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With this guide, you can return to your roots or create new ones

Want to discover how to speak Hebrew? This easy-to-understand guide explains basic grammar and usage, covering everything from the alphabet and numbers to making small talk, planning a trip, and changing money. You'll also discover the basics of Hebrew blessings and prayer, as well as the significance of the holy days.

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- Pick up Hebrew the easy way –through actual conversations
- Features dialogues by native Hebrew speakers
- Allows you to hear Hebrew as it's really spoken
- Reinforces lessons from the book

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