

Use Your Hebrew Goals to Choose

Here are some sample goals that can help you think through choices appropriate for your objectives.

PRAYER SKILLS AND MEANING:

Become comfortable participants in and leaders of Hebrew-based rituals and worship with an understanding of the meaning and value of prayer



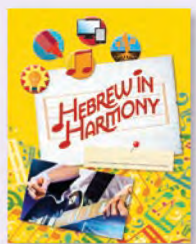
Let's Discover the Alef Bet
Introduce the look and sounds of the letters
K-2
Alternative: *Sam the Detective*



Shalom Alef Bet
Support letter recognition in preparation for decoding
2-3
Alternatives: *Let's Learn Alef Bet*; *Kadimah*



Shalom Uvrachah Family
Introduce decoding (with or without writing) based on cultural and prayer words
3-5
Alternatives: *Shalom Hebrew*; *Z'man Likro*; *Derech Binah*; *Alef Bet Quest*



Hebrew in Harmony
Integrate liturgical and popular music with prayer practice, prayer meaning, and reading mastery
4-6
Supplements: *Making T'fillah Meaningful*; *Ten Minute Hebrew Reader*
Alternatives: *Hineni*; *Mitkadem*; *Z'Man L'Tefillah*; *Kol Yisrael*

HEBREW AS A LIVING LANGUAGE:

Experience Hebrew as a living language through basic Hebrew conversation and development of Hebrew life-skills vocabulary



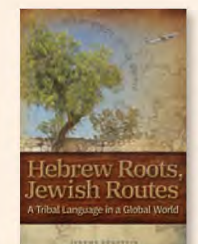
Ready Set Go Alef Bet
Use Hebrew/English cognates to establish simple letter/sound recognition
1-2
Alternatives: *Kadimah*



Hebrew Alive!
Movement-based, real-world Hebrew vocabulary enrichment
3-5
Supplement: *Ulpan Alef, Ulpan Bet*



Shalom Ivrit, Audio CD
Let's Talk, Let's Talk Audio CD
Create storytelling and conversation-based opportunities for spoken practice, with audio components to reinforce pronunciation
4-6
Supplement: *Yesh Lanu Llama*



Hebrew Roots, Jewish Routes
Dive into the significance of Hebrew in the lives of Jews and Judaism. Includes 19 innovative "Wordshops" that highlight examples of how the three-letter Hebrew roots are the building blocks of the language.
12-Adult

Appropriate Materials

HEBREW IN JEWISH LIFE:

Explore Hebrew through the role it plays in Jewish life at home, on special occasions, and through connection to Israel.



Alef Bet of Blessing
Provide light decoding experiences that introduce the concept of Hebrew in Jewish ritual life
2-3
Supplement: *Alef Bet of Blessing Audio Recording Online*
Alternatives: *Shalom Alef Bet*



Alef Bet Quest
Decoding practice that showcases Hebrew's connection to Israel
3-4
Supplement: *Ten Minute Hebrew Reader*; *Alef Bet Quest Companion Reader*



Shalom, Reader
Practice new decoding skills in a meaningful way, with simple stories, dialogues, and activities. Use to supplement and decoding curriculum.
3-5



Shalom Ivrit and Audio CD; Shalom Ivrit Prayer Companions
Introduce real-life vocabulary and simple grammar with stories, songs, and basic conversation. Add selected prayer practice to show the role of Hebrew in synagogue life
4-6
Alternatives: *Ulpan Alef, Ulpan Bet, Let's Talk*

HEBREW IN LIFELONG LEARNING:

Begin learning Hebrew at any age



EARLY EXPLORATION
Let's Discover the Alef Bet
Ready Set Go Alef Bet
Kadimah
Hebrew Alive!
Z'Man Likro
K-4



LATE DECODING
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EVERYONE
Hook on Hebrew
Gamify Hebrew learning and practice

Why do you want your learners to engage with Hebrew?

When you and your community stakeholders answer this question you establish a clear rationale for your Hebrew program. This leads to greater clarity in the goals you set and the benchmarks you develop, and provides the filter needed to structure learning experiences, create effective lessons, and choose appropriate materials.