

FAQs – Chapter 5

Why are some initial *begadkephat* letters lacking the Daghesh Lene?

You have learned in this chapter that the Daghesh Lene in an initial *begadkephat* consonant becomes a Daghesh Forte when the definite article is prefixed. Other prefixes that end with a vowel or Shewa can cause the Daghesh to be lost. In fact, even a vowel ending on the preceding word can cause the Daghesh to be lost.

Example: בְּנוֹ בַּיִת → Note the Shureq ending on the first word and the lack of a Daghesh Lene in the initial *begadkephat* consonant of the second word.