



1. Things you need to know

חייבים לדעת!

1.

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement: **Yes**

כן

ken

2.

After saying “yes”, sometimes there's no choice but to say “no”... From the tone you can tell that no means **No!**

לא

lo

3.

Now that we've mastered “yes” and “no”, it's time to ask for something, and say **Please**

בְּבַקְשָׁה

bevakasha

4.

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You**

תּוֹדָה

toda

5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying **Thanks a Lot**

רַב תּוֹדוֹת / תּוֹדָה רַבָּה

rav todot / toda raba

6.

Usually you'll get a standard response, such as “my pleasure”, “no problem”, or a modest response like: **You're welcome**

עַל לֹא דָבָר

al lo davar

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes, please**

כן, בבקשה

ken, bevakasha

8.

Or: **No, thank you**

לא, תודה

lo, toda

9.

“Excuse me” is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone’s attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is “excuse me”. For example, “Excuse me please, you’re stepping on my foot!” – **Excuse me**

סליחה

slichah

10.

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – “Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn’t mean it!” If we accidentally hurt someone, we can say **I beg your pardon**

...סליחה...

slichah...

11.

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is: **Sorry**

מצטער / מצטערת

mitzta'er / mitzta'eret

12.

And when everything is fine, you can say: **It's okay**

זה בסדר

ze beseder

13.

Moving on to some “dating phrases”. The first word you’ll probably say at the beginning of the date is: **Hello**

שלום

shalom

14.

And when you part ways? It’s always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye**

שלום

shalom

15.

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say “see

you” just to be polite... in either case, we say: **See you**

להתראות
lehitra'ot

16.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!**

בוקר טוב!
boker tov

17.

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!**

אַחַר צֶהֱרִיִּים טוֹבִים
achar tzohoraim tovim

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good evening!**

עֶרֶב טוֹב
erev tov

19.

And at night, when you are ready to go to sleep, you guessed right! – we say **Good night!**

לִילָה טוֹב
laila tov

20.

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: "Good to see you... **Welcome!**"

בְּרוּכִים הַבָּאִים
bruchim haba'im

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange "small talk". They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?**

מָה חֲדָשׁ? מָה נִשְׁמַע?
?ma chadash? ma nishma

22.

How are you today?

מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ הַיּוֹם? מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ הַיּוֹם?
ma shlomcha ha'yom?

23.

Some people simply ask, **How are you doing today?**

מָה הָעֲנִיָּיִנִים?
ma ha'inyanim?

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints... You can simply say: **Fine, thanks**

טוב, תודה.
tov, toda.

25.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

אצלי הכול בסדר. ומה אצלך? / אצלך?
etzli hakol beseder. u'ma etzlecha / etzlech?

26.

And if everything was okay, or at least no one complained, you can say politely: I enjoyed myself, **I had a lovely time**

היה נעים מאוד
haya na'im me'od

27.

And your host will probably reply: "It's my pleasure".

Yes, it's always a good idea to be polite... **It's my pleasure**

העונג כולו שלי.
ha'oneg kulo sheli.

28.

And so, continuing to be polite, let us part by saying: **I wish you...**

אני מאחל לך... (אני מאחלת לך)
ani me'achel lecha... (ani me'achelet lecha...)

29.

You could also say "best wishes", or "all the best", and maybe even wish someone **Good luck**

בהצלחה
bahatzlacha

30.

You could, of course, add a little more detail, such as: **Good health and happiness**

בריאות ואושר
bri'ut ve'osher

31.

And there's also **Happy Holiday**

חג שמח
chag same'ach

32.

And of course **Happy New Year**

שנה טובה

shana tova

33.

Another way of saying goodbye is **Bon voyage**

נְסִיעָה טוֹבָה

nessi'a tova

34.

Hey, kid, how old are you?! **Happy birthday**

יוֹם הַיּוֹלָדֶת שְׂמֵחַ

yom huledet same'ach

35.

And to mark a wedding anniversary, you would say **Happy anniversary**

יוֹם נִישׁוּאִים שְׂמֵחַ

yom nissuyim same'ach

36.

Have a good time, **Enjoy your stay**

שְׁהוּת נְעִימָה

she'hut ne'ima

37.

And **Have a nice day**

יוֹם נְעִים

yom na'im

38.

