

Hebrew Reading - Grades 1-7

We are pleased to inform you of an exciting program being used in our school! Based on the martial arts motivational philosophy of color coded levels and testing, the Aleph Champion Program provides motivation and inspiration for Chabad Hebrew School students around the world.



Easily attainable levels and professional materials make Aleph Champ and incredible success. The Hebrew alphabet as well as the vowels and word formations were divided into 10 colored levels. The students start out as “White Aleph Champs”, working their way up the colors of the rainbow to be “Black Aleph Champs” like their teachers.

Parents and teachers alike are amazed by the results. Students are motivated and have clear goals defined for them. Learning to read Hebrew has never been so much fun.

Please encourage your child to practice Hebrew reading at home using any reading or/and writing materials provided by the school. Practicing a few times each week will ensure great progress with your child’s Hebrew Reading skills.

Together with your help, we look forward to making champion readers out of all our students.

Thank you for your support.

UNDERSTANDING LEVELS

1. White Aleph Champions

Master the First 19 Letters

Stripe 1: Aleph – Vov
Stripe 2: Zayin – Final Chof
Stripe 3: Lamed - Final Nun

6. Blue Aleph Champions

Master all the vowels and exceptions to the rules

Exceptions to the rule:
Stripe 1: Chataf vowels, Patach Ches
Two shvas in middle of word
Stripe 2: Patach Yud and Yud Vav
Stripe 3: Two shvas at end of word

2. Red Aleph Champions

Master all 31 letters of the Aleph Bet

Next 13 letters
Stripe 1: Samach – Final Fay
Stripe 2: Tzadik- Reish
Stripe 3: Shin-Taf

7. Purple Aleph Champions

Master reading familiar Prayers & Blessings

Everyday prayers
10-20 words per minute
Stripe 1: Pages 1-8 read at 13 wpm
Stripe 2: Pages 9-18 read at 16 wpm
Strip 3: Pages 19-28 read at 20 wpm

3. Orange Aleph Champions

Master the first 3 vowels with letter combinations

The first 3 vowels:

Stripe 1: Kamatz
Stripe 2: Patach
Stripe 3: Tzeirei

8. Brown Aleph Champions

Master reading important Prayers

Prayers & script writing
20-30 words per minute
Stripe 1: Pages 1-11 read at 23 wpm
Stripe 2: Pages 12-23 read at 26 wpm
Stripe 3: Pages 24-31 read at 30 wpm

4. Yellow Aleph Champions

Master the first 6 vowels with letter combinations

The next 3 vowels:

Stripe 1: Segol
Stripe 2: Shva
Stripe 3: Cholam

9. Grey Aleph Champions

Master reading from the Siddur in a timed fashion

Reading from the Siddur
Stripe 1: read up to 30 wpm.
Stripe 2: read up to 40 wpm.
Stripe 3: read up to 50 wpm.

5. Green Aleph Champions

Master the first 9 vowels with letter combinations

The last 3 vowels:

Stripe 1: Cheereek
Stripe 2: Koobootz
Stripe 3: Shoorook

10. Black Aleph Champions

Master reading over 100 words in a minute