

Hebrew Topics on DVD/VCD

TRAVEL, HISTORY & CULTURE

#30 RICK STEVE'S BEST OF TRAVELS IN EUROPE: GREECE, TURKEY, ISRAEL & EGYPT

210 minutes for 3 episodes, in English, 2004, DVD

Includes visits to Athens and the Acropolis, the Peloponnes and the Mycenae Palace, the Greek Islands, Central Turkey, Ankara and Cappadocia, Turkish West Coast, Kusadasi and Ephesus, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and Kibbutz Ein Gedi, Cairo to Luxor, Pyramids of Giza, and the Sphinx. With DVD extra features: Gates of Jerusalem, Thessalonika and Greek monasteries, Istanbul, and Rick's Back Door Travel Tips.

#185 GLOBE TREKKER: DESTINATION THE MIDDLE EAST

60 minutes each episode, in English, 1996/2003, DVD

3 episodes on two DVDs

Traveler Ian Wright starts his journey in Jordan's Wadi Rum Desert, traveling south past the ruins at Petra and then on to Beirut in Lebanon. He ends his journey in Syria at the ancient town of Palmyra. Further, south traveler Megan McCormick visits battle-scarred Kuwait before traveling on to Dubai and finally Oman. Justine Shapiro completes the journey traveling through Israel and the Sinai Desert. With additional short history special to discover the major historical sites that have shaped the Middle East's empires, religions and conflicts.

#186 JERUSALEM

19 minutes, in English, 2005, DVD

Jerusalem has a rich cultural heritage and a historic importance far beyond its size. This program explores both the past and the present of the city and its people.

#187 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: SECRETS OF JERUSALEM'S HOLIEST SITES

52 minutes, in English, 2006, DVD

(Description from cover)

Its name means “city of peace.” But as a focal point of three major world religions, and home to some of those faiths’ holiest sites, Jerusalem has witnessed 3,000 years of bloody conflict, intrigue and passion. National Geographic, with exclusive access, intimately explores locales held sacred by Christians, Jews and Muslims.

From footage filmed inside the magnificent Dome of the Rock to the vast underground expanse of Solomon’s Stables to the traditional sites of Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, it’s a spellbinding journey into this ancient, multilayered urban landscape of war, worship and timeless wonder.

#188 NEVER A DULL MOMENT: 40 YEARS OF ISRAEL’S TURBULENT HISTORY

55 minutes, in English, 1988, DVD

A historical overview of the modern Israeli state, taking the viewer from the 1940s up to the present (1988).

#189 ISRAEL: 5000 YEARS PLUS 40

55 minutes, in English, 1985, DVD

Beginning with a musical montage of modern Israel, the video continues with a historical overview of the time of Abraham to the present. You will see breathtaking shots of various places in Israel and review famous Biblical stories.

#190 FOLLOW ME: THE STORY OF THE SIX-DAY WAR

95 minutes, in English, 1993, DVD

An exhaustive overview of the Six Day War. Excellent black and white footage and commentary on the entire war.

#163 HOLOCAUST: A HISTORY

40 minutes, in English, 2006, DVD

Jewish people have been the victims of discrimination for thousands of years, but during no period in history were they as victimized as they were during the Nazi Holocaust. Learn about the historical struggle of the Jewish people. Understand what motivated Hitler and discover how he rose to power. Witness the ramifications of Hitler's 'New Order' of Aryan Predominance and learn about what happened on Kristallnacht. See how Hitler put his plan to annihilate European Jews into motion, and learn about the raw horror that results from intolerance and from fear of diversity.

D108 AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS—listed under Movies

104 minutes, French with English subtitles, 1987, DVD

A French film based on events that the director (Louis Malle) experienced while attending a Roman Catholic boarding school during Nazi-occupied France.

Julien Quentin's classes seem uneventful until the headmaster introduces 3 new pupils—unknownst to all except the headmaster, they are Jews being granted secret asylum. Julien eventually befriends Jean, one of the Jewish students, and discovers his dangerous secret in the process.

#191 THE SHORT LIFE OF ANNE FRANK

28 minutes, in English or Hebrew, 2003, DVD

In the documentary, the story of Anne Frank's life is told through quotations from her diary, unique photographs from the Frank Family albums and historical film extracts. It also includes the only film footage of Anne Frank. The film is designed for an audience of both young people and adults and tells not only the story of Anne Frank, her diary, her family and the secret annex, but also of the Second World War and the persecution of the Jews.

