



Newsletter for English Teachers

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STAY UP TO DATE



Dear English Teachers,

This has been a year of continuous challenges. Yet, despite obvious difficulties, it is clear to me and to other policy makers, that English teachers continue putting their students first, prioritizing their teaching responsibilities and assuring that our students are learning. This helps to maintain an ongoing connection with students, a semblance of normality in uncertain times.

Changes in behavior and attitudes have been inflicted on us due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are forced to prioritize and reconsider our teaching and assessment continuously, in light of conditions and demands that have become part of our reality.

I take this opportunity to reiterate my enormous appreciation for your tremendous commitment to these efforts. All of our abilities as teachers, counselors and inspectors combine to this end. Thank you for worrying about the students' well-being. Thank you for continuously supporting student success. However, do not forget your own health and safety. Make sure you keep 2 meters apart from the students. Make sure that masks are always worn by you and the students. Thank you once again for proving what we know about English teachers as exceptional educators.

All the best wishes

Dr. Tziona Levi,

Chief Inspector of English



Updates

SAVE THE DATE

אדם בונה למידה
המזכירות הפדגוגית-אנג'א

Please join the National English Inspectorate

**WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS
OF GRADES 3-10:
MARCHING ON**

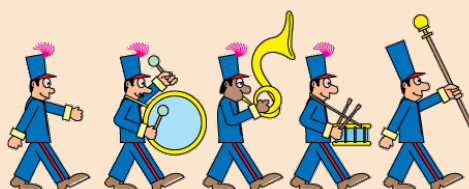
March 11th / March 17th 2021
כ"ז באדר א' ד' בניסן תשפ"א

**3rd to 6th grade teachers:
Click here!**

**7th -10th grade teachers:
Click here!**

[3 -6 grade](#)

[7-10 grade](#)



Tips

- From the WhatUp Project: [Learn how to help a friend.](#)
- [4 Video Game Tricks for Online Learning](#)
- [6 Ways to Build Fluency in Second Language Writing](#)
- [Ideas for Teaching Vocabulary On-Line](#) (MA students from Oranim college)
- [English from Home](#) – Your go-to website for hybrid teaching and learning!



Bagrut Updates

You can read about all the Bagrut updates on the front page of Stay Up To Date under Bagrut Examinations:

All COBE updates can be found by clicking here.

Updated Bagrut Handbooks:

- 3 Point Bagrut Handbook
- 4 Point Bagrut Handbook
- 5 Point Bagrut Handbook

English Bagrut 2021:

Need more review?
We've got something for you!

Check out the National Broadcast slides and videos to help you get ready for the winter bagrut.

[Click here](#)

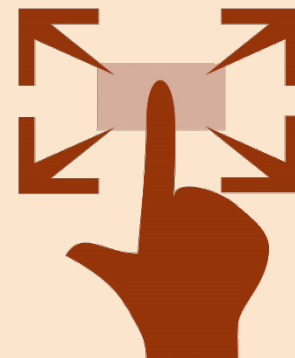


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ETAI is YOUR professional organization!
Participate! Join!

Don't forget:



[RSVP by 18/2/2021](#)



THE DIPLOMACY MAJOR PRESENTS

WORLD PRESS PHOTO VIRTUAL SUMMITS

Throughout the month of February
19 Sessions, 70 Schools
60 Guides, 1400 Tenth Graders

SPONSORED BY THE US EMBASSY'S AMERICAN CENTER JERUSALEM

For more information, please click here to visit the [Summit Day Site](#).

World Press Photo Summit Day Events

Throughout the month of February, tenth graders in the Diplomacy major are studying photojournalism and attending virtual summit days with their counterparts from schools around the country. In the summit days, they get to know new friends in small groups, are guided through a virtual museum by Diplomacy twelfth grade volunteers and reflect on and discuss the photos. For the final activity, the students collaborate with their new friends to create a group photo essay.

Diplomacy students are receiving additional enrichment on the topic,



supported by the American Center Jerusalem, in sessions with experts on analyzing photographs, creating better photo essays, ethics in photojournalism, and how governments present their stories through pictures.

Please visit the [WPP Summit Day site](#) to learn more about our activities and to view the students' products.

