Lesson 21

Student's Name ______________________ Parent's Signature ______________________

NEW WORDS

הָג שָׁמָה

hag same'ah

happy holiday

NEW LETTER

ג
gimel “g”

Now Read & Read Again

1. שֵׁמֶה בָּרֹה אוֹרֵת בְּשִׁיָּה מַגִּית בָּבַח

2. קָשִׂית פֹּקָה סַלָּה פֹּקָת פֹּקָת לוֹפִית

3. לְשֵׁבָה מְנָעָה שֵׁלָה מְנָעָה שֵׁלָה מְפִיתָה

4. מְצָמִית מְשִׁלּוֹת הֶצְּלִית לוֹקָה לְשֵׁבָה פֹּרָה

5. מְשִׁגְּנָה לְשֵׁגְּנָה אָשִׁיָּה שִׁיחָה מְשִׁגְּנָה שֵׁמָה

6. הַבּוֹשֵׂה בֶּטֶח צָוָה צָוָה פֹקָת נְפָקָה

7. בָּוָהָ לְבָרָה בָּרָה לְשִׁיָּה סַלָּה סַלָּה

8. מְשִׁגְּנָה לְגֶד שֵׁמֶה פָּסָה הָגָה מְגִלָּה

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“Ah” at the End of a Word

Usually when we read a letter-vowel combination we pronounce the letter first and then its vowel. However, when the letter and vowel ל appears at the end of a word, we read it as “ah” instead of “ha.” Remember, this occurs only at the end of a word and only for this letter-vowel combination.

Hag Same’ah Cards

Making Hag Same’ah cards with your children can be both a creative way to reinforce their Hebrew learning and a thoughtful yet inexpensive way to send a gift to a grandparent or a family friend. Your children can make cards on the computer or by hand. Have them add the Hebrew phrase “hag same’ah.” Hag Same’ah cards can be sent for Sukkot, Pesah, or Shavuot, but they are especially appropriate on Rosh Hashanah, when we wish people “shanah tovah” (a good year).
NEW WORD
קדוש
kidush
Kiddush

NEW VOWELS
1 "u" as in "tube"
2 "u" as in "tube"

Now Read & Read Again

המותו לוח כלב ויהי טבח נבון
1
הלווי לוח ספוח שבועה חנכה קבומה
2
קדוש שלחה משבח סדרה מזינה כלנה
3
הכלנה בדלה פסוק ישועה בוטעה באננה
4
הנהה כלב יפה MADE IN ENGLISH ינשה ינו
5
המונתה לוחו אליהם הנבány ברוכי משיות
6
קדושה יהודים פורים ים מפור שביעות
7
ירישלים אלוהים שבאותנו עבניי מלבה
8

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“Oh” and “Ooh”

The vowels ו and י are both built on the letter וו. If your child is having difficulty telling the two letters apart, give him or her this helpful Hebrew hint:

ו The dot is “oh”-ver the letter.
י The dot is in the letter’s stomach and it says “ooh.”

Holding Your Kiddush Cup

The simple act of holding a Kiddush cup can teach us a lesson! Usually, we hold a cup by putting our hand around it. Some people, however, hold their Kiddush cup by balancing the cup on the palm of their hand and bringing their fingers around the base to secure it. What does this teach us? During the week we seem to face the world with our knuckles out, protecting ourselves and closing ourselves off from others. But on Shabbat we are reminded to face the world with our palms open to others and to the beauty of the world around us.
Lesson 23

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NEW WORD
מְזוּזָה
m'zuzah
mezuzah

NEW LETTER
ז zayin “z”

Now Read & Read Again

1. וה אָז עַל פּוֹנָה וּר
2. בֵּר יֵמוּן אֱלֹהִים חֹזֶק חֹזֶק אַחֲרָך
3. קֹז וְהָוָה נָבָהָלָו זָכָא וּזָכָא
4. יַבָּר מְעַל זַכָּא אֱלֹהִים צָוָּא תֹּרָע
5. עַפּוֹר מָזוּזָה מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר
6. יַכְּהָו מְזוּזָה מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר
7. וְיִתְּמָהֵדָו פּוֹקָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה חוּבָה
8. מְזוּזָה יֵם תַּפּוֹרָט מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר מַהוֹר
Is It a ק or a ק?

New Hebrew readers sometimes have difficulty remembering which letter makes the “ז” sound and which letter makes the “צ” sound. Remind your child that the ק has a “zigzag” on top.

Jewish Home Treasure Hunt

A mezuzah is one of the many Jewish items that you may have in your home. With your child, go on a treasure hunt through your house and list the different objects that help make your home Jewish. Your list may include such items as Shabbat candlesticks, a Hanukkah menorah, a hallah board and cover, dreidels, a Kiddush cup, and a tzedakah box.
Lesson 24

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NEW WORD
ברוך
baruch
blessed, praised

NEW LETTER
ל
final chaf “ch” as in “Bach”

Now Read & Read Again

ברוך אמאך שמה עמה דריה אללייה
1
מלך לבך רבח פרה אגרת לבך
2
בנאם ערייה חולה אללייה עבכי עוה
3
ברוכך בנאם עדיה איהיה אנתהpaqueל
4
מברך ימלך לבך ידיה מעיה חמקה
5
לבנויה עדנייה נפשיה מצויה סימה מלאיה
6
מאוהליםיך קיימת🏼 בשלימה אלוהים יבריה
7
סנה ברוךابلכיה הקכמים ובשערייך
8

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Final Chaf

Your child has learned that there are five Hebrew letters that have a different form when they appear at the end of a word. When ב comes at the end of a word, it takes the form of a final chaf (ך). You will usually see a final chaf with the vowels א or א (ךך).

Bending the Knees

Have you ever wondered why people praying often bend their knees and bow when reciting a prayer that begins with the word baruch? The Hebrew word for knee, berech, comes from the same root. There are two reasons for this custom of bending the knee, or bowing, when we pray. One is that we bend our knees before God as a sign of respect. The other is that by doing so, we are asking God to come down to us, thus making God more approachable.
Now Read & Read Again

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Mazal Tov!

Your child has learned the entire alef bet and is now a Hebrew reader! Have a small party at home to celebrate siyum hasefer (“completing the book”). Perhaps you can bake a cake or cookies together and decorate them with Hebrew letters. Whether you bake or buy treats, be sure to celebrate with something sweet to show the sweetness of Jewish learning.

It is a custom to recite the Sheheheyanu blessing together when you reach such a milestone. Read the blessing below together.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha’olam, sheheheyanu, v’kiy’manu, v’higi’anu lazman hazeh.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this season.