



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rothberg International School
Division of Hebrew Language Instruction



Syllabus for Level Heh – Advanced

General Information

Level *Heh* is the fifth level out of six levels of Modern Hebrew language instruction at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Courses on this level are offered at the RIS in the following frameworks:

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- **Jerusalem Ulpan:** (*) Generally 140 academic hours over up to six weeks in late June-July. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Summer Ulpan:** Generally 200 academic hours over up to two months in August-September. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Academic Year:** Courses are held on a semester basis. In the *Division of Graduate Studies*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 10 academic hours per week, for a semester total of 140 academic hours. In the *Preparatory Program*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 8 academic hours per week, for a semester total of 112 academic hours.
- **Winter Ulpan:** (*) Generally 100 academic hours over 3-4 weeks in between the autumn and spring semesters (January-February). Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, up to 6 academic hours per day.

(*) *The opening of a level Heh class is subject to sufficient registration.*

Course Objective

By the end of the course, students should have an excellent command of Hebrew. The course concentrates on the written language, especially scientific writing, as well as elements of Biblical Hebrew, literature from earlier periods and sophisticated journalistic writing. Students read the various Israeli daily newspapers as well as Israeli literature and scientific articles of varying lengths. They have a good command of synonyms and idiomatic Hebrew, and also understand the subtle differences between words. Their already substantial vocabularies now include many words from a wide variety of genres. Students generally can listen to most lecture with reasonable comprehension. They considerably improve their ability to write long essays in Hebrew on a wide range of topics, incorporating idiomatic language. By the end of the course, the students should have a good command of all verbal and syntactical structures, including exceptions to the rules, and a rich vocabulary.

Examinations

The Mid-term exam contains four parts: reading comprehension, Cloze exercises, grammatical exercises and an essay.

The Final exam resembles the structure of the mid-term exam and encompasses all the material learned from the beginning of the course. Classes that do not complete a level write a final exam, according to the program requirements.

Note: Students in the Summer Ulpan take an additional final exam on scientific text comprehension.

The Level exam is an external exam of the RIS Division of Hebrew Language Instruction. In order to continue studies in Level Vav, students must achieve a minimum grade of 70 on the Level Exam.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

Project

Students will write a project, based on various texts. e.g. literature, newspaper articles or films.

Books and Study Materials

א"ס קדימה – **Heh There** (*Kadima Heh*) or , **עברית בה"א הידיעה** – **Hebrew with a Capital H** (*Ivrit be-Heh Hayedia*), **כמו כלים שלובים** – (*Kemo Kelim Shluvim*)

Grammar Books focusing on verbs will be purchased at the beginning of the course

to be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet: www.magnespress.co.il. In addition, a grammar book focusing on verbs and syntactical structures and a second textbook on lexical structures will be purchased at the beginning of the course.

Audio Programs – Listening to Hebrew for practicing oral comprehension in the Language Laboratory, can be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet: www.magnespress.co.il

Multimedia courseware is available for free on the RIS website <http://overseas.huji.ac.il/hebrewmultimedia>.

Hebrew literary works, including poetry, available in the Rothberg School Library in book form and on CDs.

Course Description

This course is designed to deepen the student's knowledge of Hebrew in various fields:

- Comprehension: Listening to radio programs on an advanced level and viewing regular television programs.
- Conversation: Increasing the vocabulary used in conversations and discussions, while placing emphasis on different language styles.
- Reading: Scientific articles; newspaper editorials; legal documents; prose and poetry passages.
- Writing: Practical writing according to communicative functions, according to models of persuasion, explanation, etc.
- Grammatical Skills: Complementing student's linguistic knowledge; the handling of irregular forms.

Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Attendance, class participation, homework, quizzes, and project 50% (exact value of each component is according to the framework of the course)
- Mid-term exam: 15%
- Final exam or Level exam: 35%

Note: In order to advance to Level Vav, the student must pass the Level exam with a grade of at least 70; this includes students with a grade average in class higher than 70.