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Hebrew Course Syllabus

Level Aleph - Beginners

This level is the first of six levels of Hebrew learning. At this level, the student acquires the basics of Modern Hebrew, combining the four skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

We begin with the Hebrew *aleph-bet* (the source of the English word alphabet), use vocabulary to familiarize ourselves with written dialogue and everyday dialogue, and read short texts.

Level Aleph is taught for 200 hours, over the course of two semesters.
Once a week, there are teacher's office hours after class.

Courses during the year:

- **Fall / Spring Semester:**
  The course is 100 academic hours, lasting 12-14 weeks.
  Classes are held 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday, either from 8:30 to 10:00 or from 10: 15-11: 45. It awards a student 6 academic credits**.**

- **Winter (one course) / Summer (one or two courses, July & August): ON CAMPUS**
  An intensive course of 100 academic hours in 4 weeks.
  Classes meet 5 days a week, from Sunday to Thursday. Every day of learning includes 5 academic hours, from 8:30 to 13:00 and sometimes until 14:00 (Israel time).
  It awards a student 5 academic credits.

- **Winter: ON LINE**
  An intensive course of 80 academic hours in 5 weeks.
  Classes meet 4 days a week, from Monday to Thursday. Every day of learning includes 3 academic hours, from 15:00-18:15 (Israel time).
  It awards a student 4 academic credits.

Examinations

During each semester, 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.

Each student must give a verbal lecture to the class in Hebrew, lasting approximately 10 minutes, using the vocabulary learned in class, and if possible, adding up to 3-5 new words (which will be presented to the class with an English translation). The oral exam score is divided into two parts, the written-out lecture and the oral lecture, and will reflect the grammar, the linguistic richness, the content of the presentation, and the flow of speech.

Course Textbook

Ivrit Min Ha'hatchala Alef **- 'עברית מן ההתחלה א'**

The course covers:

1. Reading- short texts in basic Hebrew.
2. Writing- Learning the Hebrew alphabet- print & script, writing letters and short stories.
2. Conversation- Short daily dialogues in different situations, interviews, games.
3. Grammar:
    a. **The verb system-**
    Present tense of basic verb; groups; Infinitives of active verb groups; Types of verbs stems.
    b. **Syntax and morphology-**
    Prepositions; Question words; Cardinal numbers (masculine and feminine); Nominal sentences; Adverbs; Nouns (masculine; feminine; singular; plural).

In the advanced Level Aleph, students review present tense forms; acquire past tense forms; basic verbal nouns and infinitives; direct speech and reported speech; cardinal numbers (masculine and feminine); ordinal numbers; prepositions.

Grades

Final grade determination is as follows:

Midterm Exam	35%
Final Exam	35%
Oral Exam	10%
Attendance	10%
Homework	10%

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Hebrew Course Regulations and 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 meeting.
   In case of illness or personal issues, please address your teacher via WhatsApp.
2. A student who missed a class is responsible to make up all the work that s/he missed.
3. Each student is required to fulfill the following:
   a. Submit daily homework assignments.
   b. Take each exam on the scheduled day. A student who is absent from an exam will not be permitted to take the exam on a later or earlier date.
   c. Complete his/her personal oral exam.
4. Using cellular phones for personal use during class is prohibited.
   Please turn off your phone or put it on silent before entering the meeting.
5. A student who does not meet all the course requirements: who **misses more than 20% of the class meetings**, does not take the exams, or does not perform the tasks, will not be able to continue studying and will not be eligible to receive a final grade, certificate of completion, or academic credit.
   A student who does not fulfill all the course requirements, may also 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.
6. 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.