Hebrew Language Blog

Let's Explore Israel!

The first thing I like to do when I go on a trip is to find out what the מָגְג אֲוִיר (weather) is like over there at the time of year I plan to go. Since this is the middle of August, I went over to the Israel Meteorological Service's website to check it out. Here's what I found out:

From the beginning to the end of הַּקְּסִין (summer) hot, dry desert winds called "hamsin" (הַּקְּסִין) occur anytime from March to November. This means I can't go rushing around a lot. No problem, I'll most likely be visiting air-conditioned מָּנְשָׁהְ (restaurants), do some browsing in a שִׁיכִּ (bazaar) somewhere, And since I've lived in the deserts of the Southwest USA, I know to drink plenty of מַרָּשׁ (sunscreen).

Okay, now that I got that...what if I stay longer than expected? הַּרֶּף (winter) in Israel is cold and נָשׁוּם (rainy), so I better pack something for then, or maybe I can just buy something there when I absolutely need it. It'll help with my shopping practice.

Where Am I Going?

Israel may be a small country, but there are so many places to go and explore. I decided to keep it to the most well-known places and travel in this order:

Tel-Aviv - (הַל־אָבִיב-יָפּוֹ)	Jenin* - (ג'נין)	Bethlehem* - (בֵּית לֶחֶם)
Netanya - (נְתַנְיָה)	(رام الله) - *Ramallah	Hebron* - (הֶּבְרוֹן)
Haifa - (חֵיפָה)	Jericho* - (יְרִיחוֹי)	Beersheba - (בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע)
Nazareth - (נָצְרַת)	Jerusalem - (יְרוּשֶׁלַיִם)	Ashdod - (אַשְׁדּוֹד)

I don't know how long this will take as I plan on giving each city a couple of weeks to explore and report back to you. I hope you'll be excited enough to possibly take a trip in the future to any one of these places and experience it yourselves.

Booking the Trip

In order to go, I'll visit my סֹיכְנוּת נְסִיעוֹת (travel agency) and see what they have for me to check out. Hopefully I can find some great deals and הַנַּחָה (discounts).

I made sure my דַּרְכּוֹן (passport) is current. And because I'll be passing through the West Bank, I'll get a יַּרְכּוֹן (visa) in Tel-Aviv and I'll talk more about that when I arrive. I got the addresses and phone numbers to the שַּגְּרִירִּוּת אֶּמֶרִירְנוֹת (American Embassy) just in case I need to get in touch with them.

Okay, what am I forgetting? Oh yes! My בַּרְטִיס טִיסָה (plane ticket)! Can't forget that. I'll put it in my carry-on bag.

*These cities are located in the West Bank

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Basic Travel Phrases

Where is the... - (*ey-foh hah*...?) ?.... אַיפֹה הַ



U.S. Embassy - (shahg-ree-root ah-meh-ree-kahn-oat) שַׁגָּרִירוּת אֲמֶרִיקַנוֹת

bazaar - (shook) שוּק

museum - (moo-zeh-oan) מוּזָאוֹן

restaurant - (mees-'ah-dah) מְסְעָּדָה

travel agency - (sok-noot neh-see-'oat) סוֹכְנוּת נְסִיעוֹת

(masculine) I need a... - (ah-nee tsah-reekh) אַני צַרִיך

(feminine) I need a... - (ah-nee tsah-ree-kha) אַני צַרִידָּ

passport - (dahr-kon) דַּרְכּוֹן

plane ticket - (kar-tees tee-sah) בַּרְטִיס טִיסָה

visa - (vee-zah) וִיזָה



Other Vocabulary

cold - קר sunscreen - קרָם שָׁזּוּף

deal - הַרְבֶּה מָאֹד, הָמוֹן SPF עם מקדם הגנה

discount - הַנָּחָה *travel agent - סוֹבֶן נְסִיעוֹת*

hamsin - מַיִם water - מַיִם water - מַיִם

to pack - לְאַרוּז weather - מֶזֶג אֲוִיר

rainy - נְשׁוּם weather forecast - הַּחֲזִית מֶּזֶג weather forecast

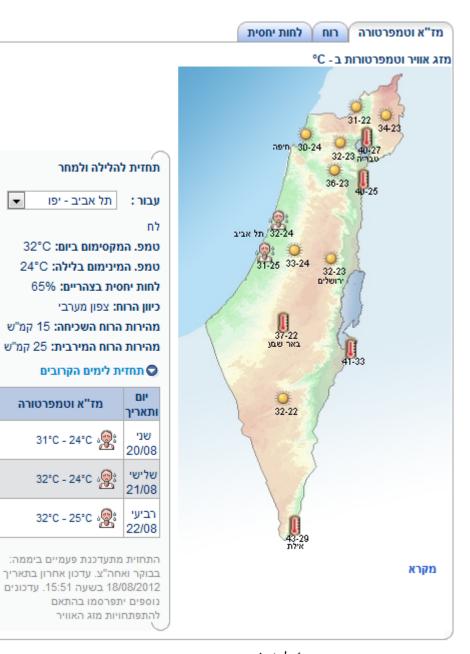
summer - הַקִּיץ

winter - חֵֹרֶף





Reading a Weather Forecast (Tel-Aviv)



temperature - טמפ temperature* - טֶּמְפֶּרָטוּרָה

day* - יוֹם

relative - יַחַסִית

direction - בּוּוֹן

humid - לַת

humidity - לַחוּת

evening, tonight* - לַיָּלָה

speed, velocity - מָהֵירוּת

weather - מז"א

weather - מֶג אֲנִיר

tomorrow* - מַחַר

מִינִימוּם - minimum

west - מַעֲרָבִי

maximum* - מַקסימוּם

for, for the sake of - עַבוּר

מהריים - *noon

north - צַפוֹן

northwest - צָפוֹן מֵעֲרָבִי

kilometer - קילוֹמֶטֶר

kilometers per hour - קמ"ש

Wednesday - רביעי

wind* - רוּתַ

frequent* - שַׁכִיתַ

Tuesday - שָׁלִישׁי

Monday - שני

date - תַּאַרֶיך

forecast - תַּחָזִית

weather forecast - תַּחַזִית מֶזֶג הָאַוִיר



תל אביב - יפו

מז"א וטמפרטורה

32°C - 25°C





It is hot outside - אַם בַּחוּץ

*The words with an asterisk have suffixes attached to them in the weather forecast chart shown above. These indicate basic grammar rules that are very easy to learn. On the next page I'll show you the suffixes along with the words so you can see how they are used:

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On the previous page I mentioned the use of suffixes in Hebrew. They are used to form plurals of nouns and adjectives, conjugate verbs or indicate possession and direct objects and other grammatical needs. Below are the ones used in the weather forecast on page three and how they are used. Notice that I color coded them so you can see how and where they are used.

Hebrew Handwriting

אבגדהוזחטיכלמנסעפצקרשת אגטיף ו א חליכל א ניזף צף יש ת