



## Hadassah Academic College and ReadSpeaker Dedicated to Inclusive Education for All

Hadassah Academic College is a unique institution of higher education offering students world-class, career-focused degree programs. Accredited and supported by Israel's Council for Higher Education, HAC's academic model focuses on training new generations of qualified professionals while emphasizing excellence and innovation in instruction, scholarship, and research.

“ We were happy to find a text to speech provider with excellent voices. In particular the Hebrew and English voices. And the fact that it was easy to integrate with the Moodle plug-in was a huge time saver. The team was helpful and made the process one less thing for me to worry about. ”

Moshe Kalige, CIO, Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem

Consistently ranked among Israel's best institutions of higher education, about one-half of HAC's student body is from Israel's diverse populations who are the first in their families to pursue higher education. With one of the lowest attrition rates in the nation, surpassing even the major universities, 94% of HAC's students successfully complete their degree.

“ It's the best option really. I can listen to text inside Moodle. Using the ReadSpeaker tools is really easy and it appears on every screen. The option to adjust the reading pace helps a lot, and the voices are really easy to listen to. It definitely helps with my studies.”

- a Hadassah student

HAC is deeply committed to diversity and inclusion, promoting a secure future for students from all of Israel's unique populations such as Arab-Israelis, new immigrants, and the ultra-Orthodox. HAC accommodates students with special learning differences and special needs, and makes every effort to provide the personal attention required to ensure their success.

HAC reached out to ReadSpeaker when looking for text to speech tools to enrich their accessibility and inclusion efforts, and as a way to support their diverse population of students.

Challenge	Result
<p>To support a diverse population of students Hadassah Academic College needed a robust and high quality text-to-speech solution. In addition they needed a natural-sounding Hebrew voice that was comfortable to listen to.</p>	<p>Having looked at several solutions on the market, HAC implemented ReadSpeaker's text-to-speech technology to their Moodle environment, making read aloud tools available to their students in Hebrew, UK and US English.</p>

ReadSpeaker is a global voice specialist providing dozens of languages and lifelike voices. Using its own industry-leading technology, the company delivers some of the most natural-sounding synthesized voices on the market. ReadSpeaker uses next-generation Deep Neural Network (DNN) technology to structurally improve voice quality at all levels. ReadSpeaker is a subsidiary of the Memory Disk Division (MD) of the HOYA Corporation, with offices in 15 countries, and over 10,000 customers in 65 countries, providing a complete text-to-speech (TTS) offering, both as Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) and as licensed solutions. A fully integrated TTS provider, ReadSpeaker encompasses all of HOYA's state-of-the-art technologies (NeoSpeech, Voiceware, VoiceText and rSpeak), providing a wide variety of applications for varying channels and devices in multiple industries. ReadSpeaker gives a voice to businesses and organizations for online, embedded, server or desktop needs, apps, speech production, custom voices and more. With more than 20 years' experience, the ReadSpeaker team of experts is leading the way in text to speech. ReadSpeaker is "Pioneering Voice Technology".

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