

Class Outline

Every class we begin by singing the Shema and reciting the Ve'ahavta:

Shema' Yisra'el Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

Ve'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha, bechol levav'cha, uvechol nafshecha, uvechol me'odecha. Vehayu had'varim ha'eleh, asher Anochi metzav'cha hayom al levavecha. Veshinantam levanecha, vedibarta bam, beshivt'cha be'veitecha, U've'lechtecha va'derech, u'veshochbecha uv'kumecha. Uk'shartam le'ot al yadecha, vehayu letotafot bein einecha. Uch'tav'tam al mezuzot beitecha u'vishe'arecha

The Shema

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד׃
וְאַהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לְבָבְךָ וּבְכָל-
נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ׃

Selected songs:

“Shalom ‘Aleichem”

Shalom ‘aleichem malakhei hashareit malakhei Elyon. Mi-melekh malkhei hamelakhim hakadosh barukh hu. Bo'akhem le-shalom malkhei ha-shalom malakhei Elyon. Mi-melekh malkhei hamelakhim hakadosh barukh hu. Barchuni le-shalom malkhei ha-shalom malakhei Elyon. Mi-melekh malkhei hamelakhim hakadosh barukh hu. Tzetkhem le-shalom malkhei hashalom malakhei Elyon. Mi-melekh malkhei hamelakhim hakadosh barukh hu.

“Peace upon you, ministering angels, messengers of the Most High, of the Supreme King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be He. Come in peace, messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, of the Supreme King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be He. Bless me with peace, messengers of the

Most High, of the Supreme King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be He. May you depart in peace, messengers of the Most High, of the Supreme King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be He.”

“Lekha Dodi”

Lechah dodi,

likrat kalah penei shabat nekabelah (x2)

Shamor vezachor bedibur echad

hishmi'anu el hameyuchad

hashem echad ush'mo echad

leshem uletif'eret velitehilah Lechah dodi...

“Come my lover to welcome the Shabbat, we will welcome the Shabbat. Guard and remember in a single utterance let us hear the special kind, God is one and his name is one, for his name for glory and praise. Come my lover...”

The rest of the class is spent learning Hebrew letters, vowels, how to transliterate and read, and then exercises which build grammar and vocabulary.