

HEBREW CURRICULUM

HEBREW COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Course</u>
7	Hebrew (lower track) Hebrew (upper track)
8	Hebrew (lower track) Hebrew (upper track)
9/10	Hebrew (lower track) Hebrew (upper track)
11/12	Hebrew (all tracks)
11/12	Hebrew Independent Study

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grade 7

Course:

Hebrew Language (Lower Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history and culture.

Text:

Alef Bet: Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit, Book I

Additional Materials:

Sipurei Hatsadikim (individual story books)

Gesher series of books in easy Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Major topics:

This is a beginning level Hebrew course. The text has been authored by veteran Hebrew teachers in Israel and America with American middle-school age kids in mind. Vocabulary is centered upon family life, school, visiting Israel, and Jewish holidays. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Other activities include reading simplified Hebrew books for pleasure, viewing age-appropriate Hebrew films and videos, playing educational games for conversational skills and vocabulary building, use of Hebrew resources on the computer and worldwide web. Depending on the abilities of the students in a given year, the text will be completed in substantial part or in its entirety during the school year.

Skills Taught:

- Conversation
- Writing sentences, paragraphs and short essays
- Reading comprehension
- Verbs in various conjugations in present tense; other parts of speech; numbers
- Basic vocalization skills
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grade 7

Course:

Hebrew Language (Upper Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history and culture.

Text:

Alef Bet: Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit, Book I

Additional Materials:

Sipurei Hatsadikim (individual story books)

Gesher series of books in easy Hebrew

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Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Major topics:

This course is a beginner's course in the modern Hebrew language, but moves at a faster base than the lower track. The text has been authored by veteran Hebrew teachers in Israel and America with American middle-school age kids in mind.

Vocabulary is centered upon family life, school, visiting Israel, and Jewish holidays. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Other activities include reading simplified Hebrew books for pleasure, viewing age-appropriate Hebrew films and videos, playing educational games for conversational skills and vocabulary building, use of Hebrew resources on the computer and worldwide web.

The entire text should be completed by the end of the school year. Depending on the abilities of the students in a given year, the text will be completed in substantial part or in its entirety during the school year. If the text is completed early enough in the spring semester, students will move the Book 2 of the series.

Skills Taught:

- Everyday conversation
- Writing sentences, paragraphs and short essays
- Reading comprehension
- Verbs in various conjugations in present and past tenses and other parts of speech; numbers
- Basic vocalization skills (nekudot)
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grade 8

Course:

Hebrew Language (Lower Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history and culture.

Text:

Alef Bet: Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit, Book 1, Book 2 and Book 3

Additional Materials:

Sipurei Hatsadikim (individual story books)

Gesher series of books in easy Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Major topics:

This course is a continuance of the Lower Track course for Grade 7. The pace of the course will be in part determined by student skill levels. Essentially it is an intermediate beginner course in the modern Hebrew language. Vocabulary moves from a family and school orientation to the wider world, with a deeper involvement in Israeli life and culture and Jewish history. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Other activities include reading simplified Hebrew books for pleasure, viewing age-appropriate Hebrew films and videos, playing educational games for conversational skills and vocabulary building, use of Hebrew resources on the computer and worldwide web.

One goal of the course is to move as far as possible into Book 3 by the end of the school year, depending on student skill levels.

Skills Taught:

- Everyday conversation
- Writing sentences, paragraphs and short essays
- Reading comprehension
- Verbs in all conjugations in all tenses
- Vocabulary enrichment for speaking and reading.
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grade 8

Course:

Hebrew Language (Upper Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history and culture.

Text:

Alef Bet: Yeladim Lomdim Ivrit, Books 2 and 3
Ivrit MiBresheet, Book 1

Additional Materials:

Sipurei Hatsadikim (individual story books)

Gesher series of books in easy Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Israeli television and motion picture selections

Sichot shel Yomyom (Everyday Conversation) dialogs, with audio tape

Major topics:

This course is a continuance of the Upper Track Grade 7 course. It is an intermediate course in the modern Hebrew language. Students will continue in the *Alef Bet* series and move at a pace commensurate with their skills. Vocabulary moves from a family and school orientation to the wider world, with a deeper involvement in Israeli life and culture and Jewish history. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Students will work with more complex readings and in more complex conversation situations both in class and in the computer lab.

Both volumes 2 and 3 should be completed by the end of the school year. Depending on the abilities of the students in a given year, the text will be completed in substantial part or in its entirety during the school year. If the text is completed early enough in the spring semester, students will move the Book 2 of the series.