#192 THE HOLY LAND: TIME TREK THROUGH THE AGES

110 minutes, in English, 1996, DVD

A look at Israel from the time of Abraham to the present age, discussing various historical and religious events. For those desiring a basic overview of the land of Israel.

#193 AND I WILL DWELL AMONG YOU: THE HOLY TEMPLE THROUGHOUT THE GENERATIONS

25 minutes, in English, 1993, VCD

A lesson on the historical events involving the Temple in Jerusalem. From the binding of Isaac, to the pre-construction by David and the dedication by Solomon, to its destruction and eventual reconstruction, the Temple is chronicled.

#194 SABBATH OF PEACE

27 minutes, in English, 1979, DVD

A look at the way different Jewish cultures and sects celebrate and recognize the Sabbath day. Historical and cultural outlooks on significant reasons for celebrating the Shabbat.

#195 JEWISH HOLIDAYS

95 minutes, in English, 1990, DVD

This video guide views the historical and cultural elements of major Jewish holidays.

#196 THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL – PT 1: PASSOVER, FIRST FRUITS, PENTECOST, TRUMPETS

115 minutes, in English, 1985, DVD

Host Zola Levitt provides an overview of four of the seven Jewish feasts. The historical reason for celebrating and the rituals that happen during the feast are discussed in detail.

#197 THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL – PT 2: ATONEMENT, TABERNACLES, CHANUKAH AND PURIM

85 minutes, in English, 1985, DVD

Host Zola Levitt provides an overview of three of the seven Jewish feasts. The historical reason for celebrating and the rituals that happen during the feast are discussed in detail.

#198 SING ALONG WITH ISRAEL

52 minutes, in English and Hebrew, 1988, VCD

Various aspects of Israeli culture are highlighted while being put to Hebrew music. Hebrew words appear on screen to help the viewer follow along.

#199 DRISHAT SHALOM – ISRAELI TV VOLUME 1

35-45 minutes each episode, in Hebrew, 2001, DVD

Various television programs selected from Israeli TV. Can add English subtitles.

- **Laga'at Ba'osher "Touching Happiness"**

The first home-grown Israeli telenovela and the biggest hit that Israeli television can recall. A wealthy couple's marriage is on the rocks because they are unable to have a child, so they turn to a surrogate mother. A love triangle and bitter rivalry is the result.

- **Gidi Gov Holech Le'echol "Gidi Gov Going to Eat"**

Gidi Gov eats, cooks and parties on Sderot Yerushalayim in Jaffa discovering the fabulous flavors of Bulgarian and Turkish cuisines.

- **Pgisha Laylit "Nightly Meeting"**

Kobi Maidan in a fascinating interview from April 2001 with Yael Dayan. They frankly and openly discuss her celebrity life in the 1960s, her mythical father Moshe Dayan, her political activism and private life today.

- **Shemesh**

In this episode of Shemesh, the longest running hit sitcom on Israeli television, Shemesh is trying to get out of milium (reserves) by posing as a holy man. Complications abound when the Hardeim discover “the miracle worker” and Tenzer tries to arrest him.

- **Taverna**

Join Shimon Parnas at the Taverna with special guest Yehuda Poliker for an hour of wonderful music.

- **Zu Artzaynu “Our Country”**

Shai Goldshtein and Dror Raphael, hosts of Zu Artzaynu, the Israeli late-night TV satirical hit show, break out of their studio and go into the street to find out what everyday Israelis are thinking about “the situation.” Get ready to laugh till you cry.

#200 DRISHAT SHALOM – ISRAELI TV VOLUME 2

30-45 minutes each episode, in Hebrew, 2001, DVD

Various television programs selected from Israeli TV. Can add English subtitles.

- **Litfos et Hashama'im “Reaching for Heaven”**

This drama is an honest and authentic portrayal of a family facing the crisis and trauma that can occur when one member of the family chooses to become Orthodox. In this episode, Nurit struggles with her husband Roni's desire for her to go to the mikveh. A touching, even funny, though often painful drama.

- **Derech Ha'ochel “The Way of Food”**

Renowned Israeli chef/restaurateur Israel Aharoni uses food to create a national picture album reflecting the melting pot of Israel through different ethnic kitchens. In this episode Aharoni, from a Bucharan family, examines his own roots through music and cuisine. Charming, joyful and informative.

