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**ULPANIM IN SOUTHERN ISRAEL**  
**AACI Information Sheet**  
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*Olim* (new immigrants) in the first 10 years of aliyah are entitled to a recognized free city ulpan course. Check with your local Ministry of Absorption office regarding your eligibility and to receive a voucher for the ulpan in your area most suited to you. There are intensive ulpans which have classes 5 days a week, usually in the morning hours, for a period of 5 months. There are also non-intensive ulpans for retirees that are 3 days a week for a period of 10 months. Advanced ulpan classes are usually 3 days a week in the late afternoons. There are also live-in ulpans in Absorption Centers and kibbutzim where there is a fee for the accommodations. For the live-in ulpans, please contact your Shaliach to make arrangements before you make aliyah.

City ulpans may have a set time of year when they begin new classes or they may open a class when there is a large enough demand (approximately 20 students). They also accept students on a rolling admissions basis if their level warrants it. For those living in outlying areas, classes are opened in the city which has the most demand, so the *oleh* must be in contact with the local Ministry of Absorption office to find out when and where the next class will be opened.

On the following pages are ulpanim that are known to AACI. Further information and advice on the various ulpanim can be received from a counselor at the regional AACI offices.

***Be'hatzlacha* in your studies!**

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## ULPANIM IN THE SOUTH

Various locations in the south, including Ashkelon, Beer Sheva, Dimona, Eshkol Regional Council, Eilat, Netivot, Kiryat Gat, Ofakim, Ramat Hanegev, and Sderot, offer ulpan classes when there are at least 20 participants to constitute a class. In order to find out about ulpan options, you must visit your local office of the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption (Misrad HaAliyah veHaKlitah) where they will check eligibility and refer you to nonresidential, Ministry-approved ulpanim in your area .

In addition, there are several noteworthy ulpanim that include residence. You must arrange to participate in these ulpanim before your Aliyah with your Jewish Agency representative. These are as follows:

<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Contact Info</i></b>	
Ashkelon	Beit Canada, Bar Kochba 209 Tel ,08-6732287, ext. 5	Residence in Ashkelon's Beit Canada absorption center and a daily intensive ulpan for olim. Evening classes are held, too .
Beer Sheva	Ulpan Etzion Ye'elim, Shderot Ye'elim 13 Tel 08-6414955	Specifically for olim aged 18 to 35, this 5-month program combines rooms in the Ye'elim Absorption Center with daily intensive ulpan at beginner and advanced levels.
Kibbutz Revivim:	Ulpan Kibbutz Revivim, Kibbutz Revivim Tel 08-6562495	Twenty students per class. Through the Jewish Agency as part of Bayit Rishon B'Moledet. Residence on the kibbutz.
Kibbutz Yotvata	Kibbutz Yotvata D.N. Chevel Eilat 88820 Tel 08-6357303	Two mornings a week participants work on the kibbutz, 3 mornings a week participants study in ulpan from 7:15-12:30. Twice a week evening classes take place from 17:00-19:30.

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