HEBREW THROUGH MOVEMENT





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INTRODUCTION TO USING HEBREW THROUGH MOVEMENT WITH PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

This unit is one of a series developed by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland as a starting point for planning prayer and blessing lessons using Hebrew Through Movement. Indeed, the power of Hebrew Through Movement is in its ability to introduce and reinforce key vocabulary of Jewish prayers and rituals by using the foundational commands that have students walking, running, turning, and pointing. With HTM, students learn Hebrew by listening and reacting, and as a result, words and phrases stick in their heads much easier than when they attempt to memorize a list of words.

A few things to note:

- At the stage of language that Hebrew Through Movement operates, students will never fully be able
 to understand <u>all</u> the Hebrew words and phrases of a blessing or prayer. But they <u>can</u> be introduced
 to enough vocabulary so that the blessing begins to take on meaning.
- To work with the prayers and blessings, students need to have completed Foundational Level Five in the curriculum guide (available for free download from the home page of: HebrewThroughMovement.org).¹ This level of learning provides the basic vocabulary to introduce and reinforce the complicated language of Hebrew prayers. Core commands that will be helpful include:

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קּלְּיִם לְקּיִם walk to
לְלֶכֶת אֶל walk to
לְלֶכֶת אֶל jump to
point to

take
לְקַחַת
touch
לְגַעַת ב
raise up
lower

put (the)(a) ____ on
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- Most of the time, HTM focuses on individual words, but at times an entire phrase is offered as the object of a command.
- Note that the JECC develops curriculum in response to the needs of local Cleveland congregations.
 After evaluation and revision during a pilot year, our materials are then shared nationally. The
 Hebrew Through Movement lessons are embedded into two JECC prayer curricula:
 - Lasim Lev (a focus on the Sh'ma and its Blessings, plus Kiddush)
 - Lakum...La'amod (a focus on the Amidah, plus V'ahavta)

¹ Teachers gain the basic skills for working with Hebrew Through Movement through the 10 hour online-seminar offered by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland: http://www.hebrewthroughmovement.org/online-seminar-registration.html

Both are available for free download from JECCMarketplace.com. If your program needs a specific prayer, blessing, or vocabulary that is not included, use the general template provided in these lessons to create your own.

This guide contains:

- Suggestions for the vocabulary a teacher might choose in working with a prayer or blessing
- Ideas for teaching each of the chosen vocabulary words
- Resource Sheets with pictures that will help with the teaching of concepts (print these in color, preferably on cardstock; lamination is optional)
- Explanations of when students <u>may</u> have learned specific vocabulary if your program uses *Lasim Lev* or *Lakum...La'amod* OR if your program has been teaching the prayers/blessings in the same order by which these guides are organized.

Three teaching tips:

- Teachers are welcome to introduce vocabulary from this guide in any order they wish BUT it is
 helpful to complement student learning with words that match the current focus of their t'fillah
 class. Thus, if you are a Hebrew Through Movement teaching specialist, be sure to stay in contact
 with the classroom teacher so you choose the most helpful vocabulary, weekly
- Remember to start each lesson with a review of past vocabulary. This review should contain words students have already learned that will assist in the rest of the lesson. For instance, if you know students will be touching objects (בְּצַעַת בּ) and picking them up (לְּהָרִים את), include those verb forms in the review.
- Anytime you complete a Hebrew Through Movement lesson based on a prayer, blessing or ritual, end your session by helping your students recite the actual blessing. This creates immediate and strong reinforcement between the vocabulary just learned and the actual prayer.

After each HTM class session, recite the section of the blessing קְדוּשָׁה that you introduced.

Vocabulary options for HTM are indicated in red:

נְקַדֵּשׁ אֶת שִׁמְךּ בָּעוֹלָם, פְּשֵׁם שֶׁמַּקְדִּישִׁים אוֹתוֹ בִּשְׁמֵי מָרוֹם, כַּכָּתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךְ וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל זֶה וְאָמֵר: קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ יִי צְבָאוֹת מָלֹא כָל הָאָרֵץ כִּבוֹדוֹ.

