



THANKS FOR TODAY

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Some of the most important phrases we teach our children are “thank you,” “excuse me,” and “sorry.” These phrases aren’t just good manners – they also help children develop empathy. Why not learn them in two languages?

JEWISH CONCEPTS

As you talk to your little ones, you might find yourself saying certain phrases again and again: *thank you, excuse me, sorry*. Repeating these words can help your children learn good manners – but more than that, it can help them learn to be thankful, to appreciate others, and to show empathy. When you label feelings, praise empathetic behavior, and model the responses you want to see, you help your children learn to navigate the world with emotional intelligence and grace.

If you can do this in two languages, so much the better! Despite its old roots, modern Hebrew is a young language. Until the late 19th century, Hebrew had been long relegated to religious and academic use. Editor and lexicographer Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the author of the first modern Hebrew dictionary, spearheaded the revival of Hebrew as a living, spoken language. Its resurgence is a stunning success story: today Hebrew is spoken by nine million people. *Kol ha-kavod* – well done!

