

Hebrew 101-002
Fall 2018

Class meets: MW 6:00-7:50pm

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Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00-8:50am, Monday, Wednesday 5:00-5:50pm (by appointment only, if you come by the office, call me at 517-353-4863 and I'll open for you).

This is the first course in the MSU Modern Hebrew sequence. In this course you will learn Modern Hebrew from the beginning. You will learn to read and write in Hebrew, and accumulate skills in the four areas of language learning: speaking, listening, reading and writing. By the end of the semester, you will be able to read and comprehend a short text, give a short presentation, and use simple linguistic structures. You will learn verbs in the present tense and infinitive form, and know how to use them in context. You will also learn how to ask questions and answer them, and engage in simple conversations such as introductions and asking for directions.

Required Texts

1. Hayat, S., Israeli, S., & Kovliner, H. (2000). *Ivrit Min Ha'hatchala, Level I (Yellow)*. Jerusalem: Akademon.

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Highly Recommended:

One of the two following dictionaries

Weinbach, L., Shani, M., & Lauden, E. (Eds.) (2006). *Multi Dictionary Bilingual Learners Dictionary Hebrew-Hebrew-English English-Hebrew*. AD publications.

Or

Zisberman, S. (1998). *The Up-To-Date English-Hebrew Hebrew-English Dictionary*. Jerusalem: Gefen Books.

Grading

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| • Attendance | 20% |
| • Graded Homework | 12% |
| • Digital Journals | 9% |
| • 2 tests (Sep. 26, Nov 19) | 14% |
| • 3 quizzes (Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov. 7) | 15% |
| • Midterm (Oct. 24) | 10% |
| • Final Exam (Dec. 5 during class) | 20% |

Before each assessment you will receive a sheet detailing the vocabulary and grammatical themes and skills required for this assessment. This material will also be used as a guideline for digital journals. Last year's version of these materials and homework assignments are available on D2L.

Schedule of Material Covered in Ivrit Min Ha'hatchala, Level I

8/29 – 9/12 – pp. 1-35 (Quiz1)
9/13 – 9/26 – pp. 36-62 (Test1)
9/27 – 10/10 – pp. 63-92 (Quiz2)
10/11 – 10/24 – pp. 93-110 (Midterm)
10/25 – 11/7 – pp. 111-141 (Quiz3)
11/8 – 11/19 – pp. 142-180 (Test2)
11/20-11/30 – pp. 181-198 (Final)

Extra Credit Opportunities

- You will have opportunities to participate in Israel-related cultural events, and receive up to .5 extra credit for these activities. Students who want to receive this extra credit, are required to attend at least two of these events and submit a 1 page written report about each event. For more information on these events, visit <http://jsp.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Events-Fall-2018.pdf>. We are also hosting the “Israel at 70” conference this coming September. More information about the conference is here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/israel-at-70-conference-michigan-state-university-jewish-studies-program-tickets-47920646945>
- Students who invest extra time and effort during the semester, and show that they have grown, may receive up to .5 extra credit. To receive this credit, students have to show that their performance over the semester has improved by achieving higher grades on their assessments towards the end of the semester, in comparison with the beginning of the semester.

Grading Scale:

93-100 = 4.0
86-92.99 = 3.5
80-85.99 = 3.0
75-79.99 = 2.5
70-74.99 = 2.0
65-69.99 = 1.5
60-64.99 = 1.0
Below 59.99 = 0.0

No Class:	September 3	Labor Day
	September 10-11	Rosh Hashanah
	September 19	Yom Kippur
	November 21-22	Thanksgiving

Course Policies

- **Class attendance and participation** are essential for successful language learning. You are allowed up to two unexcused absences in the semester. After the first two unexcused absences, for each unexcused absence, 5 points will be deducted from your attendance/participation grade. Being late by more than 5 minutes for class will be considered an absence. The instructor reserves the right to deduct further points from the final grade (up to a failing grade) due to poor attendance. It is expected that you participate actively in class, and that you are ready to do so when called upon.
- **Make up exams:** Please note the dates for quizzes and tests. Make up exams will **only** be given in the case of illness or emergency, and will require a confirmation letter from a physician or other forms of documentation such as a letter from an advisor. Please communicate with me in advance if you anticipate this kind of an issue.
- **Homework assignments:** Will be given on a regular basis, with a set deadline. You are expected to do your homework on your own, and to abide by MSU policies of academic integrity. 10 points will be deducted from homework assignments' grade for every late day beyond the deadline for submission. Please contact me if you have trouble completing the homework on time.
- **Academic Integrity**
[Article 2.III.B.2](#) of *Student Rights and Responsibilities* states: "The student shares with the faculty the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards." In addition, the Dept. of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian, & African Languages adheres to the policies on academic honesty specified in General Student Regulation 1.0, [Protection of Scholarship and Grades](#); the all-University Policy on [Integrity of Scholarship and Grades](#); and [Ordinance 17.00](#), Examinations.

Therefore, unless authorized by the instructor, you are expected to complete all course assignments, including homework, quizzes, tests and exams, without assistance from any source. Also, you are not authorized to use www.allmsu.com or other social media websites to complete any course work in this course. Students who violate MSU regulations on Protection of Scholarship and Grades will receive a failing grade in the course or on the assignment.

Faculty are required to report all instances in which a penalty grade is given for academic dishonesty. Students reported for academic dishonesty are required to take an online course about the integrity of scholarship and grades. A hold will be placed on the student's account until such time as the student completes the course. This course is overseen by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Please see <https://www.msu.edu/~ombud/academic-integrity/index.html> for further information regarding academic integrity at MSU and the academic dishonesty reporting system.

- **Learning Disabilities:** Michigan State University is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities may be made by contacting the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities at 517-884-RCPD or on the web at rcpd.msu.edu. Once your eligibility for accommodation has been determined, you will be issued a Verified Individual Services Accommodation (“VISA”) form. Please present this form to me at the start of the term, and/or two weeks prior to the accommodation date (test, project, etc.) Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible. I am available at any time to discuss appropriate academic accommodations, suggest strategies to deal with them, and make arrangements.
- **Health Policy:** If you have a fever, **do not attend class**. Email the instructor and inform him that you are ill, and you will be excused. Please be sure to keep the instructor updated as to your condition. If you are sick with a fever for more than one day, a note from a physician is required to justify your absence. **Do not come to class if you have flu symptoms. Wait until you are fever-free for 24 hours before coming to class.**
- **The use of phones, laptops or tablets is not allowed in class, unless specifically permitted by the instructor. Students who use these devices without permission will be considered absent on the day, and points will be deducted from their attendance grade. Students are not permitted to use translation programs or websites for their homework. Work in which such programs will be used (unless specifically allowed by the instructor) will be given a failed grade.**