





The Tarbuton, with <u>eTeacher Hebrew</u>, offers a real-time online Hebrew program for San Diego children ages K-8 for the 2016-2017 school year. The classes are open to Israeli and American students connecting Jewish kids in America with Israeli teachers in Israel.

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Flexible & Convenient: San Diego's children can learn Hebrew from the comfort of their own home, with local friends, while maintaining Tarbuton's commitment to an "ivrit b'ivrit" [Hebrew taught in Hebrew] approach.



Teachers in Israel: eTeacher's multimedia platform brings children together in synchronous courses, using virtual real-time classroom interaction. All teachers are certified to teach Hebrew in Hebrew and as a second language.



Classes for Hebrew Speakers & New Hebrew Learners: Native Hebrew speakers have their own track, *Yisraelim b'chul* (**Israelis abroad**), while New Hebrew learners have theirs, *Ulpan Yeladim* (for English speakers/Americans with emphasis on spoken skills).

Virtual Learning: classes will be held using Webex, which will be provided by eTeacher. Students will have access to a "Virtual Learning Environment", where they will find recordings of past lessons, learning materials and receive online customer service.

Course Duration: 9 months longs with a single 45-60 minutes lesson a week (approximately 30 lessons, may change according to syllabus \ holidays). The semester will begin on **November 2** and end in August 2017, with classes on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Class Size: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8. If a class has an opening we will fill it first come first serve with full payment. Payment must be made online (via credit card)

Annual Class Fee: \$650 until the 30 of September 2016. \$750 after October 1 2016.

Customer Service: Post payment, all issues concerning class assignments, course schedules and technical support will be managed by eTeacher. No customer service or technical support is offered in San Diego through Tarbuton.

Levels: eTeacher recommended levels for existing Tarbuton students. New students will be contacted for an assessment after the initial registration form is received. A study package containing the relevant books will be shipped after payment and group assignment.

Groups

On the Hebrew Trail (בשבילי העברית) (Israelis abroad) - Ages 9-12

Note: Tarbuton's 2015-2016 student group 1/ Sundays Gilie. The syllabus is equivalent to the 4th grade of the Israeli educational system. Children will work on their reading skills and improve their understanding of sentences, messages of texts, differentiation between words and phrases. By the end of the course, children will gain improved understanding of written texts, and more correct writing skills.

On the tip of the tongue (על קצה הלשון) (Israelis abroad) - Ages 8-12

Note: Tarbuton's 2015-2016 student group 2/ Sundays Nava. The syllabus is equivalent to the 3rd-4th grades of the Israeli educational system. Children will work on differentiating between male and female, detection of word families and text types. By the end of the course, children will improve their grammar, reading and writing.

I can read without vowels (אני קורא ומבין בלי ניקוד) (Israelis abroad) - Ages 10-13

Note: Tarbuton's 2015-2016 student group Groups 3, 4 and 5/Sundays Lusia, Ronit, Rotal. The syllabus is equivalent to the 5th-6th grades of the Israeli educational system. Children will work on their reading and writing skills, communicational skills, written and verbal expression. By the end of the course, children will improve their reading and writing skills, and expand their vocabulary.

Towards Hebrew reading (לקראת קריאה) (Israelis abroad) - Ages 5-6

Dedicated for Hebrew speaking children who are about to learn Hebrew reading for the first time. The syllabus is equivalent to the pre-school learning materials of the Israeli educational system. Children will learn the letters, vowels and sounds. By the end of the course, children will have a basic understanding of reading and writing.

Ulpan A (אולפן ילדים) - Ages 7-12 / 13-17

Note: Tarbuton's 2015-2016 student Group6, 7 and 8/Wednesdays, or children with no conversational Hebrew experience. The syllabus covers 400 basic words in Hebrew. Children who finish this level will be able to conduct a simple conversation in Hebrew, read and write basic texts with "niqqud". In addition to Hebrew study the lessons strengthens the connection to Israel through content on holidays and special days which are an integral part of the curriculum

Schedule

Final schedule will be published later, and the classes will be within the 2 hour timeframes shown below.

Course	# of groups	Day and time (approximate)
Trails of the Hebrew language (בשבילי העברית)	1	Sundays 13:00-15:00
On the tip of the tongue (על קצה הלשון)	1	Sundays 13:00-15:00
l can read without vowels (אני קורא ומבין בלי ניקוד)	3	Sundays 13:00-15:00
Ulpan A (אולפן ילדים)	1	Sundays 13:00-15:00
Ulpan A (אולפן ילדים)	3	Wednesday 15:00-17:00
Towards Hebrew reading (לקראת קריאה)	1	Thursday 15:00-17:00

Registration

Tarbuton Office: office@tarbuton.org or 858-201-6094Post payment: service@eteachergroup.com or toll free number: 888-882-2012

Existing Students <u>Click here</u> for registration New Students <u>Click here</u> for more information

FAQ

Can I access the lesson through any operating system?

Yes. eTeacher's system works on PC, Mac, tablets, smart phones and any operating system. So if you have highspeed internet connection, you are all set.

Do I need to be computer-proficient in order to participate in a course?

Not at all. The system is very easy to use and in any case, you will receive clear written instructions that will guide you how to use the program.

How does a live course work?

Our teaching method uses a friendly technology of videoconference, which means that you sit at home in front of the computer and see the teacher live on your computer screen. You can hear and speak through microphone and speakers and actively participate in class. The course is very interactive. Besides interacting with the teacher you will be able to interact with your fellow classmates who will be in the same level as you are.

Is it a real live teacher or a virtual teacher?

The classroom is virtual, the teacher is live. The backbone of eTeacher's system is our virtual classrooms and real live teachers, teaching in real-time. Lesson content is delivered by voice, video and "shared whiteboard" technology. Live video enables the student to see the teacher during the lesson, and the teacher can see every student who has a web cam (optional). Teacher and students speak using the microphones on their PC headsets.

Are classes held on fixed hours or can I choose a different time each week?

This program is intended to be a solution for Tarbuton students who were enrolled in 2015-2016, therefore, we used the same days and times for classes. Our office manager will keep a list of interest for alternative days/times, but we think it's unlikely the minimum number of students will be met all at the same level on alternative days/times. We are not intending to market this program proactively; but rather offer it as a solution for those who came to rely on Tarbuton programs in the past and are seeking a similar solution for the coming school year.

Terms and conditions:

Equipment - The eTeacher Group bears no responsibility for the student's equipment (e.g., computer, modem, and speakers). In other words, you are exclusively responsible for the condition of your personal equipment and for performing the obligatory technical checks.

Liability - The eTeacher Group hereby declares that the company's liability for any student's claim whatsoever is limited to the sum that he or she has paid for the course(s). Furthermore, the eTeacher Group shall not be held legally accountable for any and all indirect damage.