And you could always add this greeting: **All the best**

כָּל טוֹב

kol tuv



12. Hotels

מלון

355.

Now that we've landed safely, filled in all the forms and set out as tourists... let's think about the most common situations we may encounter. We'll begin at the hotel. Make a reservation in advance to make sure there's a room... **Making Hotel Reservations**

להזמין חדר במלון

le'hazmin cheder bamalon

356.

If you didn't make a reservation, your first question to the hotel clerk is: **Hello, do you have a vacancy?**

שלום, יש לכם חדר פנוי?

shalom, yesh lachem cheder panui?

357.

Here's the answer you don't want to hear: **Sorry, everything's taken**

מצטערים, הכול תפוס...

mitzta'arim, hakol tafus...

358.

If you did make a reservation, you can say: **I have a reservation**

יש לי הזמנה

yesh li hazmana

359.

And if not, try your luck and hope for the best: **I don't have a reservation**

אין לי הזמנה

ein li hazmana

360.

Maybe you need to give more information: **I need a room...**

אני צריכה חדר, אני צריכה חדר

ani tzarich (tzericha) cheder

361.

for one night

לְלַיְלָה אֶחָד
le'laila echad

362.

for two adults and two children

לְשְׁנֵי מְבוֹגָרִים וְלְשְׁנֵי יְלָדִים
lishnei mevugarim ve'lishnei yeladim

363.

This may sound odd, but based on experience it's a good idea to add: **with a bathroom**

עִם חֵדֶר רַחְצָה וְשִׁירוּתִים
im hadar rachatza ve'sherutim

364

with a single bed or a double bed

עִם מִיטַת יָחִיד / מִיטַת זוגִית
im mitat yachid / mita zugit

365.

Where is the room? **on the first floor**

בְּקוֹמָה הַתַּחְתּוֹנָה
bakoma hatachtona

366.

Or maybe **on the top floor**

בְּקוֹמָה הָעֲלִיוֹנָה
bakoma ha'elyona

367.

Do I need to take the stairs to get **upstairs**

לְמַעַלָּה בַּמְדַּרְגּוֹת
lemala bamadregot

368.

Or to get **downstairs**

לְמַטָּה בַּמְדַּרְגּוֹת
lemata bamadregot

369.

But I have suitcases... Is there an elevator? **elevator**

מַעֲלִית
ma'alit

370.

The hotel's location is important for tourists and also affects the price. A hotel can be downtown, near the train station or in the suburbs. It's always good to know

the hotel's exact address. **Where are you located?**

איפה אתם ממוקמים?
eifo atem memukamim?

371.

If the location isn't clear, you can always ask: **How do I get there from...?**

איך אני מגיעה אליכם מ...?
eich ani magi'a eleichem mi...?

372.

And of course, to avoid any surprises... **How much does it cost?**

מה המחיר בבקשה?
ma hamechir bevakasha?

373.

This is not always obvious... **Does the price include breakfast?**

האם המחיר כולל ארוחת בוקר?
ha'im hamechir kolel aruchat boker?

374.

Let's review meals! first, **breakfast**

ארוחת בוקר
aruchat boker

375.

lunch

ארוחת צהריים
aruchat tzohoraim

376.

supper

ארוחת ערב
aruchat erev

377.

We've almost forgotten the hotel clerk on the phone... what should we tell him?
We'll take the room! **Thank you, I'll be there by... 4**

תודה. אגיע עד השעה... 4
toda. agi'a ad ha'sha'a... arba

378.

Most countries that welcome tourists have tourist information offices. Most hotels also have a tourist desk to answer tourists' questions... **Tourist Information**

מידע לתיירים
meida letayarim

379.

Fill in the following question as needed: **Excuse me, where can I find...?**

סליחה, איפה יש כאן...?

slichá, eifo yesh kan..?

380.

Maybe we'll separate to shop in the market. We need a... **meeting point**

נקודת מפגש

nekudat mifgash

381.

Perhaps you have a free **map of the city**

מפת העיר

mapat ha'ir

382.

Can you help me find ... **a car rental agency**

סוכנות להשכרת רכב

sochnut le'haskarat rechev

383.

Actually, maybe I'd prefer a **taxi stand** or a **bus stop**

תחנת מוניות / תחנת אוטובוס

tachanat moni'yot / tachanat otobus

384.

A train to...

רכבת ל...

rakevet le...