

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS
**Hebrew 241R: Advanced Seminar in Modern Hebrew:
Israeli Culture
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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: T, Th TBD, 75 minutes each meeting, and one weekly 30-minute section dedicated to informal group conversation or 1x1 meetings.

Please email [Dr. Aharony](mailto:Dr.Aharony) with any questions.

Course Description: This course constitutes the final level of Modern Hebrew language studies at Harvard. The course offers representative readings and screenings from contemporary Israeli literature and cinema, and it forms a basis for discussion of major cultural and linguistic themes through readings and movies.

This course is designed for students with good understanding of Modern Hebrew grammar and very good reading and speaking skills. The goal of Hebrew 241 is to open for the student the wide, varied, diverse and unique different aspects of Israeli culture.

Prerequisite: Modern Hebrew 130b 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.

Course Site: The students are expected to follow the canvas site which holds announcements, interactive assignments, news and drills.

Homework: Each week there will be a 1.5-page report on the weekly movie and readings. Since it is impossible to predict the level of the students who come from very different backgrounds, the assignments will be adjusted to the level of each student.

There will be a final paper (9-10) pages at the end of the semester.

The students will read a novella by David Grossman “Momik” during the semester and will report progress in the weekly assignments.

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.

Grading:

30% weekly reading and weekly assignment

30% final paper

40% participation in the discussions in class, commenting about the readings

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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