



Sar-El = *sheroot l'yisrael* = service to Israel

GLOSSARY

Useful phrases for Sar-El volunteers

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This text is intended to serve two purposes: If it helps you to learn some Hebrew, it has served one of them. If the English text gives you useful information about the Sar-El program, it has served the other. Thanks to Mazal Hurwitz Rousso, Sar-El Hebrew teacher in 2008, for suggesting many useful improvements. Any residual errors are entirely my own. JB

Hello, Goodbye	<i>shal-om</i>
Yes, No	<i>ken, lo</i>
Please	<i>be'va-ka-sha</i>
Thank you	<i>toh-dah</i>
Thank you very much	<i>toh-dah rah-bah</i>
You're welcome	<i>al loh da var or be'vakasha</i>
What's this?	<i>mah zeh?</i>
What's that?	<i>mah-zeh shahm?</i>
Airport	<i>ne-mal ha-te-oo-fah</i>
Airplane	<i>mah-tohss</i>
Here's my passport	<i>hee-nay ha-dar-kohn shellee</i>
I have nothing to declare	<i>ain-lee ma l'ha-tzeer</i>
I'm a Sarel volunteer [male (female)]	<i>ah-nee mit-na-dev (mit-na-dev-et) be'sar-el</i>
Is there an ATM here?	<i>yesh kas-po-mat po?kan?</i>
I'd [m,f] like to buy some shekels	<i>ah-nee roh-tseh [roh-tsah] lik-noht shkal-eem</i>
Is that so (really)?	<i>b'e-meht?</i>
I think so [m,f]	<i>ah-nee ho-shev (ho-shev-et) kakh</i>
I don't think so [m,f]	<i>ah-nee loh ho-shev (ho-shev-et) kakh</i>
I know [m,f]	<i>ah-nee yo-de-ah (yo-da-at)</i>
I don't know [m,f]	<i>ah-nee lo yo-de-ah (yo-da-aht)</i>
I understand [m,f]	<i>ah-nee me-veen (me-veen-ah)</i>
I don't understand [m,f]	<i>ah-nee loh meh-veen (me-veen-ah)</i>
Never mind, it's ok	<i>ain davar, ha-kol be'seder or lo hashuv</i>
Good luck	<i>b'hah-tslah-kha</i>
Congratulations	<i>ma-zal tov</i>
I need [m,f] a dictionary	<i>ah-nee tsa-rikh (tsri-kha) mi-lon</i>
I need [m,f] an interpreter	<i>ah-nee tsa-rikh (tsri-kha) meh-tar-gem</i>

