

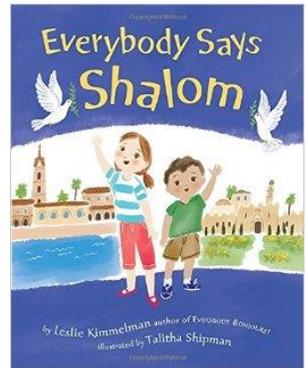
Read the PJ Library Book

Everybody Says Shalom 4s

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Synopsis

Sit back and enjoy a scenic armchair tour of Israel. Join an American family as they visit Israel and explore its bustling modern cities, ancient architectural finds, sandy beaches, and colorful, multicultural marketplaces. An adorable pink gecko hides on almost every page, challenging readers to find him as he scampers across Israel's contrasting and varied terrain.

Discuss the Jewish values and vocabulary with one another

Love of Israel - *a-ha-vat Yis-ra-el* - אהבת ישראל

Hebrew - *iv-rit* - עברית

Introducing the value of loving Israel *Ahavat Yisrael*

From Jewish teachings

From the moment God instructs Abraham to "Go to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1), Israel has played an important role in the history, religion, culture, and identity of the Jewish people. Israel is the site of numerous historic events, and it currently serves as home to 40% of the world's Jewish population. This year, 2018, Israel celebrates its 70th birthday as a modern independent nation. In 70 years Israel has contributed major advancements in the fields of agriculture, medicine, and technology. Did you know Israeli scientists created the cherry tomato?

For the teacher

- What questions do you have about Israel? What might help you comfortably explore Israel with your students?
- What do you hope your students will know – and feel – about Israel by the end of the school year?
- For adults and children who have never visited Israel, Israel exists as a somewhat imaginative land. How can you help Israel feel more real to your students and families?

Questions for children

- Let's look at the pictures in the book. In what ways do you think Israel is similar to where we live? In what ways is Israel different?
- Which places in Israel would you like to visit and why? Which activities would you like to try?



Introducing the value of Hebrew *Ivrit*

From Jewish teachings

Hebrew is both an ancient and modern language. Biblical writings and traditional liturgy were originally written in Hebrew, and to some people Hebrew is considered a holy language only to be used in prayer and study. Yet in the 1880s, a forward-thinking Russian named Eliezer Ben-Yehuda immigrated to Israel and revitalized the Hebrew language. Ben-Yehuda believed that reviving Hebrew into a living language was synonymous to maintaining the evolution of a modern Israel. Hebrew has been the official language of Israel since its establishment in 1948.

For the teacher

- What are the benefits of helping children expand their Hebrew vocabulary?
- How do you decide which Hebrew words to teach to your students?
- What techniques do you use to help children increase their English vocabulary? Can any of these strategies be used to help children expand their Hebrew vocabulary?

Questions for children

- What Hebrew words do you know?
- Can you describe a time when you might need to know a lot of Hebrew words?
- Let's compare Hebrew and English books and songs. How are they alike and how are they different?



Imagine your community living these Jewish values.

How would your classroom change?

How will the books and values come to life?

In the Classroom / Centers

☆ **Love of Israel:** Display a changing selection of photos of Israel in all plays areas. Use photos of ancient synagogues and modern Israeli buildings in the **block corner**; foods such as falafel or packaging with Hebrew writing in the **dramatic play area**; archeological finds near the **sand box**; and children wearing Israeli, Arabic, and/or Ethiopian clothing in the **dress-up area**.



☆ **Love of Israel:** Why wait until *Yom Hatzmaut*/Israel Independence Day to insert something Israeli into your curriculum? Serve Israeli foods such as hummus, pita, and pickles

for **snack**, play Israeli music in your **listening center**, or study Israeli artists such as Agam or Anna Ticho for **art education**.

☆ **Hebrew:** Try adding a Hebrew word-of-the-week at **morning meeting**, choosing words that correspond to familiar classroom items, such as chair, door, or bathroom. Prepare Hebrew signs/labels that describe various classroom items. (Be sure to include the English definition and transliteration on each sign.) Ask the children to help you hang each sign next to the item it describes. Use the word in everyday conversation. For example, while teaching the word *delet* (door) you might say: "Please line up by the delet," or "Last one in line - please close the delet."

☆ **Hebrew:** Place Hebrew letter stamps, stickers, and stencils in your **writing center**. Tape Hebrew newspaper to your art tables. The newspaper not only helps protect the tables from ink and paint spills, but it might inspire children to experiment with Hebrew letters and writing.



Engage the families in your community

How can you involve families and deepen home-school relationships?

I Spy Israel

In honor of Israel's 70th birthday, create a large photo collage of Israel in the entranceway to your school. Ask families to send in copies of photos from their own trips to Israel. You can also download photos of Israel from the Israeli [Ministry of Tourism](#). Make sure there are photos and glue near your collage so everyone can add photos as they come to school. Post two or three different I spy questions near the collage. For example: "I spy animals. How many can you find?" or "I spy different types of transportation. What kinds are they?"



A weekly Hebrew challenge

Send home a Hebrew word-of-the-week. Challenge families to integrate the word into their daily vocabulary as much as they can. Ask families to share anecdotes of how they managed to work the word into their daily conversations.

At Home

See below for a mini-newsletter about this book. Cut on the dotted line to send directly to families, or copy any part for your website or electronic communication with families.

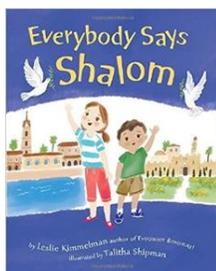


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DISCUSS Jewish values

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- Look at pictures of Israel together. Talk about places you would like to visit, and what you might do there.

Hebrew/ivrit

The official language of Israel, modern Hebrew is a mixture of ancient Biblical words and newly invented words, such as *televisia* for television.

- Think about the songs you sing at school. How many Hebrew words can we say in Hebrew and English?

DO fun stuff at home

Smash some beans

Humus is a popular Israeli snack made from chickpeas. Make your own humus with this easy [recipe](#). Dip veggies in it for a healthy treat.

Good eating - b'teyavon!

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MORE resources

70 fun facts about Israel: <http://bit.ly/Israel-fun-facts>
International recipes: <http://bit.ly/international-foods>
Shalom Sesame: <http://bit.ly/Grover-learns-Hebrew>