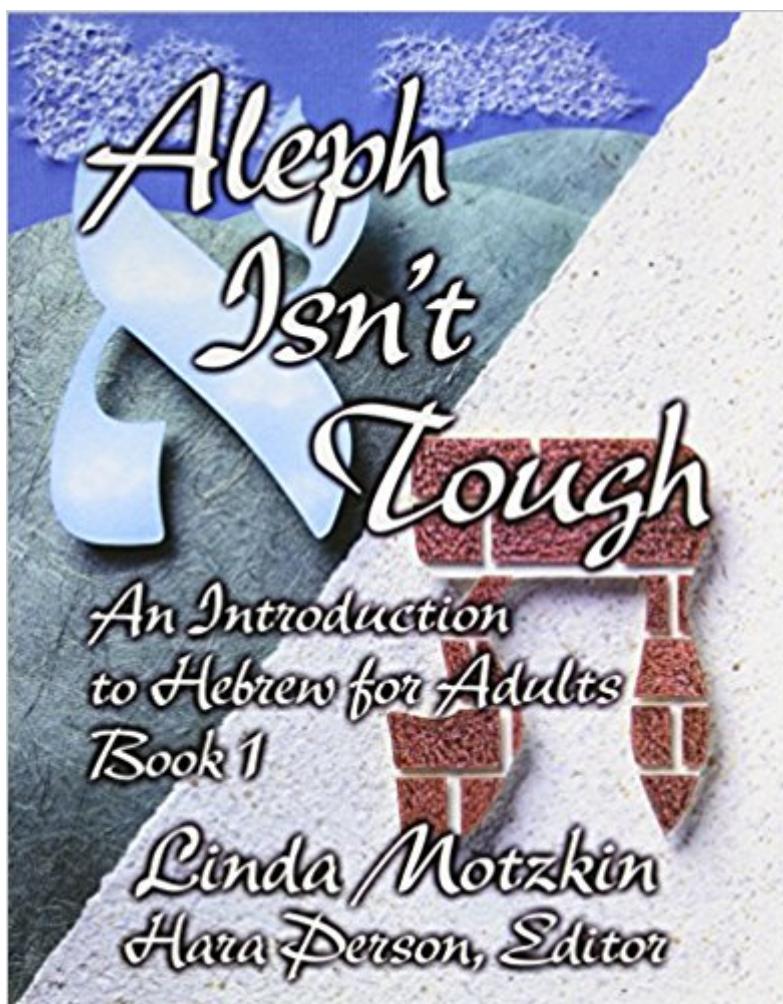


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# Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction To Hebrew For Adults



## **Synopsis**

This new Hebrew book for adult learners is ground breaking in its structure and as an effective educational tool. This superb new text was created by Rabbi Linda Motzkin in consultation with key figures in the field of Hebrew education. Piloted in a sample of Reform congregations throughout the country, the book is the first step in a program of Hebrew learning for adults. Drawing upon the particular knowledge that the individual reader brings to the material, one is carefully introduced to the letters and vowels of the Hebrew alphabet. The goal is to develop the reader's ability to decode written Hebrew words as well as to ground the learning of Hebrew in the broader sense of its use in Jewish life, ritual, study, and tradition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Linda Motzkin Linda Motzkin received her M.A.H.L. and rabbinic ordination from HUC-JIR. She is a co-rabbi, together with her husband Jonathan Rubenstein, of Temple Sinai in Saratoga Springs, New York, as well as the Jewish chaplain at Skidmore College. She is the author of the Hebrew for Adults Series and numerous other publications.

This is the most delightful intro-to-Hebrew book I've yet found. I'm an autodidact, and this book made it easy to work on my own, at my own pace, for the beginning stages of learning the alphabet and language. Rather than just making this a rote learning exercise, the book teaches root words and has you applying your lessons by the time you know three characters and one vowel. You're

able to write a word within half an hour, and by your second lesson you can write one complete sentence. It gives a feeling of accomplishment that keeps you moving through the lessons. I am excited for my self-designated lesson time, which is very exciting for someone who left high school quite a while ago!

My rabbi used this book for her adult beginning Hebrew class. The information is very easy to understand. The book takes the student through the entire alphabet and has exercises in reading and writing. I believe any adult student would be able to use this book to good advantage.

I used to know Hebrew when I had my Bar Mitzvah. Now I'm trying to relearn with the help of this book and a teacher. It is working but since I'm a much older person it is taking time. I wish that the letters were a little larger since it is hard to read the vowels.

This is a great intro to Hebrew. Linda Motzkin specializes in adult education and it shows. The material is broken into easy to grasp chapters (with exercises) and is encouraging without being condescending.

Very good book for a beginner, but not as good as teach yourself Hebrew.

I purchased this book because it was the required text for my class. We use it as an adjunct to other materials. As a stand alone text, I might not be as happy with it. But along with class discussions and other materials it's been a great tool for learning. If you know NOTHING about Hebrew, this is perhaps not the best book to pick for your first primer. However, for our purposes, it's been great.

Very Happy with the delivery time and condition of the book. I ordered more as a result of the quality and quick response.

One suggestion for future editions. Showing neat Hebrew script is okay for starters. How about giving examples of average and poor Hebrew handwriting with help from author in making it out? This way we can get some exposure with mediocre and lousy handwriting.

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