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A LOOK AT IVRIT IN RKYHS

At RKYHS, the Hebrew classes are based on solid research in second language acquisition. Students develop their interpersonal, interpretive and presentation skills through SmartBoard lessons and activities that foster communication, listening and speaking skills. The use of the language is also integrated into the teaching and discussions in Judaic studies courses.

Language acquisition and conversational skills are developed through many creative techniques in addition to classroom learning. An emphasis is placed on ensuring that students utilize the knowledge they've learned and are able to put it to practical use in conversational Hebrew. Each class has "chimor" where students take turns choosing a subject that they are interested in, an experience from their lives, or other topics of interest and share it with the class in Hebrew. Each week, classes focus on the Words of the Week which are used in a variety of ways in the classroom, and students are tasked with presenting the words through conversation in class.

Hebrew classes at RKYHS also focus on current events. Through reading the "chadashot" the class discusses what is taking place in Israel. Students read a variety of Israeli news outlets and then present the current events to the class. The students are also required to come up with a number of questions about the current events topics and present them to their classmates. The class then divides up into two groups to debate the topic.

We are excited to welcome our Israeli shaliach Yonatan each month to the RKYHS Hebrew classes. Yonatan is close in age to our students as he is spending his gap year here before the army. Each visit, Yonatan talks with the students about life in Israel for a teenager, Israeli culture, and this time in his life before joining the army.