

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Hebrew1030 - Beginner Modern Hebrew

Fall 2018

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Lecture -T TH 2:30-4:30

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Course Description

This course provides students with an introduction to the language, both spoken and written. Fundamentals of grammatical structures with emphasis on vocabulary building and comprehension of modern Hebrew texts through reading of short stories and discussions. Students will learn to understand and produce texts in modern Hebrew. Each lesson emphasizes all four skills (reading, comprehension, speaking, and writing) so that students will feel comfortable to use their skills.

Course Learning Objectives

This course will enable students to recognize the fundamental structures of Hebrew and its basic forms as well as to acquire the necessary vocabulary for everyday conversations. Lessons will help students incorporate all of the language skills (comprehension, conversation, reading, and writing) with exposure to a wide range of vocabulary and language structure.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course you should be able to:

Oral Communication

- understand the main ideas in a discussion on a variety of topics
- be able to express some ideas and opinions clearly
- expand and effectively use a varied vocabulary

Reading Comprehension

- understand various Hebrew text

Written Expression

- write coherently in consideration of both form and content
- compose complex sentences
- produce narrative and descriptive writing

Grammar

- know the verb tenses and be able to conjugate verb forms in past, present, and future tenses
- understand and properly apply the rules of gender
- be able to use the correct pronouns and suffixes

In-Class Activities

- conversations
- reading
- guided discussions
- grammar reviewing, learning, and practicing
- vocabulary enrichment
- individual and group work
- oral presentations

Grading

class participation and attendance	10%
quizzes	20%
oral presentation	10%
written	20%
first term in class test	20%
final exam	20%

Classes will not meet on the following days:

Tuesday September 11, 2018	Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday September 25, 2018	Sukkot
Tuesday October 2, 2018	Simchat Torah

Text: TBA

Date	Lesson Outline (tentative)
Sept 6	Introduction, Check level of reading and comprehension knowledge of vowels, nouns -masculine and feminine
Sept 13	Reading -basic word knowledge, assign vocabulary -nouns with possessive pronoun suffixes -pronouns
Sept 18	Reading text and comprehension nouns and adjectives suffixes of feminine and masculine nouns prepositions and particles מ * ש * ל * ב oral discussion
Sept 20	Vocabulary quiz Speech patterns reading text writing dialogue - conversation masculine and feminine numbers 1-10
Sept 27	readings conjugating 'at' days of the week prepositions + nouns + adjectives present tense verbs בניין פעל

Oct 4	<p>Reading a short story</p> <p>Vocabulary and Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dialogue - writing a summary and review of the story
Oct 16	<p>reading conversations</p> <p>-in a group writing a dialogue about one of the readings and presenting to the class</p> <p>Verb conjugation - stem and pronoun suffix in פיעל</p> <p>-comprehension quiz</p>
Oct 18	<p>Grammar - the infinitive form of the verbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adverbs <p>reading and discussion</p> <p>vocabulary</p>
Oct 23	<p>Reading and discussion</p> <p>numbers 20 – 100</p> <p>nouns and adjectives</p> <p>telling time</p> <p>preposition עם</p>
Oct 25	<p>Reading a short story</p> <p>vocabulary</p> <p>writing a story</p> <p>Grammar quiz</p> <p>Verb conjugation</p>
Oct 30	<p>Reading a poem</p> <p>-translation of an English poem to Hebrew</p> <p>Due Nov 8</p> <p>-definite and indefinite direct objects</p> <p>-preposition את</p> <p>-verb conjugation בניין הפעיל</p>
Nov 1	<p>-comprehension quiz</p> <p>-Nouns and adjectives</p> <p>-prepositions</p> <p>-verbs</p> <p>-question words</p>
Nov 6	<p>In class composition</p> <p>Verb conjugation בניין התפעל</p>
Nov 8	<p>readings and vocabulary</p> <p>writing a story</p> <p>gender and number agreement</p> <p>Grammar - sentence structure and verb conjugation in the infinitive</p> <p>Translation of poem is due</p>
Nov 13	<p>Vocabulary,</p> <p>verb conjugation in the past - בניין פעל</p>

Nov15	Group discussions on an article or story Group presentation Verb conjugation quiz
Nov 20	Grammar – Binyanim סמיכות - construct Reading and comprehension assignment
Nov 22	Conjugation of “Binyanim” אות יחס - ל
Nov 27	Review of material for exam
Nov 29	In class exam
Dec 4	Reading passage Vocabulary Sentence structure
Dec 6	Review of vocabulary Writing assignment Oral presentation of dialogue



The Appendix to Course Outlines is posted on the OWL course site.