

Using *Ulpan Alef* with *Hineni*

The four-page conversational Hebrew folders, [Ulpan Alef](#), are ideal to use in conjunction with [Hineni](#). They give students a taste of modern Hebrew vocabulary and sentence structure; help them appreciate Hebrew as a living language; strengthen their reading, writing, and comprehension skills; and are bright and colorful. Each folder covers a separate topic; the eight topics are:

1. Shalom (greetings and responses)
2. The Family at Home
3. Food
4. At School
5. Clothing
6. What Time Is It?
7. Where? (visiting places in the neighborhood)
8. In the Park (sports and nature)

Here are some ways teachers can enrich *Hineni* with *Ulpan Alef* to provide students with a taste of modern Hebrew, while still meeting the objective of prayer literacy:

- **As a full session.** Set aside a full session to teach an *Ulpan Alef* folder in its entirety. Dramatize the cartoon story, take a virtual trip to Israel with the *Welcome to Israel!* photographic feature, and explore the variety of reading, writing, and conversation exercises each folder offers.
- **At special times of the year.** Teach part of a folder in conjunction with holidays, school programs, or other special times of the year. For example, use “At School” on the first day of class, “Clothing” for Purim, and “In the Park” before a Lag B’Omer field day.
- **As a reward.** Teach a slice of *Ulpan Alef* at the end of each *Hineni* class, or after completing a chapter. Have students act out the cartoon story or play a conversation game from the Teacher’s Guide for *Ulpan Alef*.
- **At learning stations.** Create a conversational Hebrew learning station with *Ulpan Alef*, where students work alone, in pairs, or in groups to complete a folder. Give students an answer key for self-checking.
- **To keep post-B’nai Mitzvah students involved.** Offer a modern Hebrew course to those students who have become Bar or Bat mitzvah and are ready for a different Hebrew experience.
- **For family bonding time.** Create a family education program that will provide families with a little Hebrew to speak at home. For example, use the “Shalom” folder to help families learn basic greetings, salutations, and fun ways to interact.
- **On the web and CD-ROM.** Students can reinforce their learning with the [Ulpan Alef Interactive](#) web page at www.behrmanhouse.com or with the CD-ROM, where they can hear and build Hebrew sentences, create Hebrew cartoons, and play more than a dozen Hebrew video games—including the famous skateboarding game that only people under the age of 15 can master!

