

ALEPH CHAMP SKILLS PER LEVEL

WHITE: Aleph, Bet, Vet, Gimmel, Daled, Hey, Vov. Kamatz, Patach & Tzeirei.

Two-syllable words

- Pronounce Bet and Vet (safardik)
- Kamatz sounds like Patach (safardik)
- (Tzeirei is always Ay (the Ashkanazi way))

RED: Zayin, Chet, Tet. Segol & Shva. Three-syllable words

Pronounce Chet and Tet (safardik)

Shva rules: It can be sleeping or awake. It always sleeping, unless something wakes it up. For now:

1. At beginning of word shva is woken up (short i sound)
(In this level, it only shows up in the beginning. In the next level this rule is reinforced when shva starts to show up in the middle of a word too.)

ORANGE: Yud, Kof, Chof, Final Chaf, Lamed. Cholam with and without a vov & Cheereek. Four-syllable words.

- We call the Vov of Cholom a Post – the ball is over the post.
- Yud-Vav at end of word = Yud is Silent

YELLOW: Mem, Final Mem, Nun, Final Nun, Samach. Koobootz, Shoorook and Chataf Kamatz, Chataf Patach, Chataf Tzeirei. Five-syllable words.

We call the Vov of Koobootz a Post – ball hit the post in the stomach

Shva rules: Another thing can wake up a shva:

2. It it's under the first of a double letter (like yehalelu)
3. If it's the second of a double shva (like chasdecha) – comes up only on the last page so will teach and then focus on in level green.

GREEN: Ayin, Pey, Fey, Final Fey. Reviewing all Vowels. Six-syllable words.

Aleph, Ayin, Hey– at the end of a word is silent.

Final Kaf.

Shva rules: reinforce very well rule #3 as it only comes up on last page of previous level.

BLUE: Tzadik, Koof, Reish, Shin, Sin, Taf, Taf. Reviewing all vowels. Seven-syllable words.

We call and sound-out Saf just like Taf (safardik)

PURPLE: Reviewing all letters and all vowels.

Exceptions:

1. Patach Ches at end of the word, put vowel before letter
2. Dot sharing – like Cholom Mem followed by Shin in Moshe

Shva rules: Another thing can wake up a shva:

4. It there is a star above the letter

BROWN, GREY, BLACK: Reviewing all letters, vowels, exceptions, and word length. Fluency.

Practice tefillos, go over basic meaning, be able to read the tefillah accurately within a certain time frame.