I need [m,f] help	<i>ah-nee tsa-rikh (tsri-kha) eh-zra</i>
I'm lost	<i>i-bah-de-ti eht ha-der-ekh</i>
I am pleased to meet you.	<i>na-eem me-od</i>
I beg your pardon	<i>slee-kha</i>
Excuse me [m,f]	<i>tis-lakh (tis-lekh-ee) lee</i>
Hello, my name is Jacob (Sara)	<i>shalom, shmee Yacov (Sara)</i>
Who are you [m,f]?(What's your name?)	<i>v'aikh ko-reem le-kha (lakh)?</i>
Please meet Yosef	<i>na l'ha-keer et Yo-sef</i>
Are you Pamela? ... Yosef?	<i>aht Pamela?ahta Yo-sef?</i>
Where do you[m,f] live (reside)?	<i>ay-foh ah-tah gar (aht gar-ah)?</i>
Where are you[m,f] from?	<i>m'ay-foh ah-tah (aht)?</i>
I'm from Montreal, Canada	<i>ah-nee mi'montreal, Cah-nah-dah</i>
I[m,f] live in Haifa	<i>ah-nee gar (gar-ah) be'Hai-fah</i>
Do you[m,f] speak	<i>ah-tah m'dah-ber (aht m'dah-ber-et)</i>
English? French?	<i>ahn-gleet? tsar-fah-teet?</i>
I speak [m,f] English	<i>ah-nee m'dah-ber (m'dah-ber-et) ahn-gleet</i>
I speak [m,f] Hebrew a little	<i>ah-nee m'dah-ber (m'dah-ber-et) k'tsat eev-reet</i>
Please speak slowly	<i>be'va-ka-sha le'dah-ber le-aht</i>
Please repeat	<i>be'va-ka-sha takh-zor</i>
Breakfast	<i>ar-oo-khat boh-ker</i>
Lunch	<i>ar-oo-khat tsoh-ho-rah-eem</i>
Dinner	<i>ar-oo-khat er-ev</i>
Sunday	<i>yom ree-shon</i>
Monday	<i>yom shay-nee</i>
Tuesday	<i>yom shlee-shee</i>
Wednesday	<i>yom r'vee-ee</i>
Thursday	<i>yom kha-mee-shee</i>
Friday	<i>yom shee-shee</i>
Saturday	<i>sha-baht</i>
Israel Defence Forces (IDF)	<i>Tsvah Haganah l'Yisrael (Tsahal)</i>
On the base, camp	<i>bah bah-sis, mah-khaneh</i>
I'm a volunteer [m,f]	<i>ah-nee mit-nah-dehv (mit-nah-dehv-et)</i>
I'm your madrach (madricha)	<i>ah-nee ha-mah-drikh (ha-mah-drikh-ah) shel-akhem</i>
My name is Vered	<i>sh'mi Vered</i>
I'm a corporal [m,f] in the IDF	<i>ah-nee rahv too-ra-i (too-ra-it) be'tsahal</i>
Base commander [m,f]	<i>meh-fa-ked (meh-fa-kedet) ha-bah-sis</i>
The name of this base is ...	<i>shem ha bah-sis, hoo ...</i>
This is a tank base	<i>zeh bah-sis tahnkim</i>
This is a supply base	<i>zeh bah-sis ha-spa-ka</i>
This is an air force base	<i>zeh bah-sis khel ah-vir</i>

The quartermaster	<i>ha ahf-sah-noht</i>
Your [m,f] uniform	<i>ha-mah-dim shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Size	<i>ha-mi-da</i>
It's a medium size	<i>ha-mi-da bay-noh-nit</i>
It's a large size	<i>ha-mi-da ga-dohl-a</i>
It's a small size	<i>ha-mi-da ka-tahn-a</i>
Here's your shirt	<i>hee-nay ha-hul-tsah shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Here's your parka	<i>hee-nay ha-doo-bohn shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Here's your belt	<i>hee-nay ha-kha-goo-rah shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Here's your cap	<i>hee-nay ha-koh-va shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Here are your pants	<i>hee-nay ha-mikh-na-sah-yeem shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
Here are your boots	<i>hee-nay ha-mah-ga-fah-yeem shel-kha (shel-akh)</i>
A size 43 please	<i>mee-dah ar-ba-eem v'sha-losh be'vah-ka-shah</i>
Too small	<i>yoh-tehr mee-die k'tahn</i>
Too large	<i>yoh-tehr mee-die g'dohl</i>
OK , thanks	<i>be-seh-dehr, toh-dah</i>
They fit , thank you very much	<i>hen ma-ti-mot, toh-da rah-ba</i>
Where do we sleep ?	<i>ay-foh ah-nakh-noo yeshe-neem?</i>
Where do we work ?	<i>ay-foh ah-nakh-noo ohv-deem?</i>
Here are the toilets	<i>hee-nay ha sher-oot-eem</i>
Here are the showers	<i>hee-nay ha mik-la-khot</i>
Here's the dining room	<i>hee-nay ha kha-dahr oh-khel</i>
We eat with the soldiers (officers)	<i>ah-nakh-noo ohkh-leem eem ha-kha-ya-leem (ha-k'tsi-neem)</i>
Breakfast is at 6:30 am	<i>ah-roo-khaht boh-kehr b'shesh va-khetzi</i>
Lunch is at noon	<i>ah-roo-khaht tsoh-ho-ra-im b'shtaym es-ray</i>
Supper is at 6:00 pm	<i>ah-roo-khaht erev b'shesh</i>
You have one half-hour to eat.	<i>yesh le-khem khatzi sha-ah l'ekh-ol</i>
You are not allowed to take pictures	<i>ah-soor le'tsalem</i>
You may take pictures	<i>moo-tahr le'tsalem</i>
We work a five-day week	<i>ah-nakh-nu ohv-dim kha-misha ya-mim b'sha-voo-ah</i>
We work on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday	<i>ah-nakh-nu ohv-dim b'yom ri-shon, b'yom shay-ni, b'yom shlee-shee, v' b'yom kha-mishi</i>
We don't work on Friday and Saturday	<i>ah-nakh-nu lo-ohv-dim b'yom shee-shee ve'shabat</i>
What time must we return on Sunday ?	<i>b'ay-zeh sha-ah t'sarikh l'ahkhzor b'yom rishon?</i>
In the mess-hall	<i>b'kha-dar oh-khel</i>
The meals are kosher	<i>ha-ah-roo-khoht k'shehr-oht</i>
Don't mix the meat and dairy dishes	<i>lohl le'arbev klay bah-sar v'kha-lav</i>
Here's a cup	<i>hee-nay seh-fel</i>
Here's your cup [m,f]	<i>hee-nay ha-seh-fel shel-kha, (shell-akh)</i>
Here's a plate	<i>hee-nay t'sahl-ah-khat</i>
Here's a bowl	<i>hee-nay kay-ah-ra</i>