> אַדִּיר אַדִּירֵנוּ, יְיָ אֲדֹנֵינוּ, מָה אַדִּיר שִׁמְדְּ בְּכָל <mark>הָאָרֶץ</mark>. בָּרוּדְ כְּבוֹד יְיָ מִמְּקוֹמוֹ.

אֶחָד הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, הוּא אָבִינוּ, הוּא מַלְכֵּנוּ, הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ וְהוּא יַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ בְּרַחֲמָיו לְעֵינֵי כָּל חָי אָנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם. אָנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

יִמְלדְּ יְיָ לְעוֹלָם, אֱלֹהַידְּ צִיּוֹן, לְדֹר וָדֹר הַלְלוּיָה.

לְדוֹר נְדוֹר נַגִּיד נְּדְלֶךּ, וּלְנֵצֵח נְצָחִים קְדֵשָּׁתְךְּ נַקְדִּישׁ, וְשִׁבְחֲךְּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מִפִּינוּ לֹא יָמוּשׁ לְעוֹלֶם וָעֶד. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

This is not an easy blessing to do with Hebrew Through Movement. Feel free to use time instead to review past blessing vocabulary introduced.

In Lakum...La'amod, students start with קַדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ קַדוֹשׁ and then the next week, work on the first two lines of the blessing. Choose vocabulary to match students' weekly learning.

(holy, special) ゆうてァ

This word is defined and explained in the *Lakum* prayer lesson; check to see whether the teacher will be focusing on it before or after your HTM lesson. The definition being used is "unique, special, one of a kind." For HTM, have the students differentiate between objects that are לא קדוש and לא קדוש (see the photo section, pages 9-19, below).

ֹלְהַצְבִּיע עַל_____ לָגָעַת בַּ לְהָרִים לְהוֹרִיד לָשִׂים ____ עַל ____

The objects picked for the photos are ones that are considered "holy" – that we don't touch directly, that are buried when their use is done, etc. Note that we don't consider a *kiddush* cup to be holy – it isn't sacred in the same way we consider a Torah scroll or *m'zuzzah* parchment to be.

(respect, honor) ガユタ ・

REVIEW FROM בְּרְכוּ. This is a word you may want to tell students in English first. Have them point to, touch, hold up the photos on pages 21-35 showing "respect." Do the same for disrespectful actions, but say לא כַּבוֹדוּ The full Hebrew in the blessing is בוֹדוֹנ ("His" respect or honor).

(the earth) Yコネカ ・

REVIEW FROM יוֹצֵר אוֹר AND SHABBAT TABLE BLESSINGS. Note that the Hebrew word is אֶרֶא but when the word becomes The Earth (with the definite participle, "the"), it shifts to הָאָרֶא. The words אָרֶא and הָאָרֶ (wait to introduce this latter word in the next lesson) are generally the same when referring to the earth or world. Use photos on pages 37-41 (below) and general commands to help you illustrate these terms.

לְהַצְבִּיעַ עַל_____ לָגַעַת בַּ לְהָרִים להוֹרִנִד

(world, universe) עוֹלָם •

This word means earth and also refers to "universe," but it could get confusing for students because they already know – לְעוֹלֶם וָעֶד (forever) and לְעוֹלֶם וָעֶד (forever and ever). We have similar issues in English for those learning the language – two words sound similar, but they refer to very different things – like "the price is *fair*" and "I'm going to the *fair*"). Use the same photos (pages 37-41, below) that introduced בְּהָאֶבֶץ.

(skies or heaven on high) בִּשִׁמֵי מַרוֹם.

The Hebrew word שָׁמֵיִּם means sky or heaven and מֶרוֹם refers to "on high." The phrase therefore refers to the "heavens on high" which is where the metaphorical angels are calling one to another: וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל זֶה . Students will be working with the idea of angels this week in their regular Hebrew class (feel free to check out this TinyTap app for information about the blessing, and angels: http://www.tinytap.it/games/g15de/play/kdushah-its-story). Use the photos on pages 43-51 (below) to work with this phrase. You could also do a contrasting set of commands with אָרֶךְ and בּשְׁמֵי מָרוֹם (some photos offer both concepts).