- **Uvda “Fact”**

Noted journalist Ilana Dayan provides a rare glimpse into the Duvdevan, the most elite, secret undercover unit of the IDF. A powerful documentary filmed after the terrible

incident when three members of the unit were killed by friendly fire. Strong subject matter – not for children.

- **At the Taverna with Parnas**

Host Shimon Parnas welcomes popular singer Eli Luzon and David Da'or along with the hysterically funny comedian, Yatzpan. A wonderful hour of entertainment for the whole family.

- **Shotetut “Walkabout”**

A “tongue in cheek” takeoff “behind the scenes” of a Rishon Letzion public access, community television channel. In this episode the TV crew corners well-known television personalities, Yigal Shilon and Meny Peer. The series of mishaps that results will leave you laughing.

- **Zinzana**

Based on a true story, Zinzana, filmed in Israel’s notorious Ayalon Prison (the largest in the country), recounts the real life that goes on behind bars. In this episode Asulin, the new warden, gets introduced to the guards and inmates. The Israeli “Oz,” Zinzana is only for adults.

#230 KINGDOM OF DAVID: THE SAGA OF THE ISRAELITES (PBS)

220 minutes (4 episodes, 55 minutes each), in English, 2003, DVD

Nearly 3000 years ago, a tiny group of tribes in the land of Canaan gave birth to a nation and a religion – a religion that would dare to redefine humanity’s relationship with God. This video tells the epic story of the Israelites and the creation of the world’s first and most profoundly influential, monotheistic religion. The stories of the patriarch Abraham, the liberator Moses, and the poet-king David are explored in the dramatic tale of loss and triumph that has shaped humanity’s basic moral struggle for over three millennia.

(NOTE: This presentation is *definitely* from a secular point of view and much of the “evidence” presented (or lack thereof, as they claim) has been challenged by discoveries among scholars and archaeologists without a secular bias.)

#231 – 236 AGAINST ALL ODDS: ISRAEL SURVIVES (series)

13 episodes, 30 minutes each + feature film 90 minutes, in English & Hebrew, 2007, DVD

Israel’s rebirth and survival in the 20th century has been called a miracle. Those who were there cite their own experiences as proof. These are their stories.

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Episode 1: The Assignment

Journalist Michael Greenspan (CNN) accepts an intriguing assignment to investigate recorded instances of supernatural phenomena which helped create and preserve modern Israel. Greenspan meets Yom Kippur War tank commander David Yaniv, who recalls how he and his men were miraculously saved when a mysterious wind exposed thousands of explosives in the minefield in which they were stranded.

Episode 2: Miracle at Michmash

Greenspan investigates two battles that occurred at Michmash 2,000 years apart. During World War I, British major Vivian Gilbert is sent to rout the Turkish garrison in an assault on Jericho. The night before, he reads the Biblical account of Saul and Jonathan, who in 1050 BC, were camped in the same place, facing a garrison of 30,000 Philistines. Gilbert follows their unorthodox battle plan, leading to improbable victory.

Episode 3: Shula – The Girl Who Became a Spy

In this powerful episode, Greenspan meets 85-year old Shula Cohen, who became a spy for Israel in 1948 in Beirut, where her access to Lebanese and Syrian social circles gave her unprecedented access to vital intelligence information. She endures seven years of imprisonment, torture and abuse before a prisoner exchange in the aftermath of the Six Day War frees her.

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Episode 4: The Miracle of Survival: Hitler and the Holocaust

Michael Greenspan visits the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum outside Jerusalem, where he reflects on the history and the legacy of one of the most devastating events in history. Nobel Prize winner Elie Wiesel is featured in this moving episode that honors those whose sacrifice made the miracle of modern Israel possible.

Episode 5: A Boy Named Ezra

This compelling episode dramatizes the incredible story of Ezra Yakhin, who, as a teenager, joined freedom fighters resisting the British occupation of Palestine. His mother prays that her son will never be seen by enemy soldiers. To his amazement, Ezra miraculously escapes detection by the British time and again. This episode also chronicles the obstacles that stood in the way of the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the years before 1948.

Episode 6: The Miracle of '48

Israel's founding Prime Minister David Ben Gurion once said, "To live in Israel with believing in miracles is not practical." In this stirring episode, Michael Greenspan interviews freedom

fighters and war veterans who recount Israel's triumph against all odds in its war for independence from the British and the Arab armies determined to destroy the new homeland.

