

## Readathon Explanation

For 5 weeks, January 14 – February 18, A.H.A.V.A., a non-profit to promote English Literacy in Israel, runs the Readathon. All students in Grades One and up may participate.

With the permission of the local municipality, we go into 15 Israeli Elementary and Jr. High schools and invite their students to participate. Readathon 2018 will have readers from Toronto joining in the reading.

The rules are simple enough: **the more pages read – the more prizes earned!**

Every grade has four reading levels (see table below\*). Each level an Israeli participant reaches earns them more prizes.

Sign up is via our internet site: [ahava-readathon.org](http://ahava-readathon.org) (Early registration fee - 40 NIS, registration after January 14 - 50 NIS, payable online via [JGive](#)). Canadian participants pay \$18 registration fee, payable online via [JGive](#).

Each participant receives an account and updates the number of books and pages read. (Participant's first name and the last four digits of his telephone number make up the username.) If preferred a [form can be downloaded](#) and filled out by hand as long as the online form is completed by February 21, 2018.

\*Reading Level Table:

Levels	Readathoner	Bookworm	Book-a-holic	Super Reader
<b>1st grader</b>	200 pages	300 pages	500 pages	750+ pages
<b>2nd grade</b>	250 pages	500 pages	900 pages	1,300+ pages
<b>3rd-4th grade</b>	250 pages	500 pages	900 pages	3,000+ pages
<b>5th-6th grade</b>	500 pages	1,000 pages	1,500 pages	6,000+ pages
<b>7th-8th grade</b>	500 pages	1,300 pages	2,000 pages	7,000+ pages

**What is the purpose of this Readathon?**

- 1) To encourage students to read in English.
- 2) To raise the students' level of English reading skills.
- 3) To make reading exciting!
- 4) To give children the opportunity to raise money for books for their school library.

Those participants who wish to do the sponsorship option note their sponsors (generally relatives and close friends) and their amounts on [the form](#). One can sponsor per book or pages read. At the end of the Reading period, the children collect the money they have raised for A.H.A.V.A. **For every 100 NIS raised a book will be donated to their school's English library!** Donations can be made [online](#), [in checks or cash](#).

Tax deductible receipts are issued for NIS, \$US, and \$CAD donations.

A.H.A.V.A. will celebrate all of our readers' efforts at the AWARDS CEREMONY on March 5th with a performance, balloons, raffles, book sale and - of course – prizes and vouchers for each reader.

**Currently the cost of the Readathon is 30,000 NIS to operate this project.** Local business 30% of the cost, leaving us with a large gap to fill. *Five intensive weeks of Readathon improves the participants' reading even more than would several private lessons in a month.* Unsurprisingly most children will see their level of reading rise by one or two grade levels. **Donations for this amazing project are most welcome!**