

# **Alef Bet**

## **Silkscreen**

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This silkscreen reproduces an original papercut by Diane Palley. Each letter is illustrated by several images that begin with the letter. Since Hebrew reads from right to left, the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alef-Bet (alphabet) read from right to left, from top to bottom:

Aleph: Otiyot (letters), Ari (lion), Ayeel (ram), Agas (pear)

Bet: Berashit (beginning), Barvaz (duck)

Gimel: Geshem (rain), Gal (wave)

Doled: Dror (liberty), Isaiah; "And proclaim liberty throughout the land"

Hay: Havdalah (ceremony at the end of Shabbat)

Vav: Vered (rose)

Zayin: Ze'ev (wolf), Zayit (olive)

Het: Hasidah (stork, symbol of compassion), Hanukah

Tet: Teneh (basket), Talit

Yod: Yad (hand), Yonah (dove)

Kaf: Kohav (star), Keter (crown)

lamed: lehem (bread), Lita'ah (lizard)

Mem: Mazel (luck), (Hamsa-Middle Eastern symbol of luck)

Nun: Nesher (eagle), Nemar (tiger)

Sameh: Seder Plate

Ayin: Aytz Hayim (tree of life)

Pay: Parpar (butterfly)

Tzadee: Tzvi (deer), Tzedakah

Koof: Kof (monkey)

Resh: Rosh Hodesh (new moon/month), Rimon (pomegranate)

Shin: Sh'on (clock), Shabbat Shalom

Tav: Torah, Ti'anah (fig), Tuki (parrot), Tarnagol (rooster)