

# Judaism — Passover

## The Hebrew language



Hebrew is an ancient language. The Torah, the Jewish holy book, is written in ancient Hebrew. For hundreds of years Hebrew was not used as a spoken language. Then in the Nineteenth Century it began to be used again. Hebrew is also now the official language of Israel, the Jewish state in the Middle East.

Jewish people live in many countries all over the world and so they speak many different languages. Jewish children in England and other countries may go to special lessons to learn Hebrew. Hebrew is written from right to left.

Practise speaking and writing the numbers from 1 to 10:

**א**  
alef  
1

**ב**  
bet  
2

**ג**  
gimel  
3

**ד**  
dale  
4

**ה**  
he  
5

**ו**  
vav  
6

**ז**  
zayen  
7

**ח**  
het  
8

**ט**  
tet  
9

**י**  
yod  
10