

OEC Hebrew Curriculum Summaries - By Levels

KARATI HA-KESHET - I READ THE RAINBOW!

קראתי הקשת

● Adom - Red Level (Grades K-2)

- **Reading:** Students will gain exposure to all the letters of the Alef-Bet. To successfully complete this level, they should be able to correctly identify 25% of the Alef-Bet (approximately 6 letters).
- **Understanding:** Students will be introduced to spoken Hebrew and over 100 vocabulary words, primarily associated with Jewish holidays (e.g., *shofar*, *sukkah*, *etrog*, *lulav*, *Torah*). To advance from this level, they should be able to translate "la-shevet," "lakum," "lechol," "b'vaksha," and five additional nouns.
- **Belonging:** This level teaches students the Shabbat Blessings (bread, candles, and juice) and the Four Questions for Passover. Students should be able to identify these prayers to complete this level.

● Katom - Orange Level (~Grade 3)

- **Reading:** Students will dive deeper into the Alef-Bet, learning all the letters and vowels through the Yofee Tofee Curriculum. To pass this level, students should complete book 1 of Yofee Tofee.
- **Understanding:** Students will gain exposure to spoken Hebrew and over 50 vocabulary words, mostly relating to the Torah (e.g., *Avraham*, *Yitzhak*, *Emet*, *Yad*, *Olam*). To complete this level, students should translate "la-lechet," "la-rutz," "lek-potz," and 20 additional nouns.
- **Belonging:** Students will learn the Barchu, Shema prayers, and Oseh Shalom. Students will recite these prayers to complete this level.

● Tzahov - Yellow Level (~Grade 4)

- **Reading:** Students will continue to master the Alef-Bet's letters and vowels through book 2 of the Yofee Tofee Curriculum. To pass this level, students should correctly identify all the Alef-Bet's letters.
- **Understanding:** Students will be exposed to spoken Hebrew and over 50 vocabulary words, primarily related to the Torah (e.g., *Rivkah*, *Rachel*, *Ahava*, *Breisheet*). To complete this level, students should translate "li-kroa," "li-tov," "li-hatzbea," and 20 additional nouns.
- **Belonging:** Students will learn and explore the Avot Vimahot, G'vurot, Ahava Rabah (1st lines), Yotzer Or, and Ma'ariv Aravim. To complete this level, students will be able to read & recite the Avot V'imahot and identify the rest of the prayers in this level.

- **Yarok - Green Level (~Grade 5)**

- **Reading:** Students will blend letters and vowels fluently. To pass this level, students should blend one- and two-syllable words with ease.
- **Understanding:** Students will gain exposure to spoken Hebrew and over 50 vocabulary words, primarily relating to the Jewish Lifecycle (*e.g., Brit, Bat Mitzvah, Ketubah*). To complete this level, students should translate "li-hadlik," "lik-tov," "li-daber," and 20 additional nouns.
- **Belonging:** Students will learn the V'ahavta, Mi Chamocha, and the Hanukkah Blessings. To complete this level, students should read and recite the V'ahavta and the Hanukkah Blessings, and identify themes from Mi Chamocha.

- **Kachol - Blue Level (~Grade 6)**

- **Reading:** The emphasis of this level is on blending letters and vowels with increased fluency. Upon successful completion, students should be able to blend three-syllable words with ease.
- **Understanding:** Students will gain exposure to spoken Hebrew and over 50 vocabulary words, mainly related to the Jewish Peoplehood (*For Example: Ashkenazi, Spherdic, Mizrachi, Yisrael*). Completion of this level requires the student to translate ten of the introduced nouns.
- **Belonging:** Students will explore and learn the Torah Blessings, Haftarah Blessings, and Full Kiddush. To pass this level, students need to read and recite the Torah Blessings and Full Kiddush.

- **Sagol - Purple Level (~Grade 7)**

- **Reading:** This level focuses on reading from the Torah and learning our cantillation/trope system. To successfully complete this level, students should be able to chant a section of the Torah.
- **Understanding:** Students are exposed to spoken Hebrew and over 25 vocabulary words, primarily connected to Social Justice Work (*e.g., Tikkun Olam, Tzedek, Tikvah, Chessed*). Completion of this level requires the student to translate ten of the introduced nouns.
- **Belonging:** Students will explore and learn Ein Keloheinu, Torah Service, Aleinu, Kaddish, and Ashrei. Completion of this level requires the student to read and recite Ashrei and they will recognize the other prayers in this level.

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- After mastering the colors of the rainbow, students have the opportunity to further explore their own interests, whether in spoken Modern Hebrew, more traditional texts, or Jewish music. The sky's the limit!
- Students who complete all the colors of the rainbow will receive a special award and gift to acknowledge their achievement at their B'nei Mitzvah.