

DON'T LET OTHERS TELL OUR STORY

The strongest advocates know who they are.

The strongest advocates understand their history.

The strongest advocates possess the language to access their own culture directly.

Hebrew is not merely a tool for communication.

It is a bridge between generations.
A bridge between Diaspora and Israel.
A bridge between who we are and who we can become.

Keep the chain unbroken.

FREE RESOURCES TO GET STARTED

You do not need to enroll in a class or spend hours studying each day.
Start with a few minutes.
Start with a few words.
Start where you are.

Resources we recommend:

- Duolingo App
- Hebrew101 Podcast
- The Jewish Frontline Digital Resource Library

Find links, learning tools, Hebrew resources, and recommendations at:
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WHY HEBREW MATTERS MORE THAN WE THINK

THE COST OF LOSING A LANGUAGE

Across America, many immigrant communities have experienced the same pattern.

The first generation speaks the language.

The second generation understands it.

The third generation loses it.

Along with the language often comes a weakening connection to culture, history, and identity.

Many Hispanic Americans joke about becoming "No Sabo" kids—young people disconnected from the language of their parents and grandparents.

Jews face a similar challenge.

As Hebrew becomes less present in our homes, it becomes harder to access the culture, traditions, and texts that helped sustain our people for thousands of years.

HEBREW IS MORE THAN A LANGUAGE

Hebrew is the language of our prayers.
The language of our sacred texts.
The language of the modern State of Israel.
The language through which generations of Jews communicated ideas, values, and traditions.
When we learn Hebrew, we are not simply learning vocabulary.
We are building a direct connection to our people and our history.
Translation can teach meaning.
Language creates belonging.

EVERY WORD IS A THREAD

Many Jewish children know words like Shabbat, challah, tzedakah, mezuzah, and mitzvah before they know their English equivalents.
These words do more than communicate ideas.
They connect us to generations of Jews who used those same words.
Language creates continuity.
Every Hebrew word learned is another thread connecting us to our collective story.
When those threads disappear, rebuilding them becomes more difficult.

IVRIT STARTS AT HOME

You do not need to become fluent.
You do not need to move to Israel.
You do not need to speak Hebrew all day.

But you can begin.

Use simple Hebrew words around the house.

Label household objects.
Listen to Hebrew music.
Watch Israeli content.
Read children's books.
Learn together as a family.

Small exposure creates familiarity.
Familiarity creates comfort.
Comfort creates connection.