



Online Modern Hebrew Learning Options

Interested in integrating Hebrew language studies into your program but lack the time or expertise? Planning a synagogue trip to Israel and want participants to learn basic speaking skills? Curious about providing students with independent opportunities to learn conversational Hebrew? There are apps for that!

Access to technology has radically expanded the options for learning modern Hebrew. Whether at home or in a classroom setting, students can now acquire basic Hebrew skills with a virtual tutor. Set-up a self-paced Hebrew learning station in a section of your room using one of the apps mentioned below. These apps are also great for parents who might want to learn Hebrew, or refresh their skills, so they may help their child at home, or prepare for a synagogue trip to Israel. Here are our top recommendations:

App	Cost	Features
Duolingo iPad Android Website	Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Gamified” learning approach• Audio clips from native Hebrew speakers• Far more intermediate-level lessons than most other online apps• Sends email reminders to practice• Includes speech recognition
Mango iPad Android Website	\$19.99 per month (free with membership in a participating public library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on conversational Hebrew• Rich audio offerings• Emphasis on “travel Hebrew” - great for preparing for a congregational trip!
Transparent Language iPad Android Website	Varies from \$15-\$30 per month (free with membership in a participating public library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on “travel Hebrew” and written and oral comprehension• Includes speech recognition• Lets you compare your pronunciation to a native speaker
Memrise iPad Android Website	Free (premium level available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Similar to Quizlet, but with premade sets of Hebrew vocabulary words• “Gamified” in a graphically appealing way that is similar to Duolingo
Quizlet iPad Android Website	Free (premium level available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create your own vocabulary sets, can use pictures as part of a word definition• Automatically creates a variety of tests and games based on your vocabulary list• Rich set of word-lists created by other teachers - just be sure to proofread for errors in advance!

Other Options:

Though some of these resources have pronunciation support, they are not designed to teach reading. If you are already using a Hebrew reading or prayer-Hebrew based textbook, it's likely that the publisher has created a technology component. Additionally, some prayer books are available with interactive components online or as apps. If you are not working with a text, you might consider looking at what's available through major religious school textbook publishers.