Here's a fork	<i>hee-nay maz-leg</i>
Here's a knife	<i>hee-nay sah-keen</i>
Here's a soup-spoon	<i>hee-nay kahf</i>
Here's a teaspoon	<i>hee-nay kah-peet</i>
The soup is always delicious	<i>ha-mah-rahk ta-mid tah-eem</i>
More meat please	<i>ohd ba-sahr be'va-ka-sha</i>
Are there more vegetables ?	<i>yaish ohd ye-ra-koht?</i>
Please give me [m,f] a potato	<i>be'va ka-sha ten (tni)lee ta-poo-akh ah-dah-mah</i>
A slice of bread please	<i>proo-saht lekhem be'va ka-sha</i>
I[m,f] don't eat eggs (an egg)	<i>ah-nee loh oh-khel (oh-khel-et) bay-tzeem (bay-tsa)</i>
I[m,f] eat only egg whites	<i>ah-nee oh-khel (oh-khel-et) rahk ha-khel-boh-neem</i>
We ate halvah yesterday	<i>akh-al-noo halvah et-mohl</i>
Today we ate cake	<i>ha-yom akh-al-noo oo-gah</i>
Tomorrow we'll eat apples or oranges	<i>ma-khar noo-khal ta-poo-kheem o ta-poo-zeem</i>

We have an activity/a program tonight	<i>yesh lah-noo pe'eelut/ t'okh-nit ha erev</i>
In the lounge (club)	<i>ba'mo-a-dohn</i>

Trip	<i>tee-yool</i>
We will go on a trip on Tuesday	<i>ne'ta-yel b'yom shlee-shee</i>
This week's trip is to Jerusalem	<i>tee-yool ha-sha-vu-a, l'Yirushalaim</i>

The canteen	<i>ha shek-em</i>
There's chocolate milk at the canteen	<i>yesh sho-koh ba'shek-em.</i>
There's ice cream at the canteen	<i>yesh glee-da ba'shekem</i>
There are telephone cards at the canteen	<i>yesh kar-ti-say telefon ba'shekem</i>

A reservist	<i>kha-yahl mil-oo-im (or mil-oo-im-nik)</i>
You will work with this reservist today	<i>ha-yom, ta a-vod eem kha-yal ha-mil-oo-im ha-zeh</i>
He speaks a little English	<i>hoo m'dah-behr k'tsaht ahng-leet</i>
He will teach you [m.f] Hebrew	<i>hoo yi-lamed ot-kha (ot-akh) ee-vreet</i>

