

Bilingualism Matters in Israel

המרכז לדו-לשוניות בישראל

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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES BY AIMS

Raise public awareness of multilingualism and multiculturalism

- ✓ Caring for children with no Israeli Status- UNITAF- Discussion with staff about language acquisition, promoting bilingualism and its impact (April 2018)
- ✓ Organization of a Conference dealing with Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in Israel- Panel bringing together academia and society discussing bilingual issues (June 2018)
- ✓ Education conference- Raising awareness to bilingual narrative development in Russian-Hebrew and English-Hebrew bilinguals in Israel (June 2018)
- ✓ Workshop at Kulna Yaxad, a bilingual Hebrew-Arabic speaking school (Started Nov 2018)



Bilingualism Matters Israel Hi Prof. Sharon Armon-lotem. My husband attended your lecture and reviewed the slides you sent him with me. I have a question about family language policy: I would like our policy to be "(c) We try to maintain our language at home." but find that constant reminders and nagging usually leads to conflict and a negative home atmosphere. What tips can you offer bi-lingual parents raising bi-lingual children to get them to speak their home language? At the lecture you said parents should make it fun and motivate them. Do you have a list of tips or methods for how to do so? We have kids ages 3. Thanks so much! Like Reply 2w Bilingualism Matters Israel המרכז לדו-לשוניות בישראל (1)Think what you like to do together. Watch movies/YouTube in English and talk about what you have watched, play games in English, Read to your children and have them read to you. Every family needs to find its own balance, and at every age what children enjoy doing is different. (2) While you want to maintain an English speaking home you want to respect their preference at times for the societal language, Hebrew. You can show

Encourage and provide tools for maintenance of the home language

- ✓ Parents' night on Raising bilingual children (Ramat Gan, Zichron) how to maintain the home language? (May 2017, Dec 2018)
- ✓ SLPs workshop (Macabi, Clalit) Language practice, linguistic abilities and family language policy among Russian-Hebrew migrants (June 2018, Nov 2018)
- ✓ Teachers training (Ramat Gan) Myth and science in bilingualism (November 2017)
- ✓ SLPs support group (Rehovot Center for child development, Rimon Center, Jaffa) Dilemmas in working with bilingual children (May 2018, Dec 2018)

Influence state policy about multilingualism

✓ Meeting at the Ministry of Education promoting Bilingualism (July 2018)



