

## קשר בעברית Kesher B'lvrit

Kesher Center for Jewish Learning at Congregtaion Beth Israel, Bellingham, WA

About our Hebrew Program

Kesher B'Ivrit is the Hebrew language component for the 4th through 6th grade students of the Kesher Sunday program. Classes meet approximately 28 times per year for hour and a half sessions with the the objective of achieving a basic linguistic understanding of Hebrew as well as the cultural understanding of its inseparability from Jewish learning.

Kesher B'Ivrit sessions cover 7 different language components -

- 1. Decoding
- 2. Modern Hebrew
- 3. Grammar
- 4. Siddur Hebrew
- 5. Tefilah Leadership
- 6. Reading fluency
- 7. Tefilah Comprehansion

tEach of the three level groups - beginners (*Yarok* - green), intermediate (*Kachol* - blue), and advanced (*Adom* - red) use different materials to cover the respective yearly goals. In the description below you may find more information about the yearly goals of each of the three levels.

## **Kesher B'Ivrit Shalav: Yarok**

beginner, mostly 4th graders (Morah Miriam)

Composed of mostly students of the 4th grade, the students that complete the Yarok level will be able to:

**Decoding** Recognize every letter and vowel symbol; sound out syllables.

**Modern Hebrew** Master modern Hebrew vocabulary presented in class based on the *Yesh Lanu Lama* textbook.

**Grammar** Demonstrate basic understanding of grammatical forms such as suffixes of common verbs and nouns.

The students will learn the following Siddur prayers as a guide to hone the language skills on the 4 language components in the bottom:

Modeh/Modah Ani מוֹדֶה אֲנִי Ma Tovu: Lines 1-2 מָה טוֹבוּ בּרְכוּ Barchu שָׁמַע Shema שָׁמַע

**Siddur Hebrew** Demonstrate ability to translate, identify, and integrate modern Hebrew vocabulary with that of the prayers learnt.

**Tefilah Leadership** Able to lead independently and proficiently.

Reading Fluency Make clear progress towards a greater Siddur reading fluency.

**Tefilah Comprehension** Demonstrate comprehension of the overall meaning of the prayers.

## **Kesher B'Ivrit Shalav: Kachol**

intermediate, mostly 5th graders (Morah Michele)

Composed of mostly students of the 5th grade, the students that complete the Kachol level will be able to:

**Decoding** Demonstrate confident knowledge of every letter and vowel sound.

**Modern Hebrew** Master modern Hebrew vocabulary for: <u>Ulpan Alef</u> selected lessons.

**Grammar** Demonstrate understanding of simple verbal forms in present tense, simple singular/plural suffixes, and pronouns.

The students will learn the following Siddur prayers as a guide to hone the language skills on the 4 language components in the bottom:

צֵּלֹהֵי נְשָׁמָה Ines 1-2 צֵּלֹהֵי נְשָׁמָה ע'Ahavta וְאָהַבְתָּ מִי כָּמוֹךְ Mi Chamocha

ני פָנוּון Sim Shalom: line 1 שים שלום 1

V'Shamru וָשַׁמְרוּ

**Siddur Hebrew** Demonstrate ability to translate, identify, and integrate modern Hebrew vocabulary with that of the prayers learnt.

**Tefilah Leadership** Able to lead independently and proficiently.

**Reading Fluency** Show clear progress towards a greater Siddur reading fluency.

**Tefilah Comprehension** Demonstrates comprehension of the overall meaning of

the prayers.

## **Kesher B'Ivrit Shalav: Adom**

Advanced, mostly 6th graders (Morah Robin)

Composed of mostly students of the 6th grade, the students that complete the Adom level will be able to:

**Decoding** Demonstrate confident knowledge of every letter and vowel sound.

**Modern Hebrew** Master modern Hebrew vocabulary for: <u>Ulpan Alef</u> selected lessons.

**Grammar** Demonstrate understanding of simple verbal forms in present tense, simple singular/plural suffixes, and pronouns.

The students will learn the following Siddur prayers as a guide to hone the language skills on the 4 language components in the bottom:

נִיסִּים בְּכָל יוֹם Nisim B'chol Yom לַעֲסוֹק בְּדָבְרֵי תּוֹרָה Laasok B'Divrei Torah חֲצִי קַדִּישׁ Hazi Kadish וְהָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ V'ha'eir eineinu עֲמִידָה Amidah בִּי מִצִּיּוֹן Ki Metziyon בְּרָכוֹת הַתּוֹרָה Torah blessings עֲלִיָּיה Aliya blessings הַפָּטֵרַה Haftarah blessings

**Siddur Hebrew** Demonstrate ability to translate, identify, and integrate modern Hebrew vocabulary with that of the prayers learnt.

**Tefilah Leadership** Able to lead independently and proficiently.

**Reading Fluency** Show clear progress towards a greater Siddur reading fluency.

**Tefilah Comprehension** Demonstrates comprehension of the overall meaning of the prayers.

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