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Age Group: **Preschool (4-6)**

שִׂיחָה

Look Together

You may want to look at the illustrations together, and compare Gal's home and kindergarten to the area in which Grandpa Raphael lived so many years ago. Together you may enjoy imagining what your life would have been like had you lived in another place, at another time. If you happen to have old pictures documenting the roots of your own family, you could show them to your child, and try to identify your family members together, as well as the places in which they lived back then, and now.

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The Meaning of My Name

Does your child know why they were so named? Having read this book together, you may want to share the meaning of their name with them, and the story leading up to choosing it for them. You could also tell them what made your parents so name you.

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Our Village Todgha

Do you know the tune to the song Our Village Todgha by Yehoshua Sobol performed by music group Habreira Hativ'it (The Natural Selection)? Perhaps you would like to sing it together with your child

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Remember Together

Just like Gal, many children enjoy listening to stories about the past. Do you remember any festive occasion from your days in kindergarten and school? Perhaps you could share your learning-related childhood memories and family traditions with your child.

מִשְׂחָק

Fun with letters

Young children learn from enjoyable activities, such as licking honey-dripping letters. There are many ways of teaching the alphabet: you could put names and words together from various materials, cut out letters from newspapers, identify familiar letters that appear on signs and packages, play word games, and so on. The most important thing is to have fun while you learn!

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Have a Great Summer!

Sweet Aleph-Bet is the last book on the PJ Library books list for this year. We hope you have enjoyed the books, and wish you an enjoyable summer, and a smooth beginning in your new kindergarten or school!

בְּשׁוּל

A recipe for sweet Aleph-Bet letters

Ingredients:

2/3 cup of soft butter

2/3 cup of sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon of vanilla extract

2 cups of flour

1 teaspoon of baking powder

 teaspoon of salt

Method:

1. Whisk the butter and sugar until you get a somewhat fluffy batter. Fold in the egg and vanilla extract.
2. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and salt.
3. Combine the two mixtures and knead until dough is crumbly. Knead crumbs into a ball, cover it with saran wrap, and keep refrigerated for an hour.
4. Pre-heat oven to medium heat (180°C).
5. Flour your worktop and use a rolling pin to flatten your doughball. Use letter-shaped cookie cutters to cut cookies out of the dough.
6. Place the cookies on a baking pan, and bake in the oven for 10 to 12 minutes, until edges turn golden.