FUN TIME



- [read more about DINGBATS](#)
- [see the answers from last time](#)
- [try new ones](#)

MONDLY APP

*Screentime with a Purpose
Learning English via Mondly*

Mondly is a language learning app for elementary - junior high pupils that "play their way to learning". 25 schools joined the pilot program this year run by the Ministry of Education (Agaf Hasafot) and Start Hybrid. Hundreds of pupils are learning English in a fun, immersive, and interactive way. The results speak for themselves. Harel Mor was our January winner and knocked up over 44 hours of playtime. He was interviewed with his parents and teacher Efrat Baranetz. [Watch the video as he explains how he did it.](#)

הנווטר
סביבת למידה תקוונת,
בהתאמה אישית בתחומי הדעת
למורי היסודי

**Are you an elementary English teacher?
Are you thinking about which Hishtalmut
to take this year?**
Do you want more tips and tools for distance teaching?
You need look no further!
The Ministry of Education is now offering a brand new,
aesthetic online learning opportunity:

Kaveret

Kaveret allows you to choose from a variety of
study units about a whole host of topics that are
relevant for your English teaching!
Wherever you want ...
Whenever you want ...
Without leaving the comfort of your home!
For more information and to register, [click here](#)
and browse through the units designed
just for English teachers!
Register now to reserve your spot!

משרד החינוך

Teaching Units

Throughout the summer, a group of professional and experienced teachers worked with Matach to develop rich teaching units for teachers of pupils in grades 3 - 9. The teaching units are aligned to the specifications of the revised Curriculum 2020 and offer a broad and diverse range of suggested synchronous, asynchronous, online and offline tasks in addition to differential suggestions according to the UDL

(Universal Design for Learning) framework. These units are available to the teachers on the Portal. Teachers can access these units using their Ministry password. The accompanying work pages can be downloaded to Google classroom or Microsoft 365. Each unit is adaptable to suit the specific needs of the teacher and her/his students. The units will be officially launched at the Marching ON event on March 11th/17th – see flyer above.

DUOLINGO

25 teachers and 1000 students in the Arab sector in JH have started a six-month pilot project using the app Duolingo.

Duolingo is a free website and phone app where students can practice and learn a language. The focus is on speaking (other skills drilled are reading, listening, and writing).





The National Broadcasts

"Who me? In front of a camera?!" Teachers who took on the filming of the national broadcasts were forced to take a giant leap out of their comfort zones to create resources for English teachers nationally when Covid-19 came onto the scene. On average, it took fifteen hours to prepare the presentation that accompanied a single lesson. Content had to be approved by a pedagogical adviser, then sent for aesthetic re-touching each time. Filming was done in one take – no editing. "Keep going" was the only option, modelling that to err is human; to persevere divine. The first lessons were filmed live, prepared in record time. The English teaching community was personified in this endeavor – teachers collaborating and lending support in order to produce the massive collection that is at your disposal to use in any of your lessons, anytime. That's a wrap!

Access the National broadcasts here:
[Elementary](#) [JH & HS](#)



Teachers' Showcase

Would you like to showcase your work? Your staff? A special teacher? An English event in your school? Complete this [short form](#) and we will contact you. Spread the word about something important to YOU!

SHOWCASE

February Showcase!

Meet Nira Gilad, teacher and regional counselor.

7 Purim Clowns

Purim is around the corner and we are happy to share [The Seven Purim Clowns in Google slides story form](#) and a [Readers' Theater play version](#). It is a great way to encourage our students' reading and to review colors, numbers and clothing vocabulary.

Come meet our seven lonely clowns (fitting for this period of time) and see what that they do!

[We have included a teacher's guide with step by step instructions for Readers' Theater implementation and suggested activities for hybrid learning](#)

This story and play are based on the famous book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar.
 Shira Davidson and
 Sharon Kleinerman



There is no doubt that stories about how we are living in Corona times will be told to our children and eventually to our grandchildren. There's going to be a wealth of literature written about these challenging and unusual times. Our 5th and 6th graders at Chemed have chronicled their own experiences while polishing up their creative writing skills. You are invited to flick through the pages of the Corona Times [website](#), and we just know you'll be inspired and amazed by the efforts made by our pupils to write creatively in English. And by the super English teachers who motivated them to do so! Happy Reading!

