

Hebrew Course Syllabus

Level Dalet- Lower Advanced

A. Courses during the year

- **Fall Semester-** The course is 100 academic hours lasting approximately 14 weeks. Classes are held Monday through Thursday, either from 8:30 to 10:00 or from 10:15-11:45. (6 academic credits)
- **Winter Ulpan** -Intensive Ulpan of 100 academic hours in 4 weeks. Classes meet five days a week, from Sunday to Thursday (sometimes there are also Friday classes). Every day of learning includes five academic hours, from 8:30 to 13:00 and sometimes until 14:00. Every Wednesday after class there is a teacher's office hour. (5 academic credits)
In addition, the University holds pedagogically supervised afternoon sessions for three hours a day in which students do not only practice the learned material but get individual feedback and can thus build on the material studied during the day.
- **Spring Semester-** The course is 100 academic hours lasting approximately 14 weeks. Classes are held Monday through Thursday, either from 8:30 to 10:00 or from 10:15-11:45. (6 academic credits).
- **Summer Ulpan (July + August)** - Intensive Ulpan of 100 academic hours in 4 weeks. Classes meet five days a week; from Sunday to Thursday, (sometimes there are also Friday classes). Every day of learning includes five academic hours, from 8:30 to 13:00 and sometimes until 14:00. Every Wednesday after class there is a teacher's office hour. (5 academic credits). In addition, the University holds pedagogically supervised afternoon sessions for three hours a day in which students do not only practice the learned material but get individual feedback and can thus build on the material studied during the day.
- **Summer Ulpan (Online)** - Intensive Ulpan of 80 academic hours in 5 weeks. Classes meet four days a week, from Monday to Thursday. Every day of learning includes four academic hours, from 6pm to 9:30pm Israel time. (4 academic credits)

B. Examinations

Semesters- During the semester, there will be two exams and two tests. All exams and tests will take place on Thursdays. In addition to the written examinations, an oral exam will be held.

Intensive Ulpan- During the Ulpan there will be two written exams and one oral exam.

Oral Exam- Examining a student's knowledge of Hebrew through writing is one parameter. Another important parameter is oral comprehension and speech. To this end there will be an oral exam whose purpose is to examine the student's achievements in fluent speech. Toward the end of the Ulpan, each student must give a verbal lecture in Hebrew to the class

C. Course Books

Bein Hashurot- 'בין השורות'

Hapool Bif'ula or Rav Pealim- 'הפועל בפעולה' או 'רב פעלים'

The course covers:

1. Reading comprehension based on articles from Israeli daily newspapers in order to acquire everyday vocabulary; Hebrew poetry
2. Writing- Writing short articles, summarizing stories, letters
2. Conversation -Daily dialogs, discussions based on materials learned in the class, interviews and presentations
3. Listening comprehension- Hebrew songs and movies.
4. Grammar.
 - a. **The verb system-** Irregular verbs; basic passive verb constructions; changing sentences form active to passive and vice-versa –regular verbs and verbs with guttural consonants. (פעל – נפעל; פיעל – פועל; הפעיל – הופעל); the gerund (שם פעולה) of regular verbs and guttural consonants. פועל והתפעל, using 3 letters stems and 4 letters stem; participle of *binyanim*: פועל, הופעל, פעל (acting as nouns or adjectives); weak verbs types: ליי, פיינ-פיי, עיי-עיי.
 - b. **Syntax and morphology** - Conjunctions, prepositions, special syntactic structures, adjectives, phrases; prefixes for nouns & adjectives; prepositions; adverbs; final clause; consequence sentences; the conditional- real/ unreal condition; temporal (time) clause; final clause; concessive clause; copula; possessive suffixes.

*In one semester, students cover approximately half the learning material of this entire level.

Within the classroom itself there is a degree of flexibility depending on students' prior knowledge.

D. Grades

Semester:

Intensive:

The determination of the final grade is as follows:

Periodic tests	30%	Midterm Exam	30%
Midterm Exam	20%	Final Exam	50%
Final Exam	30%	Oral Exam	10%
Oral Exam	10%	Attendance, participation, homework:	10%
Attendance/ Participation / Homework	10%		

E. Ulpan Regulations- Hebrew Classes Requirements

The following requirements apply to all students (whether they are taking Hebrew for credit or not).

1. Students will attend all classes and arrive on time.

The teacher is allowed to prohibit students who arrive late from entering the classroom. (In case of illness or personal issues, please address your teacher in private.)

2. Using cellular phones during class is prohibited both for personal and academic purposes. Please turn off your phone or put it on silent and in your bag before entering the classroom.

3. Each student is required to fulfill the following:

- Submit daily homework assignments.
- Take each test and exam on the scheduled day. A student who is absent from a test or exam will not be permitted to take the test or exam on a later or earlier date.
- Complete his/her personal oral exam.

4. A student who missed a class is responsible to make up all the work that s/he missed.

5. A student who does not meet all the course requirements, including a student who **is absent more than 20% of the course days**, and/or does not take the final exam, will not be eligible to receive a final grade, certificate of completion, or academic credit.

Students who do not fulfill the course requirements during the semester, will be given a warning. If the situation does not improve, the student will be asked to leave the course and will not receive financial reimbursement for the remaining period of the semester.

Students who fail the course – whether through poor academic performance or because of not fulfilling all the course requirements --will not be eligible to go on to the next level of Hebrew and will need to repeat the same course if they wish to continue their Hebrew studies.