

My 9 Key Resources for learning Hebrew fluently, and how I used them.



1

Frequency List



Key resource number 1 is a frequency word list. No word is equal in Hebrew. Some words are used all the time and others are used much less frequently. You want to focus on the most used words so that you can understand and speak as quickly as possible. Research shows that if you learn the 700 most frequent words in your target language then you can understand about 75% of anything in that language. So a resource that I relied heavily upon was a frequency word list. I [used this one](#) and translated every word to Hebrew (took a long time). If you want a quicker road then I have created a frequency word list for Hebrew ([available here at our shop](#)).

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Morfix (dictionary)

Morfix is my go to online dictionary for Hebrew to English translation. I find that its translations are the most accurate of any online dictionary (much more than google translate). There is an app version for your phone too. Essential for beginner students who aren't ready to start using a monolingual (Hebrew-Hebrew) dictionary.

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Anki



Anki beyond doubt has been the most important tool for me to obtain fluency in Hebrew. It solved a problem that plagued me for my first two years of learning Hebrew - how do I retain new words? How do I not forget them? Anki was the answer. If you don't know Anki it's like flashcards on steroids. You make flashcards and then Anki knows exactly the right time to test you so that you don't forget them. The only downside with Anki is that it's not the most user friendly app which is why I've made a series of videos to help you get the most out of it. This video will help you [set up Anki](#), here you will find [100 downloadable flashcards](#) and here is [how to use Anki](#).

Then [watch this video](#) to learn how to make vocabulary cards (to use with your frequency word list) and [this video](#) will teach you how to make sentence cards (to use with your grammar book or verb tables - see below).

4 Milog (dictionary)

Milog is the next step up from Morfix. It's a monolingual dictionary so there is no English at all. I rely on Milog heavily these days in my learning. I use it with every new flash card I create. It gives you synonyms, all the grammar information you could want, example sentences and concise, easy to understand definitions.



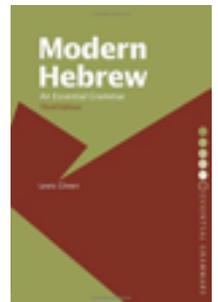
5 Hebrew Verbs Book *Tarmon & Yuval*



A good Hebrew verb book is an essential resource for the intermediate/advanced student. Hebrew is a very structured language. A verb book will show you how Hebrew verbs are grouped together in different but very structured patterns. Learn one pattern and then just apply it to every verb that also uses that pattern. I use [this book](#) but there are similar options to [this one](#). Usage tips: use this book in conjunction with the [sentence card Anki video](#). Plus you can see [my blog article](#) which describes in detail how I learn verbs.

6 Grammar Book *Lewis Glinert*

In terms of a good grammar book I highly recommend [Lewis Glinert's Modern Hebrew Grammar](#). Glinert's style makes it easy to get your head around the concepts and understand them. It's clear and not overwhelming as some grammar books can be. There are plenty of example sentences for you to use in your flashcards too. He also has a [very advanced grammar book](#) which I recommend if you are a grammar freak like me;)



7 Google Docs (or Word)



Do you write in Hebrew to help you improve? Writing helps us practise the words we know and combine them into sentences. It helps us imbed and process all the new things that we are learning. I use Google Docs because I can send my writing to a trusted Israeli friend and they can correct it for me right in the Doc. The corrections appear next to my original text and you can use these to make flashcards from. It's a learning goldmine.

8 Voice Recorder

We learn a language in order to speak. So practising speaking should be our main activity when we study...no? Going out and speaking to Israelis or Hebrew speakers can be daunting and scary! That's why I recommend using your phone's voice recorder to record yourself speaking. Set yourself goals like speaking for a minute once a day. Speak about your day or as much as you can. The idea is that you give yourself the chance to speak Hebrew in a comfortable, non-threatening environment. Once you've built your confidence in speaking to yourself you'll be more confident using your speaking skills with actual people.



9 Harry Potter and audio books



Our final key resource is a good Hebrew book. Start with a book that you can understand and then build up to a full novel. My favourite is Harry Potter or Narnia. Both are “children’s” books but are enthralling stories to adults and children alike. Yes, it’s a real challenge to begin reading a full length book but go slow and you’ll discover a whole new enjoyable way to learn Hebrew.

For those not yet ready for Harry Potter try this [audio book website](#). It costs 40 shekels a month for as many audio books as you want. If you're willing to go on a bit of a reading splurge then it could be a wonderful gift to yourself to have books read to you for a few months. Children's books are available as well.

Where to now...



These are all the resources that I used and still use in order to master my Hebrew. In addition to this guide you can check out my [online course library](#) for structured online video courses.

All the best!

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