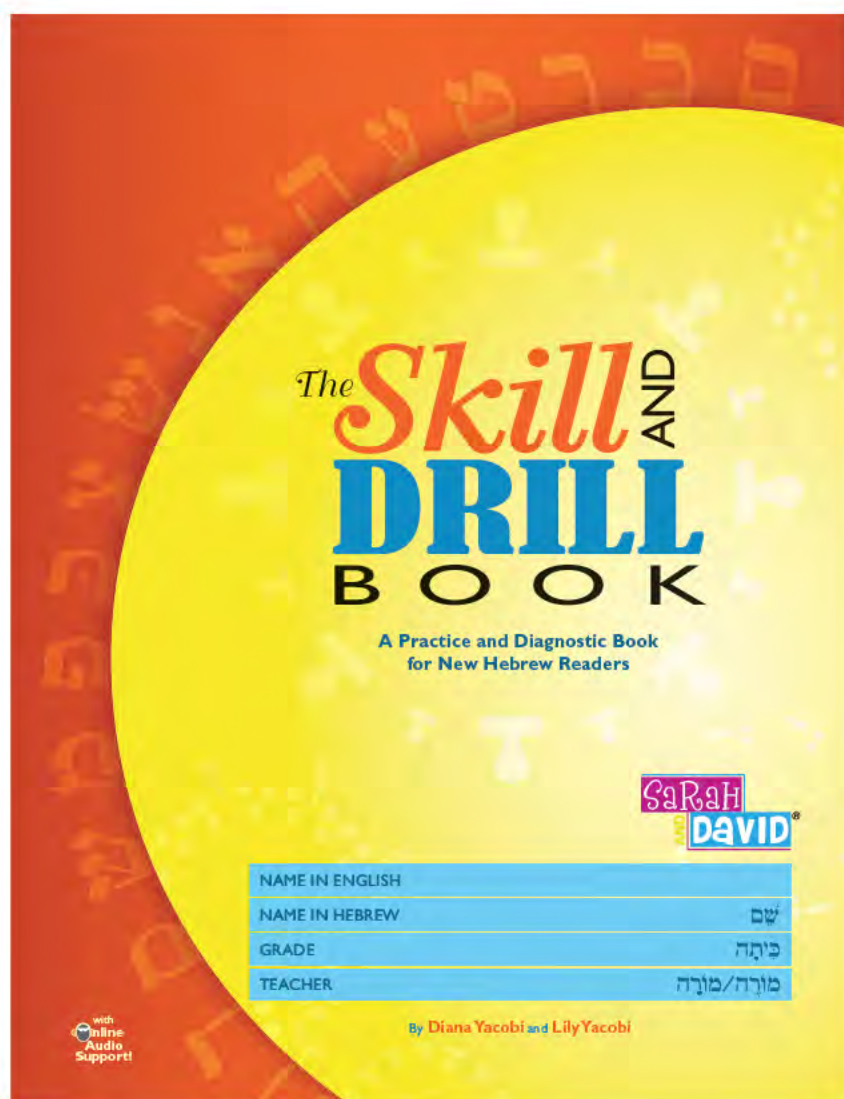


SECTION IV:

The Skill and Drill Book



OVERVIEW

The Skill and Drill Book offers teachers a new kind of workbook focused on building reading accuracy and fluency. Now that students know HOW to read, REINFORCEMENT of letters, vowels and reading skills is needed to help develop both competence and confidence with Hebrew reading.

This book is suitable for students of all ages who know letters and vowels and have completed either Sarah, David and YOU Read Hebrew, The Read Hebrew Primer, or another primer. We recommend that teachers be familiar with the approach and techniques in The Sarah and David Read Hebrew Program since the same approach, cues and reading skills appear in The Skill and Drill Book. It is recommended that teachers have a copy of The Aleph Bet Story (Hebrew letters) and The Read Hebrew Primer (Hebrew reading) on hand as background for The Skill and Drill Book.

How to Use this Book

The Skill and Drill Book is a flexible tool that can be introduced for review, skill building or testing. The goal of this book is to improve reading accuracy and fluency as students move on to read siddur, Torah and Haftarah. Use this book:

- as a refresher in September to review skills
- to test letters, vowels or specific reading skills
- for adult education classes for reading review
- to focus on specific Hebrew reading skills
- as support for reading the siddur
- as pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah reading review

HOW THE SKILL AND DRILL BOOK IS ORGANIZED

a) Basics

This is a warm-up section. Co-author Lily Yacobi lets students know in a fun and friendly way WHAT they will be doing and WHY. Students begin with warm-up exercises to see what they remember in the areas of letters and vowels. The 'Beats and Baskets' technique is described to ensure that students have a good understanding of this essential reading skill.

b) Workout Sections

The workout sections give students pages of reading practice and activities to build quick recognition of vowels, letters and word endings. Students do 'beats and baskets' throughout to build fluency as they work through the Vowel Workout, Letter Workout and Endings Workout sections.

c) Torah and Tefilah Readings

Beginning with the Vowel Section, there are siddur phrases, vocabulary and sample texts. Sample texts are noted on the Checklist. As students work on look-alike letters, vowels and endings, they will be able to see them more clearly in words and phrases in the siddur.

d) Checklist

The Checklist on page six enables teachers and students to see all of the topics at-a-glance. Use it as an organizer for lessons and encourage students to keep track of what they have learned.

Online Supplements and Audio Support for The Skill and Drill Book

Teachers will find activities online to print and use in class. The ACTIVITIES tab at www.sarahdavid.com is the address for copy masters that will make it easy for teachers to review skills from previous lessons, start class with a quick quiz or give a diagnostic test. Also, Lily reads the entire book online providing audio support for this book.