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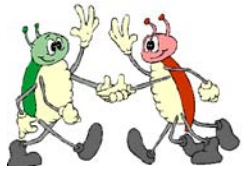
CD 1, Track 01

Unit 1 - Meeting new people

Our first topic is about getting acquainted and socialized with people in Israel. When you arrive in Israel, you will notice that the people here, especially the young ones like yourselves, are very informal and use many ways in conversation to show interest in another person.

For youngsters it is common to spend a few minutes in a conversation with another guy/girl just mutually asking and answering in several different ways "How are you". It's like a social code for youngsters. Each such question warms up the atmosphere and creates the feeling of friendship.

Just by having a short conversation around "How are you" the Israeli way, you can already break the ice and start feeling like an Israeli and convey the same feeling to the Israeli person.



Useful slang words in introductory conversation.

Hi	AH'LAN	אַהֲלָן
Guys	* KHEVRE	חֶבְרָה

* We chose the phonetic "KH" to imitate the sound CH as in Scottish "LOCH"

Questions



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What's up?	MA NISHMA?	מָה נִשְׁמָע?
How are you? (m)	MA SHLOMKHA?	מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ?
How are you? (f)	MA SHLOMEKH?	מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ?
What's doing?	MA KORE?	מָה קוֹרֶה?
What's doing?	MA KORE?	מָה קוֹרֶה?
Is everything OK?	HAKOL TOV?	הַכֹּל טוֹב?
How is it going?	EIKH HOLEKH?	אֵיךְ הוֹלֵךְ?
What's up?	MA HANTZAV?	מָה הַמְצָב?
How about yourself? (m)	MA ITKHA?	מָה אִתְךָ?
How about yourself? (f)	MA ITAKH?	מָה אִתְךָ?
How are you? (m)	EIKH ATA?	אֵיךְ אַתָּה?
How are you? (f)	EIKH AT?	אֵיךְ אַתְּ?

Possible answers



Good	HAKOL TOV	טוֹב
Everything's OK		הַכֹּל טוֹב
Great,	ME'ULE	מְעֻלָּה
Great, cool	SABABA	סַבָּבָה
Cool, excellent	AKHLA	אַחְלָה
All right, fine	BE'SEDER	בְּסֵדֶר
See you	LE'HITRAOT	לְהִתְרַאוֹת
See'ya	LE'HIT	לְהִת'
So long, bye	YALLA BYE	יֵאלְלָה בַּי

There are three "Golden Rules" that will accompany us throughout this book.

- 1. Just listen listen, listen to the same track several times.**
- 2. Now listen and read at least twice**
- 3. Check yourself on each new subject, by covering the Hebrew part and looking at the English and saying the text aloud from English to Hebrew.**
- 4. Immediately use any new vocabulary you have learned.**

*You are lucky to have many guys
 around you in the bus
 in a similar situation and you
 also have Israelis accompanying you.*



*The best way to practice is using the dialogues in your booklet with a partner.
 You can check each other. One will cover the Hebrew part and the other will check
 with an open book, and then switch the roles.*



Short dialogues

Following are 5 short dialogues,
which you can use in your first interaction with Israelis.

1

Hi guys,	AH'LAN KHEVRE,	אַהְלָן חֵבְרָה,
What's up?	MA NISHMA?	מָה נִשְׁמַע?
Everything is OK.	HAKOL TOV.	הַכֹּל טוֹב.

2

How are you? (m)	MA SHLOMKHA?	מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ?
How are you? (f)	MA SHLOMEKH?	מָה שְׁלוֹמְךָ?
Great.	ME'ULE.	מְעֻלָּה.

3

Hi, what's doing?	HI, MA KORE?	הֵי, מָה קוֹרֶה?
Everything is OK.	HAKOL TOV.	הַכֹּל טוֹב.
OK, see you.	TOV, LE'HITRAOT.	טוֹב, לְהִתְרְאוֹת.
Bye.	YALLA BYE.	יֵאלֶלֶה בֵּי.

4

Hi, what's up?	AH'LAN, MA HAMATZAV?	אַהְלָן, מָה הַמְצָב?
Cool.	SABABA.	סַבָּבָה.

5

How is it going?	EIKH HOLEKH?	אֵיךְ הוֹלֵךְ?
Cool.	AKHLA	אַחְלָה.
What's with you? (m)	MA ITKHA?	מָה אִתְּךָ?
What's with you? (f)	MA ITAKH?	מָה אִתְּךָ?
Great, cool.	SABABA.	סַבָּבָה.

Now, a few greetings in Hebrew:

ENGLISH	PHONETIC	עִבְרִית
Good morning	BOKER TOV	בֹּקֶר טוֹב
Good evening	EREV TOV	עֶרֶב טוֹב
Thanks, thank you	TODA	תּוֹדָה
Thank you very much	TODA RABA	תּוֹדָה רַבָּה