

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS
Modern Hebrew B: Elementary Modern Hebrew
Full Course, Indivisible (2 Semesters)*
2015-2016

* There is no divided credit given (i.e. one must take both semesters within the same academic year).

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Course description: Hebrew B is an intensive course which enables students to read, write, speak and comprehend basic Modern Hebrew. The course emphasizes all communicative skills. It introduces Hebrew grammar, syntax, idioms and expressions through texts and internet materials as well as through popular songs and movies.

No previous knowledge of the language or the alpha-bet is needed.

Note: not opened to auditors

Time and Location: 10:00 – 11:00a.m M-F, Sever hall. Room: TBA

Sections: Every student is expected to participate in a mandatory weekly one hour section to improve oral proficiencies. No assignments are given in the sections.

Quizzes and Exams: On most Fridays there will be a quiz, lasting approximately one hour, covering the topics studied throughout the week. If students have an emergency and cannot attend the quiz, or cannot meet the deadline of an assignment, they should speak with the

instructor and TF in advance. On other Fridays there will be a screening of an Israeli movie or a guest talk about Israeli culture.

Final examination: A two-hour final exam will take place during the last days of reading period.

Attendance and Participation: All instructors and TFs will keep an attendance record. If a student misses more than 3 times a semester from classes or conversations total, the final grade will be affected.

Reading period: Mandatory review sessions will be conducted during the reading period, and class will be held as usual.

Course Materials: All course materials are digitized and can be downloaded from the course iSite.

Recommended (optional) books:

1. E.A. Coffin and S. Bolozky, A Reference Grammar of Modern Hebrew
2. Yuval Tarmon, Hebrew Verb Tables

Course iSite: The students are expected to follow the course website daily, which holds announcements, interactive assignments, news and drills.

Special Course Event: Students are expected to attend two Israeli evening events.

Studying Hebrew at Harvard is not only beneficial – it is also fun!!!

We would love to have you with us!!!

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