(from generation to generation) לִדוֹר וַדוֹר •

This is a phrase that you may wish to introduce first in English. Another option is to continue in Hebrew and show students photos that have people from one generation (labeled: דוֹד, pages 53-63), and then show photos that represent mixed generations with the words: לֹא דוֹר (pages 65-67). Shift to English for a few moments to see if they can figure out what the word means.

Then introduce the photos on pages 69-75 labeled לְדוֹר וְדוֹר - point to the older generation when you say אוֹד, and then the young one when you say בּוֹר וְדוֹר.

(for ever and ever) לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד •

REVIEW FROM בְּרְכוֹת and גְבוּרוֹת (without נְעֶד). To illustrate the idea of "forever," command students to "sit-stand" (an down-up sequence) לָשֶׁבֶת לָקוּם , לָשֶׁבֶת לָקוּם , לָשֶׁבֶת לָקוּם לְעוֹלֶם נְעֶד and then command: לָשֶׁבֶת לֶקוּם לְעוֹלֶם נְעֶד "forever and ever" (then YOU do something that shows it's forever... for example, as the students are going down-up, down-up "forever," you sit at your desk, open a book and read).

A phrase from this blessing that means pretty much the same things is וּלְנֵצַח נְצָחִים. Feel free to do a similar set of commands with it.

(the holy God) הָאֵל הַקְּדוֹשׁ

REVIEW (אֱלִים) FROM מִי כָּמֹכָה ,שְׁמֵע AND אָבוֹת וְאָפֶּהוֹת . In the שְׁמֵע lesson, students had a segment on "many gods" as compared to One God, יהוה. And in אָבוֹת וְאָפָהוֹת , they saw god-illustrations from the אָבוֹת וְאָמָהוֹת lesson.

- sun-god (for instance: http://tinyurl.com/ptez5cn)
- snake-god (for instance: http://tinyurl.com/p7fknco)
- wooden idol (for instance: http://tinyurl.com/nhhk539)

(con't)

Point to each one separately and say אֵל.

Invite students to come up and point to them, lift them, jump to them, sit on them, etc. Point to each one and ask yes or no - אָל הַקָּדוֹשׁ with an emphasis on the word: קָּדוֹשׁ.

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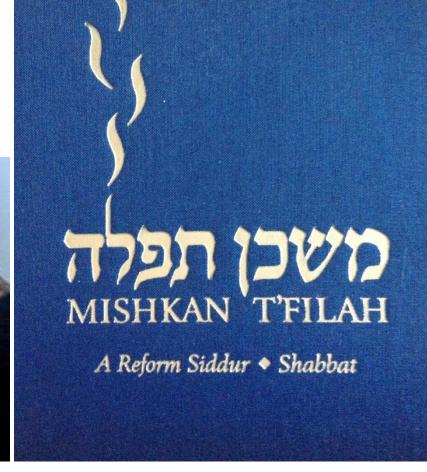


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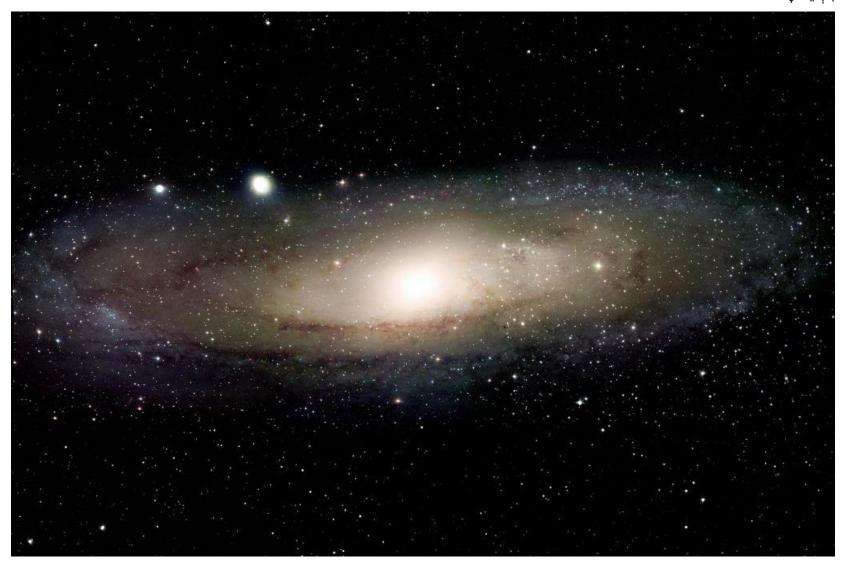


