

LESSON

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Student's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

NEW WORD

ישראל

yisra'el

Israel

NEW LETTER

ש sin "s"

Now Read & Read Again

1. שָׁה שִׁים שֵׁר שְׁמַם שְׁקַשְׁיָא

2. שְׁרָה שְׁנָא שְׁמָחָה עֶשֶּׂר עֲשָׂה מְשָׁא

3. שְׁרָה שְׁרָה שְׁמָה שְׁמָה שְׁעַר שְׁשֹׁוֹן

4. שְׁעַר שְׁכָר שְׁפָה יְשָׁא בְּשָׁר שְׁכָל

5. שְׁדָה פְּשַׁט שְׁבַע עֶשֶּׂר עֲשָׂה תִּישְׁ

6. שְׁמַחַת תּוֹרָה שְׁמוֹנָה עֲשִׂירָה עַשְׁרָת הַדְּבָרוֹת

7. שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל שִׁים שְׁלוּם עוֹשָׂה שְׁלוּם

8. עִם יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶרְצָה יִשְׂרָאֵל

BEYOND THE BOOK

Letter Hints

The Hebrew letters שׁ and שׂ are two of the most difficult letters for new Hebrew readers because they look so alike. If the dot is on the right side of the letter, the letter makes a "sh" sound. If the dot is on the left, the letter makes a "s" sound. Perhaps you will remember the difference if you say, "A *sin* is never right," therefore if the dot is on the right, it must be a *shin*.

The Meanings of Yisra'el

The word *yisra'el* has several different meanings in our heritage. In the Torah, after our patriarch Jacob wrestled with an angel, God renamed Jacob *yisra'el*, or "the one who wrestled with God." The Jewish people were called *b'nei yisra'el*—"the children of Israel"—or *am yisra'el*—"the nation of Israel." *Eretz yisra'el* refers to the biblical "land of Israel." The modern Jewish state is called *m'dinat yisra'el*—"the State of Israel."

שָׁה שִׁים שָׁר שְׁמָ שְׁקָ שִׁיא
see sak sam sar seem seh

שָׁרָה שָׁנָא שָׁמָחַ עֶשֶׂר עַשְׂה מִשְׁאָ
masa oseh eser samah sa'ne sarah
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שָׁרָה שָׁרָה שָׁמָה שָׁמָה שָׁמָה שָׁמָה
sason sha'ar samah shamah sarah sharah
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שָׁעֵר שָׁכָר שָׁכָר שָׁפָה יִשְׁאָ בְּשָׁר שָׁבָל
sechel basar yisa safah sachar se'ar
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שָׁדָה פְּשַׁטְּ שָׁבָעַ עֶשֶׂר עַשְׂה תִּישְׁ
tayish asah eser sheva pashat sadeh
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שְׁמִיחַת תּוֹרָה שְׁמוֹנָה עֲשֵׂרָה עֲשֵׂרָה הַדְּבָרוֹת
hadibrot aseret esreh sh'moneh torah simhat
6

שְׁמַעַ יִשְׂרָאֵל שִׁים שְׁלָום עֹשֶׂה שְׁלָום
shalom oseh shalom seem yisra'el sh'ma
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עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶרְצָ יִשְׂרָאֵל
yisra'el eretz yisra'el b'nei yisra'el am
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