

# שְׂמֵחַת תּוֹרָה

(Students should have already completed Foundational Level 6 so that they know the word לְתַת)

	Verbs	Nouns	Adjectives	Adverbs	Misc.
[Only one level]	לְרַקֹּד	שְׂמֵחָה תּוֹרָה דָּגָל הַקֶּפֶה			

Borrow enough of the synagogue's collection of *Simhat Torah* flags to use in your class. Bring some Consecration mini-Torah scrolls from the school office, or see if the Jewish early childhood center has some to loan you.

Model

לְהַרִים דָּגָל.

לְהוֹרִיד דָּגָל.

Then say

כּוֹלֵם, לְהַרִים דָּגָל.

שְׁלוֹמִית, לְתַת דָּגָל לְיוֹנִי.

יוֹנִי, לְהַרִים אֶת הַדָּגָל שֶׁל שְׁלוֹמִית.

פְּנִינָה, לְתַת תּוֹרָה לְדָב.

דָּב, לְלַכֵּת לְאֵט עִם הַתּוֹרָה.

לְתַת אֶת הַתּוֹרָה לְמוֹרָה.

Model: לְרַקֹּד

כּוֹלֵם, לְרַקֹּד.

דָּוִד, מְרִים, וּמְשֶׁה, לְרַקֹּד אֶל הַדָּלֶת.

פְּנִינָה, שְׁלוֹמִית, וְדָב, לְרַקֹּד אֶל הַלּוּחַ.

רַחֵל, לְהַרִים תּוֹרָה וְלְרַקֹּד עִם מְרִים.

There are picture cards of people dancing on the Simhat Torah webpage here: <http://www.hebrewthroughmovement.org/simhat-torah.html>. Show a card of a person or people dancing and say לרקוד

Show a card of someone not dancing and ask

לרקוד - בן או לא

Repeat with other picture cards. Feel free to give a thumb's up for בן and a thumb's down for לא.

A חֲקֵפָה is a circling of a space. On *Simhat Torah*, we do seven חֲקֵפּוֹת around the synagogue. The following script helps organize the class into a חֲקֵפָה around the classroom (or whichever space you happen to be in).

Give most of the students a *Simhat Torah* flag and say:

הנה דגל.

להרים דגל.

Give some students a small Torah and say:

הנה תורה.

להרים תורה.

Help them understand what a חֲקֵפָה is by leading them into a “dancing circle” (perhaps accompanied by a CD of Torah-dancing-music) around your space and saying:

כולם, לרקוד בחֲקֵפָה.

Your commands can include having them dance faster, slower, or completely stopping.

Introduce the word שְׂמֵחָה by using facial expressions and the picture cards on this webpage: <http://www.hebrewthroughmovement.org/simhat-torah.html>. Some of the cards are of happy people and some are not. Using thumb's up and thumb's down to help with meaning, show a card and ask:

שְׂמֵחָה - בן או לא

Repeat.

Feel free to offer commands like:

לרקוד בחֲקֵפָה בשְׂמֵחָה.

לרקוד בחֲקֵפָה לא בשְׂמֵחָה.

לרקוד עם התורה בשְׂמֵחָה.