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The Modern Hebrew Program
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Time TBA

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. The course builds and fortifies the use of wide vocabulary and introduces higher registers of syntax. We will study a variety of texts (short stories, novels, academic papers, and periodical articles), watch movies and other media, and examine the multifaceted Israeli culture through the use of contemporary Hebrew.

Students at this level will be required to explain, interpret, critique and present all class materials solely in Hebrew.

Prerequisite:

Hebrew130a or equivalent.

Assignments:

The students are required to read assigned texts every week. Each class we will have a short homework assignment, aimed at improving students' speaking ability, vocabulary, writing and grammar.

Students will also read 2 short stories during the semester, on their own time, for which they will submit a writing journal.

In addition, each student will write two projects.

A 5-7 page (double spaced) essay will be handed in as a Mid-Semester Project (exact date TBA)

An 8-10 page (double spaced) final project will be handed in by the end of the semester (exact date TBA)

Reading Period:

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

Booklist:

The Advanced Modern Hebrew Booklet (available on the course site and at Gnomon Copy upon request).

Students are expected to be responsible to check the course site for materials, announcements etc. prior to each class.

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