

Hineni Workshop: Overview

Overview of the series: *Hineni* is a three-year prayer series, used in religious schools. It is written in the order of the prayer service. *Book 1* contains the opening (early) prayers of the service, including the Bar'chu, Mi Chamocha, plus prayers and blessings for home observance. *Book 2* is devoted to the Shabbat morning Amidah, the heart of the service. At the end of the book are a couple of prayers for Friday night prayer practice. *Hineni 3* is devoted to the Torah service and concluding prayers. The series is most commonly used in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. However, there are many schools that use it in 5th, 6th, and 7th, or even in 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It really all depends on when your students learn to decode. There are going to be lots of individual situations and we're going to try to personalize it for your school. The series is mostly used in a school that has approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours of Hebrew instruction a week. Some schools have two hours, and I'm going to give you ways to enrich it and to add more to it—to fill or round out your hours with other options, perhaps some modern Hebrew, for example, or conversational Hebrew. If you have less time (3/4 hour a week), which is not unheard of, or even an hour a week (fairly common), you may only want to use the book, the pupil edition itself. If you have more time, you may want to use the workbook in addition to the pupil edition.

