



Lesson 2: You're Welcome!

אין בעד מה

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson, we'll continue to learn more phrases that will help you with basic etiquette. Israelis are exceptionally hospitable. They use phrases of gratitude and those related quite often. Even though you may not get the chance to use "Ein bead ma" ("You're welcome") during your trip in Israel, there's a very good chance you'll hear it. So let's have a closer look at it!

In Hebrew, "You're welcome" is "Bevakasha". The word "Bevakasha" means, "You're welcome."

You can also respond to someone that has thanked you by using two very similar expressions. They are "Ein bead ma", which literally means, "it's nothing," and "Ze beseder", which means, "it's okay."

Remember, "Ein bead ma" means, "it's nothing," and "Ze beseder" means, "It's okay."

Of the expressions we have seen, please keep in mind that we can use "Bevakasha", "Ein bead ma", and "Ze beseder" in any situation, formal or informal.

PHRASES

Hebrew	Romanization	English
בבקשה	Bevakasha.	You're welcome.
אין בעד מה	Ein bead ma.	It's nothing.
זה בסדר	Ze beseder.	It's okay.

QUICK TIP

The word "Bevakasha" has two uses. We looked at one of them today. When you want to say, "You're welcome," we can use "Bevakasha" as a set phrase after "Toda." The second meaning of "Bevakasha" is "please," which we will explain further in the next chapter!

QUICK TIP 2

When having guests over in Israel, one always greets their guests with "Bruchim abaim". "Bruchim abaim" can refer to both a formal situation and times when you have many people over for coffee.

