

## Hineni Workshop: Enrichment with Modern Hebrew

If you have more time for Hebrew instruction, if you have, say, two hours a week and you want to do more with your students, especially with the accelerated kids, then you may want to consider using *Ulpan Alef*, the conversational Hebrew folders. They come shrink-wrapped, in a set of 8 folders. They are for conversational Hebrew, mostly used in grades 4, 5, 6, and 7. I'm going to send around some, so grab a folder and take a look. If you take a look at the blue handout, you'll find ways to use *Hineni* with *Ulpan Alef* and [*Ulpan Bet*]. One example: do a chapter of *Hineni*, then one folder in *Ulpan Alef*. There are nine *Hineni* chapters; there are eight *Ulpan Alef* folders. You may want to do it as a reward upon completion of a chapter. You may want to spend ten minutes each session on *Ulpan Alef*. You may want to not do it at all, but it's been very, very popular with schools who want to add something more to it. For those of you who are using it [*Ulpan Alef*], *Ulpan Bet* is coming in December [2003].

ξ      Why isn't it already out?

You're right. They're hard to do, all the drawings, the limited vocabulary you're working with and you've still got to make the cartoon funny. It's a big challenge. So, *Ulpan Bet* will be another eight folders, slightly more difficult, but not much more so. Maybe another word or two are introduced and the design has been slightly altered but it's really more of the same. There are eight different topics and eight different folders. There is a simple Teacher's Guide that goes with it. There is also a CD-ROM that goes with *Ulpan Alef*. You can go to our website, [www.behrmanhouse.com](http://www.behrmanhouse.com), click on *Ulpan Alef*, and you



can play this actually. It's the full version, online, for free. Or, if your students don't have internet access, they can buy the CD, they are about eight dollars or so. So you can also use the *Ulpan Alef Interactive CD-ROM*.

Another option for modern Hebrew for an accelerated class is *Shalom Ivrit*. This series is brand new. It is a three-year [modern] language series. It's not for your school as your primary program, because you are using *Hineni*. It's for the school that chooses to do modern Hebrew as its primary goal. If you are using *Hineni* and you have an accelerated class (motivated, maybe they want to come in an extra day or stay later, maybe you want to pull them out of class for an extra challenge), consider adding *Shalom Ivrit*.

I gave you a handout, a purple handout. So, you can put your *Hineni 1* and *2* students in *Shalom Ivrit 1* for the accelerated class. If you want to spread this out over two years with *Hineni*, you can do it. It's just an option for the school that wants some modern Hebrew, for a special group of kids.

Questions?

ξ Since there is no cumulative vocabulary, involved with this, if we want to change the series, we could go full steam ahead into *Hineni*?

Yes. That's a very good question. That's really a question that's of concern to the educational director, because it's not a graded curriculum, like the *New Siddur Program*, where you have to move from *Book 1* to *Book 2* to *Book 3*. You can take the whole school and put them into *Hineni*. The books do get more difficult, but in the following way. The photographs will appeal to older kids; the font size gets smaller as the books progress. The design is a little more sophisticated, but not much. The questions, certainly,



get more challenging and sophisticated. But if we teach the roots, if we teach them *mem*, *lamed*, and *chaf* in *Book 1*, we are likely to repeat it in *Book 2* and in *Book 3*. So, there's no problem.