Tools	<i>kay-leem</i>	Oil	<i>shemen</i>
Screwdriver	<i>mah-a-vreg</i>	Gasoline	<i>deh-lek</i>
Hammer	<i>pah-tish</i>	Deisel fuel	<i>so-ler</i>
Wrench	<i>mahf-tay-akh</i>	Broom	<i>mah-ta-teh</i>
Bolt	<i>boh-rehg</i>	Squeegee	<i>mah-gahv</i>
Nut	<i>oom</i>	Dustpan	<i>yah-eh</i>
Motor	<i>mah-noh-ah</i>	Rag	<i>smar-toot</i>

Israel Defence Forces (IDF)	<i>tsa-hal</i>		
Corporal (2 stripes)	<i>rahv too-ra-i</i>	Sergeant (3 stripes)	<i>sa-mahl</i>
Officer [m.f]	<i>k'tsin (k'tsina)</i>	Officers	<i>k'tsi-neem</i>
Lieutenant (2 bars)	<i>seh-gehn</i>	Captain (3 bars)	<i>seh-rehn</i>
Major (1 leaf, "falafel")	<i>rahv-seh-rehn</i>	Lt.Col. (2 leaves)	<i>seh-gahn ah-loof</i>
Colonel (3 leaves)	<i>ah-loof mish-neh</i>		

How do I get to Tel Aviv from the base? *aykh ah-nee ma-gi-ya le Tel Aviv mi ha bah-sis?*
 Please reserve a **room** for me for Friday night

*be'va-ka-shah lishmor li **khe-dehr** le erev shabat*

Please reserve a room for me at the **Adiv Hotel** in Tel Aviv

*be'va-ka-shah lishmor li khe-dehr **b'mah-lohn Ah-deev** b'Tel Aviv*

Is it **expensive**?

*zeh **yah-kahr**?*

Please reserve a room for me at **Beit Oded**

*be'va-ka-shah lishmor li khe-dehr **b'bayt oh-ded***

one	<i>e-khad[m]</i>	<i>a-khat[f]</i>	11	<i>a-khad a-sar[m]</i>	<i>a-khat es-ré[f]</i>
two	<i>shna-yim</i>	<i>shta-yim</i>	12	<i>shneym a-sar</i>	<i>shteym es-ré</i>
three	<i>shlo-sha</i>	<i>sha-losh</i>	13	<i>shlo-sha a-sar</i>	<i>shlosh es-ré</i>
four	<i>ar-ba-a</i>	<i>ar-ba</i>	14	<i>ar-ba-a a-sar</i>	<i>ar-ba es-ré</i>
five	<i>kha-mi-sha</i>	<i>kha-mésh</i>	15	<i>kha-mi-sha a-sar</i>	<i>kha-mésh es-ré</i>
six	<i>shi-sha</i>	<i>shesh</i>	16	<i>shi-sha a-sar</i>	<i>shesh es-ré</i>
seven	<i>shi-va</i>	<i>sheh-va</i>	17	<i>shi-va a-sar</i>	<i>shva es-ré</i>
eight	<i>shmo-na</i>	<i>shmo-neh</i>	18	<i>shmo-na a-sar</i>	<i>shmo-ne es-ré</i>
nine	<i>tish-a</i>	<i>té-sha</i>	19	<i>tish-a a-sar</i>	<i>tsha es-ré</i>
ten	<i>a-sar-a</i>	<i>e-ser</i>	20	<i>es-rim</i>	
			21	<i>es-rim v'e-khad</i>	<i>es-rim v'a-khat</i>
			22	<i>es-rim ush-na-yim</i>	<i>es-rim ush-ta-yim</i>
30	<i>shlo-shim</i>	80	<i>shmo-nim</i>	1000	<i>e-lef</i>
40	<i>ar-ba-im</i>	90	<i>tish-im</i>	2000	<i>al-pa-yim</i>
50	<i>kha-mi-shim</i>	100	<i>mé-a</i>	3000	<i>shlo-shet a-la-fim</i>
60	<i>shi-shim</i>	200	<i>ma-ta-yim</i>		
70	<i>shiv-im</i>	300	<i>shlosh me-ot</i>		

