



## It's More Than a Poster, It's an Opportunity

# Hebrew Aleph-Bet Poster

Engage your students in these fun learning activities as they master the Hebrew alphabet. The poster uses color-coding to give students clues about patterns in the Hebrew alphabet. For instance, the *alef* and *ayin* are colored similarly, the *sofit* letters share a color, and letter pairs such as the *bet* and *vet* share a color. Use the color coding to support your lessons when teaching such things as silent letters or *sofiot*.

### Poster Treasure Hunt Games

- Ask students to "hunt" for similarities or differences in the letters using the color coding. Divide students into groups and see how many coding matches each group can find.
- Point out the color-coding on the poster. Ask students how they might further color-code if they had designed the poster. One example is letters that are often confused for one another such as *resh* and *dalet* or *chet* and *hey*.
- Using the poster as a guide, ask students to create their own poster of the alef-bet, or ask them to make a poster that doesn't include the entire alphabet, but just highlights one concept (e.g., look-alike letters, sound alike letters). Hang their posters around the classroom and use them as learning tools. As students create their posters, have them consider what the font will look like and what letters they will highlight or group together.

### For New Aleph-Bet Learners

- Make a black and white photocopy of the poster, cut it up, and hand a letter or two to each student. Ask them to come up to the poster and match the letter in their hand to the letter on the poster. Alternatively, use a set of Hebrew word flashcards (e.g., for food, clothing or animals) and have the students find the first letter of the word on the poster.
- Ask students to come up to the poster one-by-one and point to the first letter of their Hebrew name.
- Ask two students to stand up. Call out and point to a letter and ask the students to make this letter with their bodies. They can compete against each other or work together. A good book for this activity is *Alef-Bet Yoga for Kids* by Ruth Goldeen and Bill Goldeen (2009).
- Purchase suction cup darts. Have students throw darts at the poster (or use post-it notes and a blindfold a la pin the tail on the donkey). Have them name the letter where the dart lands. Give them extra credit if they can make the sound of the letter or name a Hebrew word that starts with the letter.
- Challenge the students to sing the alef-bet to the tune of their favorite song using the poster as a guide.

### For Students who Know the Aleph-Bet

- Explore the *Ashrei*! This prayer is written as an acrostic. The letters used to start each line of the prayer are in alphabetical order. All of the Hebrew letters in the alef-bet are used except for the letter *nun*. See if students can identify which letter is missing.