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Episode 7: 1967

Whether or not one believes in miracles, Israel's stunning victory in the Six Day War was certainly against all odds. This inspiring episode contains dramatizations of stories associated with the return of Jerusalem to Jewish hands for the first time since its fall to the Romans in 70 AD. Among them is a remarkable account of how an outnumbered Israeli squad is saved when enemy troops flee after claiming to see the spirit of Abraham.

Episode 8: A Warrior Named Kahalani

The Yom Kippur War of 1973 was the ultimate David and Goliath story, as Israel faced certain annihilation from a coalition of Arab forces led by Egypt and Syria. Avigdor Kahalani, one of Israel's most decorated and beloved war heroes, shares his own incredible stories of survival and miraculous history. This moving program climaxes with an emotional visit to the Memorial Wall of Remembrance at the Armored Corps Museum at Latrun.

Episode 9: The People of the Book Come Home

Some miracles are so big, they can only be appreciated when viewed across the sweep of history. One of these is the gathering of Jewish people from around the world to recreate Israel as a sovereign nation after more than 2,000 years in exile. Israeli citizens share firsthand accounts of what it means to live in the land of their forefathers. Rabbi Israel Lau describes the sense of coming home, with his own story of survival from the Holocaust, and Russian Jews reflect on their escape from the tyranny of Communism.

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Episode 10: A Place of Miracles?

Is Israel a place of miracles? From ordinary Israeli citizens to Israel Lau, the chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, Michael Greenspan continues his investigation into whether Israel's survival is the result of human courage, foresight and wisdom, or the work of God.

Episode 11: Myths or Miracles?

Strange beings wielding flaming swords foil marauding Arabs in their attempt to destroy a Jewish community. Thousands of storks suddenly appear to devour locusts plaguing a farming village. These are not stories from the Bible; they reportedly happened in 20th century Israel! Michael Greenspan talks to those connected with these and other incredible events that encourage him to open his eyes and heart to the possibility of miracles.

Episode 12: Rescue at Entebbe

Scenes from the Oscar-nominated film, “Operation Thunderbolt” dramatize the harrowing 1976 hostage crisis when Arab terrorists seized Air France Flight 139. The subject of miracles and faith take a personal meaning when Michael Greenspan interview Sarah Davidson, former hostage and Chicky Shani, who piloted the Hercules plane that brought a crack team of Israeli soldiers to Entebbe airport for a daring rescue mission.

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Episode 13: In Search of Miracle

In this inspiring final episode, Michael Greenspan reflects on the remarkable people he has met and the incredible stories he has heard. Before returning to America, he visits a synagogue for the first time since he was a boy, and draws his final conclusions about miracles in this ancient land with its kaleidoscope of people and lifestyles.

Against All Odds: The Making of a Miracle

Production footage behind the scenes and interviews with the makers of this production.

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Against All Odds: Israel Survives

This feature-length film captures all the drama and uplifting spirit of the stirring 13-part series (90 minutes).

MESSIANIC JUDAISM & CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

#201 THE GALILEE EXPERIENCE

35 minutes, in English, 1997, VCD

A Christian perspective of the life of Jesus while he was ministering at the Sea of Galilee.

#202 JEWS & CHRISTIANS – A JOURNEY OF FAITH

115 minutes, in English, 2000, DVD

The similarities and differences between Jews and Christians are discussed at great length. A good tool for those seeking to see the closeness of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

#203 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: HEM OF THE GARMENT, PASSOVER- LAST SUPPER CONNECTION, RETURN TO ZION

25 minutes each episode, in English, 1998, DVD

Three episodes from the Bridges for Peace television program. An insightful series that seeks to explain various Jewish customs and traditions from a Christian perspective.

#204 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES, FLOWERS OF ISRAEL, WHAT'S IN A NAME?

25 minutes each episode, in English, 1998, DVD

Three episodes from the Bridges for Peace television program. An insightful series that seeks to explain various Jewish customs and traditions from a Christian perspective.

#205 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: THE TRUMPET IS SOUNDING IN ZION, COVENANT MEAL AT WADI QELT, THE LAND IN BETWEEN

25 minutes each episode, in English, 1998, DVD

Three episodes from the Bridges for Peace television program. An insightful series that seeks to explain various Jewish customs and traditions from a Christian perspective.

#206 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: THRESHING FLOOR/MOUNT OF OLIVES, LESSON FROM SUKKOT-FEAST OF TABERNACLES

25 minutes each episode, in English, 1998, DVD

Two episodes from the Bridges for Peace television program. An insightful series that seeks to explain various Jewish customs and traditions from a Christian perspective.

