

Harvard University | Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
The Modern Hebrew Program
Advanced Modern Hebrew 130A, Fall 2021

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Special Covid19 message:

Please make sure to contact Irit or Osnat with any question or problem. Please DO NOT attend class in person if you have any Covid19 symptoms, or are otherwise feeling unwell. At this time, it is even more important than ever to be immediately in touch with us.

Time: M, W TBD, 75 minutes each meeting, and one weekly 30-minute section dedicated to informal group conversation or 1x1 meetings.

Please reach out to [Osnat Aharoni](#) with any questions.

Course Description:

This course aims at further developing aural and reading comprehension of Modern Hebrew, as well as writing skills in the language. Special emphasis will be given to strengthening of the speaking proficiency, including dedicated activities in and out of class. Students will also improve grammatical syntax skills. We will study a variety of texts (short stories, novels, academic papers, and newspaper articles), watch movies and other media, and examine the multifaceted Israeli culture through the use of contemporary Hebrew.

Prerequisite:

Hebrew120a and 120b or equivalent.

Course materials: All materials are digital, and the course booklet can be found on the course canvas site under the "About the course" tab. Materials are also presented as needed each week on the "Resources by Week" page.

Course Site: Students are expected to be responsible for checking the course site for materials, announcements and announcements prior to each class.

Attendance and Participation: We will keep an attendance record. If a student misses more than 3 periods during the semester, the final grade will be affected. If you have an emergency and cannot attend class or meet the deadline of an assignment, please discuss it with the instructor in advance.

Assignments:

The students are required to read assigned texts every week. Each class we will have a short homework assignment (these can be grammar or writing assignments, as well as speaking exercises that will be presented in class), aimed at improving students' speaking ability, vocabulary, writing and grammar.

Students will also read a short story during the semester, on their own time, for which they will submit a writing journal.

In addition, each student will be responsible for:

- A 5-10 minute presentation on a subject of their choice.
- A 5-6 page (double spaced) essay will be handed in by 10.22.21
- An 7-9 page (double spaced) final project will be handed in by 12.7.21

Grading:

- 35% weekly assignments
- 25% participation in class discussions
- 20% Mid semester paper
- 20% final project

Reading Period:

Lessons during this week will only be given in case of cancellation of regular class by the instructor.

Events: There will be 1-3 Israeli events each semester. TBA.

Collaboration Statement: Discussion and the exchange of ideas are essential to academic work. For assignments in this course, you are encouraged to consult with your classmates on the choice of paper topics and to share sources. You may find it useful to discuss your chosen topic with your peers, particularly if you are working on the same topic as a classmate. However, you should ensure that any written work you submit for evaluation is the result of your own research and writing and that it reflects your own approach to the topic. You must also adhere to standard citation practices in this discipline and properly cite any books, articles, websites, lectures, etc. that have helped you with your work. If you received any help with your writing (feedback on drafts, etc.), you must also acknowledge this assistance. **In this course we encourage you to speak Hebrew with your peers, to watch movies with them and to create clips or presentations with them. Written homework or written assignment should be done by the students unless mentioned differently by the instructor.**



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