

# *HIP - Hebrew Immersion Program at CBB*

## *A unique, fun, challenging, creative way of learning – All in Hebrew!*

*My name is Yifat Rogner-Nahmias. I was born in Israel, lived there most of my life and came to Santa Barbara 12 years ago. After graduating from Bar-Ilan University in Ramat-Gan and Beit-Berl College in Kfar-Saba, I worked from 1990 to 2002 in the Israeli Ministry of Education as a full time special education teacher. During that period I also worked in Tel- Aviv University as a program developer. I researched, wrote and published text books designed for the special education curriculum, to be used in all Israeli schools.*



*The combination of knowing how important it is to instill the Hebrew language and the Israeli spirit, together with my love of working with the young generation, were the foundations for my willingness to continue teaching in Santa Barbara. Since I came here, I've been teaching Hebrew and Judaism to the Santa Barbara Jewish Community.*

*Since 2007, I taught the HIP program at CBB using the curriculum of Tal Am. Before starting the program, I participated at one of the Tal Am's workshops in L.A. Tal Am is a unique curriculum of Hebrew Language Arts and Jewish Studies and was developed by a dynamic team of writers and teachers in Montreal and Israel. The program is used by hundreds of Jewish day schools around the world and is based on the notion that the best learning environment for children is one in which knowledge is acquired through a variety of activities, using each of the five senses. The program creates a visual and auditory Hebrew environment in the classroom that is mirrored in the students' materials. In addition to studying from textbooks, students use music, games and visual aids to learn the Hebrew language.*

*HIP-hip-hurray!*



"I love going to HIP because Yifat makes learning Hebrew fun and I get to learn Hebrew."



We meet twice per week to do varied and interesting activities: Work in colorful and fun textbooks, write in personal journals, speak Hebrew, play games, sing songs, make food, celebrate holidays and do an art project every week. In addition to all of that, each child is getting a CDROM to work at home. Ah! And I almost forgot...the friendly lion of the program – Ariot – comes to visit in our classroom few times a year...

"I'm amazed at how fast my kids are learning Hebrew. They look forward to seeing their teacher each week. If you are looking for a nurturing, patient, learning environment, you will be pleased with HIP program"



If your child is starting kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade - you are welcome to join our unique HIP program or as we say - our big Mishpaha – Family. If you have questions, you can call (805) 886-9042 or email me [yifatron@cox.net](mailto:yifatron@cox.net) anytime...  
**Yifat Rogner-Nahmias**

"We are so grateful for HIP. Our children have developed a love of learning Hebrew through this creative, rigorous and innovative program. Moreover, Yifat is a top-notch teacher who is dedicated to her students. The HIP program provides the best Hebrew education in Santa Barbara!"

"My daughter loves HIP so much that one Tuesday she missed a class and she begged me to go to the Wednesday session to make up for the missed class. HIP-hip-hurray!"