#207 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE CHURCH, GUARDING YOUR GATES

25 minutes each episode, in English, 1998, DVD

Two episodes from the Bridges for Peace television program. An insightful series that seeks to explain various Jewish customs and traditions from a Christian perspective.

#208 JERUSALEM MOSAIC: PROJECTS RESCUE & HOPE

26 minutes, in English, 1998, VCD

Telling of individual stories of those in difficult situations attempting to get to the Holy Land where they hope to escape their current dire circumstances.

#209 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

40 minutes, in English, 1994, VCD

A television special report by local CBS news station (KOTV, Ch 6) that looks at the relationship between various Israeli geographical sites and what Jesus did at those locations.

#210 THE UNLEAVENED MESSIAH: A PORTRAIT OF CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

77 minutes, in English, 1996, DVD

The significance of the Jewish Passover in relation to the Passion of Jesus the Messiah. Connections of certain Jewish rituals and customs are compared to the salvation found in Jesus.

#211 THE LAND OF THE BIBLE – OUR CLASSROOM

26 minutes, in English, 1989, VCD

From the Center for the Study of Early Christianity, this video discusses the advantages of learning about the Bible in Israel. A look at places where famous Biblical events took place encourages those who are serious about studying the Bible to do so within Israel.

#212 FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS – BRIDGES FOR PEACE

20 minutes, in English, 1990, VCD

A discussion of the mission of the Bridges for Peace organization. It focuses on the need for Christians and Jews to come together in love.

#213 TRUMPET OF SALVATION TO ISRAEL

40 minutes, in English, 1985, VCD

This video features a Messianic Jew who desires to reach his fellow Jewish brothers with the gospel message of Jesus Christ, as well as looks at various historical events within Israel.

#214-215 JEWISH ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY – BIBLE SYMPOSIUM

75-95 minutes, in English, 1995, DVD

214 – Session 1: Introduction, by Jack Hayford – 15 minutes

Session 2: Our Hebrew Roots, part I, by Marvin Wilson – 60 minutes

215 - Session 1: Building the Bridge of Understanding, by Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein – 40 min

Session 2: Our Hebrew Roots, part II, by Marvin Wilson – 55 minutes

The rest of this series only available on VHS: “Anti-Semitism – Its Origins, Implications and Resurgence,” by Frank Eiklor and “What Israel Means to the Church” by Jack Hayford.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

#216 BASIC HEBREW #1

80 minutes, in Hebrew, 1985, DVD

For help in improving Hebrew vocabulary, pronunciation and recognition of basic conversation. Appropriate for all levels of Hebrew students, but especially second semester students.

#217 BASIC HEBREW #2

60 minutes, in Hebrew, 1985, DVD

For help in improving Hebrew vocabulary, pronunciation and recognition of basic conversation. Appropriate for all levels of Hebrew students, but especially second semester students.

#218 BEN YEHUDA’S HEBREW: VOLUME 1 – READING AND PRONUNCIATION

120 minutes, in English and Hebrew, 1992, DVD

A self-tutoring tool for first-year Hebrew students desiring to improve letter recognition, pronunciation, and grammatical concepts, taught by Ben Yehuda.

#219 HEVENU SHALOM ALEIKHEM: LESSONS 1 - 7

120 minutes, in Hebrew, 1988, DVD

A tool for Hebrew students to improve word, sentence and conversation recognition, especially for second and third year students. Dramatic skits tell the story of family’s moves to Israel.

#220 HEVENU SHALOM ALEIKHEM: LESSONS 8-14

120 minutes, in Hebrew, 1988, DVD

See above.

#221 HEVENU SHALOM ALEIKHEM: LESSONS 15-20

120 minutes, in Hebrew, 1988, DVD

See above.

#239 SHALOM SESAME: GROVER LEARNS HEBREW

23 minutes (also has 27 minutes of extras), in English and Hebrew, 2010, DVD

Shalom Sesame is a brand-new series of 12 episodes from the creators of Sesame Street starring the loveable Sesame Street cast of furry pals, new friends from Israel and celebrities. Each episode introduces Jewish holidays, traditions and culture to viewers of all ages. Join Grover as he explores Israel, its people and places, and learns new things. Get ready to laugh and sing along in this next generation of the popular classis, Shalom Sesame! Join Grover as he learns lots of new words in Hebrew and is welcomed by the Rechov Sumsum family. Come along and sing the Aleph-Bet song and find out what Grover's favorite Hebrew word is.