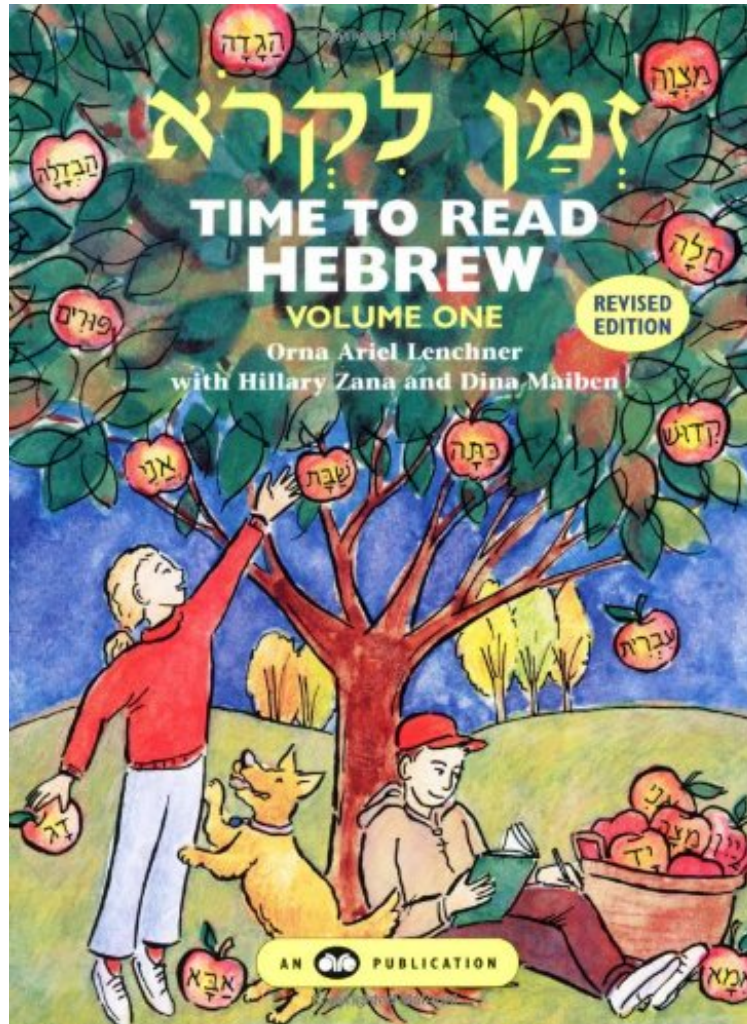


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Orna Ariel Lenchner, Hillary Zana, Dinsa Maiben : Z'man Likro: Time to Read Hebrew Volume One (Hebrew Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Z'man Likro: Time to Read Hebrew Volume One (Hebrew Edition):

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Precept by precept ... best for English speaker trying to learn Hebrew from scratch By Harry Briley We tried some books which required a passable knowledge of spoken Hebrew, and then they throw you under the bus with learning grammar almost immediately. This book is truly the beginner's beginning text and it works VERY well with adults. In ten lessons over the summer, our class could phonetically read (not translate of course) vowel-pointed Hebrew and built up a beginner's vocabulary. This course assumes that you are a complete stranger to Hebrew words and the alphabet. Each lesson introduces two or three new consonants and one or two vowel points. It then runs through sound-out made-up patterns with the letters learned so far, inserting real

Hebrew words along the way. By lesson 10, you have built up a vocabulary of 40 words or so and earned a good handle on reading the book-print font and practice writing some words. PLEASE learn the HAND-PRINTED font at the same time for the written exercises. Pity the self-learner who tries to hand-drawn the book-print font with a ball-point pen! That is the reason that the HAND-PRINTED font was developed. Hebrew readers know both fonts on sight.49 of 50 people found the following review helpful. Great resourceBy M. HollingsworthI really appreciate these books (Time to Read, both volumes). I chose them as an introductory course in Hebrew (our chosen foreign language for our homeschool) for my 1st, 2nd and 4th graders, and have been very pleased with both the pace of the lessons and the amount of practice. Each lesson (in the first book) introduces two or three letters and a vowel point, followed by a page of reading practice using the newly introduced letters, as well as previous ones, a short page of writing practice, and 4 or 5 (average) activity pages using various methods of reiterating the lesson. There are also a handful of vocabulary words in each lesson, so that by the end of the book you have learned 30-40 common Hebrew words, applicable to conversation or to cultural study. Book one begins very simply (my advanced five-year-old can do it) but it is not too simplistic or silly for my 9-year old. As they started from the same knowlege base (pretty much no knowledge), they are able to learn it together without it being to hard for the one or too simple for the other. Some exercises are a quick and easy review, while others require a bit more thought. It's a great mix, and thorough without being overwhelming. The book is also very colorful with a nice layout, not too busy, nor too much white space. The only draw backs are these:1. The book is obviously directed at a populace already familiar with Jewish tradition (ie. - parents or Shabbat-School teachers, as this is who would generally be teaching the language to children.) Most of the information is familiar to those with at least a superficial knowledge of the culture, but at times I wish the author had included a bit more background information for those of us not steeped in it. While more information would have been nice, the lack thereof in no way inhibits the actual goal of the book, which is teaching one to read the language.2. Again, as this book is written with a knowledgable teacher in mind, there is no teacher's manual. Obviously, most people teaching out of these books wouldn't need one. I however, would find one helpful (perhaps a teachers' manual would be a good place to include more in-depth info about the culture and language as mentioned above. . .). I began the book able to read Hebrew on perhaps a first-grade level, so I am one step ahead of my kids (actually, not ahead of my 9-year-old any more). The first book I can check pretty easily, but checking the second one will require a bit more of my concentration, and I'd like to be able to check behind myself. (If the author reads these reviews, how quickly can you publish a teachers manual and book 3? Also, a CD would be a lovely addition.) All in all, I have found these books to be the best on the market for teaching young people how to read the language, and deserving of at least another half a star (Not an option on here). I will reserve my fifth star for a second edition that includes a CD. I wish the author would continue the series with a third and fourth book. (Definitely would need the teachers manual for those.)8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Review of Z'man Likroh Time to Read Hebrew Volume 1By Milton CohenI'm using this book (along with a DVD program) to teach my six-year-old granddaughter some Hebrew. She had already completed a more basic book through which she learned the alphabet and the sounds of the letters. This book seems to be working pretty well for us. There are a fair number of activities besides the drill work in each lesson. I like the brief stories that accompany some of the lessons, but the brief religious instruction which accompanies other lessons just goes over her head, and I would prefer more stories and less religious instruction. I did a pretty thorough search of the internet before I selected this book, and overall I'm pretty satisfied that I got the best book available for my situation.

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