



"Songs, Stories and Friends in Hebrew"

The program is designed for children in Pre-K that do not speak Hebrew.

Throughout the year, we will enjoy a full and rich program, entirely in Hebrew, based on themes from the children's world (friends, family, nature, animals, etc.), seasons here and in Israel and the Jewish holidays.

Each meeting will have a central theme that we will introduce by playing familiar and new games, reading stories and singing songs. Following each story/poem we will discuss the moral and values of it and enjoy an enriching activity such as arts and crafts, songs, costumes, music, videos and cooking related to it. Alongside the fun, we will develop listening comprehension skills, be exposed to Hebrew letters and written words, and build the vocabulary of the children to encourage and nurture their ability to communicate in Hebrew and strengthen their connection to Israel, its culture, and the Jewish heritage and values.

Introduction to Hebrew letters As part of the lessons, we will learn the letters through songs and rhymes and create the letters using art materials (in preparation for the program that we offer for kindergartens called "Trip to the Land of Letters").

Circle of the Year We will learn about the Jewish holidays and festivities as they are celebrated in Israel, including holiday traditions, stories and songs in Hebrew. We will dedicate one or two sessions to each holiday. We will celebrate each holiday in the classroom or with the Emek community.

Typical Class Structure (Not a Holiday Party) Opening Activity: activity chest/box game depending on the upcoming subject. Opening Circle: "Who came to Class today?" Singing the days of the week song and the letter song. Main activity relating to the central theme of that class Learning Table: Working with books and preparation of the weekly letter. Break for some movement and yoga in Hebrew. Closing Meeting: a summary of activity through song and game For your convenience, each week you will receive an email with details about what was taught in class and homework for the weekend so you can review what has been learned in the lesson.

Goals for the End of the School Year:

1. The children will understand the alphabetic principle, be aware of the sounds of the Hebrew language, and recognize the letters by their names.

2. The children will be able to identify and write their name in Hebrew.
3. The children will build their Hebrew vocabulary.
4. The children will develop their communication skills: they will be able to answer simple questions and present themselves in simple sentences.
5. The children will know about the holidays and will recognize the Israeli songs related to them

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