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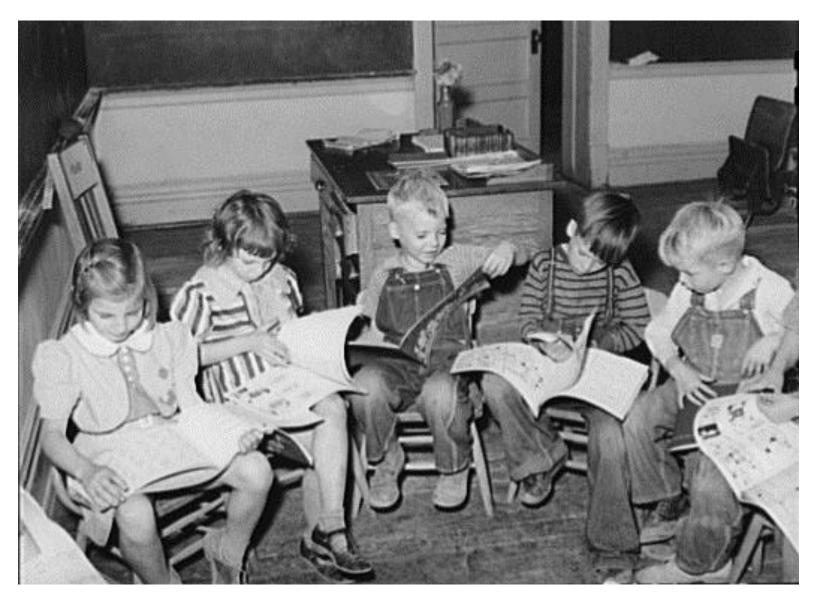


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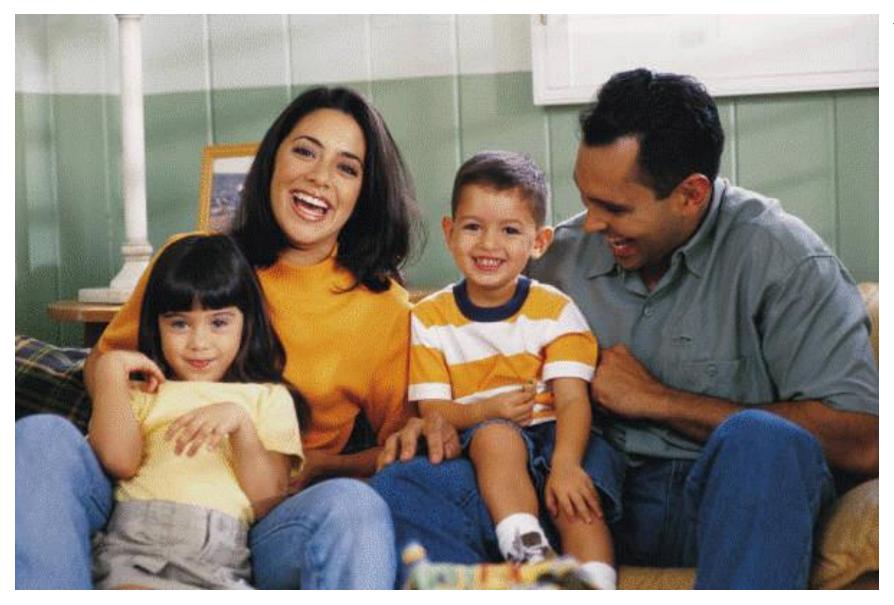


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