



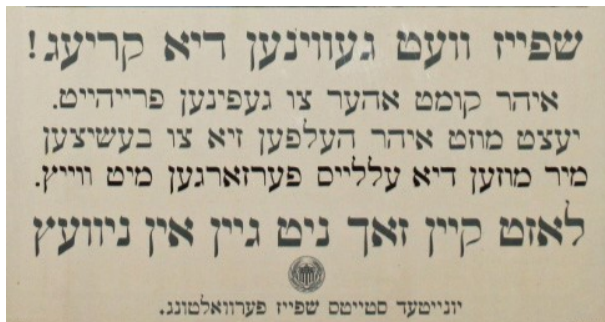
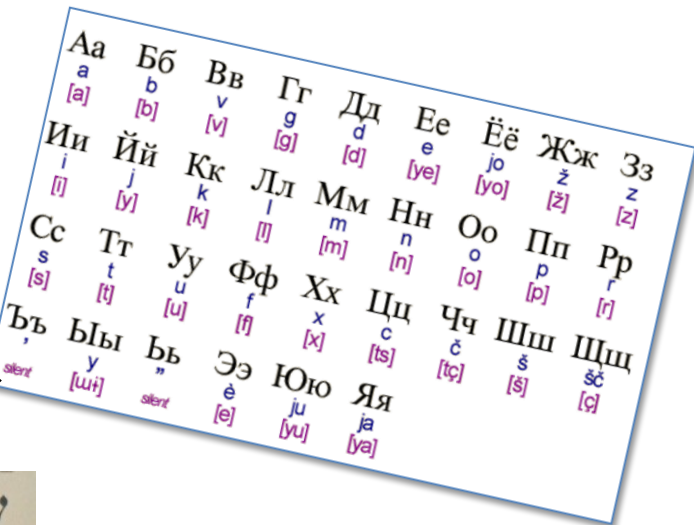
## WHAT DID THEY SAY? LEARNING LANGUAGES

Many immigrants to America did not speak English when they arrived here. They had to find their way around a new country, get a job, find a place to live, and learn the customs without speaking the same language as most of the people around them.

Can you identify which language is used to ask the question, "How old are you?"

- Ile masz lat? \_\_\_\_\_
- сколько тебе лет \_\_\_\_\_
- Hur gammal är du? \_\_\_\_\_
- Quel âge as-tu? \_\_\_\_\_
- πόσο χρονών είσαι \_\_\_\_\_
- Cén aois thú? \_\_\_\_\_

Even if you couldn't read the words above, did you recognize the letters? Did they look like the same letters we use? Some languages use a different alphabet, such as the Russian alphabet shown here.



And some languages, like Hebrew, are even more complicated. Hebrew uses a different alphabet, and to read Hebrew you read from the right side of the line to the left side, which is the opposite direction we read for English.