

Helping Masa Israel Teaching Fellows Become Better English Teachers

English language skills are crucial to the success of young Israelis in higher education and beyond. Oranim International School gives Masa Israel Teaching Fellows from abroad skills and resources to help them teach English in classrooms throughout Israel.

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Teaching
Fellows**



This year, Oranim International School is providing professional development for Masa Israel Teaching Fellows – 230 young English-speaking college graduates teaching English in schools throughout Israel. Hanny Fuks from Oranim International is leading the professional development program.

Teaching English in Classrooms around Israel

Masa Israel Teaching Fellows is a ten-month fellowship placing fellows as English teacher aides in elementary and middle schools in fifteen cities across the country. Fellows provide small group instruction and tutoring, giving tremendous help to English teachers who generally work with large classes.

Fellows come to the program with a variety of educational backgrounds. They need support, skills, and resources to teach in Israeli classrooms. The Ministry of Education provides training prior to the program, and Oranim International School provides professional development for Fellows throughout the year.

Professional Development Seminars Improve Teaching Skills

Oranim International School facilitated two professional development days for fellows from around the country to come together and learn from English teaching experts and from one another.

The first professional development seminar was held in January and attended by 220 fellows. Fellows enjoyed a variety of workshops on topics ranging from how to use songs and videos in the classroom to teaching students with diverse abilities and learning styles.

In March, a second professional development seminar for 180 fellows focused on giving fellows skills and ideas for facilitating a special "English Day" in their schools. Fellows have already begun to apply what they have learned to create fun and creative English Days in their schools.

Digital Platform Will Provide Resources and Support

In addition to the professional development seminars, Oranim International School is developing a digital platform designed to meet the unique needs of Masa Israel Teaching Fellows. This interactive platform will enable fellows to access teaching resources developed specifically for them, from anywhere at any time, and to exchange ideas and advice with one another. Teaching resources include lesson plans, videos, games, activities, pedagogical

tools, and relevant theoretical material. Fellows can share ideas and teaching material they have used in their classes, ask questions, and discuss challenges.

The professional development seminars, together with the digital platform, will give fellows resources and skills to help children around Israel learn English more effectively.