Instructors have the option of using an alternative text, *Ivrit MiBresheet Book 1*, especially in cases in which overall student skill level is high. The particular text is more deeply involved in more detailed aspects of Israeli life and Jewish history and culture, and the vocabulary instruction is of a higher caliber than in *Alef Bet*.

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Skills Taught:

- Everyday conversation
- Writing sentences, paragraphs and longer essays
- Reading comprehension
- Verbs in various in all conjugations and in all tenses
- Vocabulary enrichment for speaking and reading
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grades 9/10

Course:

Hebrew Language (Lower Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history and culture

Text:

Ivrit min ha-hatHalah, Book I, with audio CD and tapes

Additional Materials:

Gesher series of books in easy Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Israeli television and motion picture selections

Sichot shel Yomyom (Everyday Conversation) dialogs, with audio tape

Major topics:

This course is a continuation of the Grade 8 course (Lower Track), but with more emphasis on everyday conversation. The text, developed by the Ulpan of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is the “cutting edge” in Hebrew language instruction and has proved successful in day schools, yeshivot, ulpanin and universities. Students will start at a point in the book commensurate with their skill levels. Emphasis is placed on reading, writing, listening and speaking. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Skills Taught:

- Mastery of vocabulary
- Develop and master writing skills
- Reading comprehension of pointed and unpointed texts
- Introduction to Hebrew literature
- Increase grammatical skills
- The ability to participate in a fluent conversation
- Listening comprehension through tapes and CD's
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grades 9/10

Course:

Hebrew Language (Upper Track) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history, culture and literature.

Text:

Ivrit MiBresheet, Books 1 and 2

Additional Materials:

Gesher series of books in basic Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Israeli television and motion picture selections

Sichot shel Yomyom (Everyday Conversation) dialogs, with audio tape

Major topics:

This course is a continuation of the Upper Track of Grade 8 and is moves from the level of intermediate to beginning advanced. Emphasis is placed on reading, writing, listening and speaking. Book 1 of the text will begin at a chapter commensurate with student skill levels, and work in Book 2 will begin at a point in the fall or spring semester when the skills imparted in Book 1 are mastered. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Skills Taught:

- Mastery of vocabulary
- Development and mastery of writing skills
- Reading comprehension of pointed and unpointed texts
- Appreciation for Hebrew literature
- Increase grammatical skills
- The ability to participate in a fluent conversation
- Listening comprehension through tapes, CDs and on-line dialogs
- Accurate pronunciation

HEBREW CURRICULUM

Grade 11/12

Course:

Hebrew Language (All Tracks) (conducted in Hebrew)

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history, culture and literature.

Text:

For all Tracks:

Ivrit min ha-hatHalah, Book II, with audio CD and tapes

Additional Materials:

Geshar series of books in easy Hebrew

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Various Educational Hebrew language websites, including on-line newspapers

Israeli television and motion picture selections

Sichot shel Yomyom (Everyday Conversation) dialogs, with audio tape

Selected original texts of Hebrew literature, including stories, poems and essays from the *Migvan* series used by the Israel Ministry of Education

Major topics:

Depending on the skill level of the students, this course will be either an intermediate to advanced course in the modern Hebrew language. The text contains contemporary Israeli and universal topics for reading and conversation, with Hebrew literature presented in its original form, annotated. Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Skills Taught:

- Mastery of conversation skills
- Reading comprehension of unvocalized Hebrew texts
- Jewish history based on topics in the text
- Mastery of in writing skills
- Accurate pronunciation of the language
- Listening comprehension.

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Grade 11/12

Course:

Hebrew Independent Study

Course Goals:

To impart a love for the Hebrew language as the fundamental language of the Jewish people. To impart skills in conversation, reading and writing. To impart love for and knowledge of Jewish history, culture and literature.

Texts:

Classroom readings in modern Aggadic texts, including, but not limited to:

- Michtav M'Eliyahu
- Kovetz Ma'marim

Additional Materials:

Davka Writer Software

Davka Dikduk Hebrew grammar software

Major topics:

- Homework consisting of questions on classroom work.
- All answers to be submitted in Ivrit and are graded on an individual basis.
- Two projects: Chanukah and Shavuos
- One project will be chosen (for each Yom Tov) for publication in the Yeshiva Reader
- Programs for Yom Hashoah and Yom HaAtzmaut

Skills Taught:

- Mastery of conversation skills
- Reading comprehension of unvocalized Hebrew texts
- Jewish history based on topics in the text
- Mastery of in writing skills
- Accurate pronunciation of the language
- Listening comprehension.