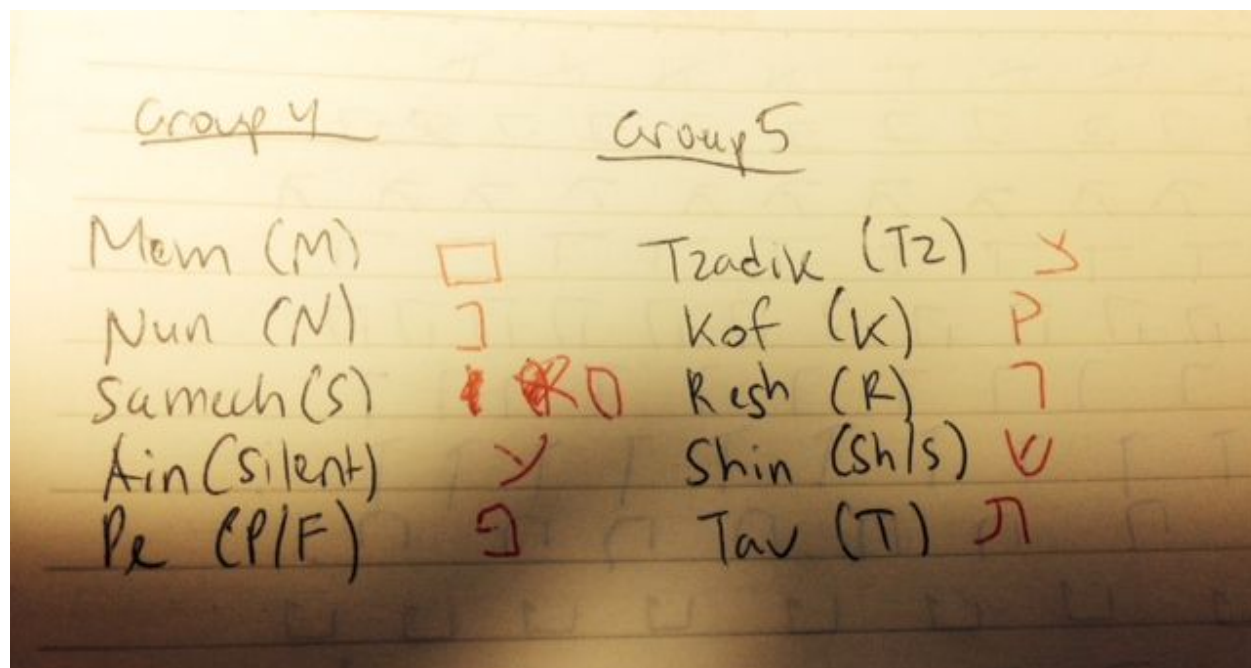
Quick test: Can you repeat these 10 character names without looking at this page? Yes? Good. Now, let's line them up with their Hebrew characters.

4.2. Associate the first 3 groups with their Hebrew characters. (Time: 3-5 minutes)

So, write down the names of the characters. And leave a space for the Hebrew one. I also include their sounds/pronunciation in parenthesis to ease you into reading them.



Done? Use the chart provided at the top of the article to see the stroke order and write the character alongside. **Forget perfection.** We'll get to that later.



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