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PRAGUE JEWISH STUDIES

MODERN HEBREW

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Textbooks:

Shlomit Chayat, Sara Yisraeli, Hilla Kobliner. *Hebrew from Scratch – עברית מן ההתחלה (Ivrit Min ha-Hathala)*, Part I., Jerusalem: Academon, 2000.

Description:

This course is intended to introduce the students into the basics of modern Hebrew language. They gain basic reading, writing, conversation and comprehension skills which should suffice for basic conversations of everyday life. Their knowledge should form a firm basis for their future study of Hebrew language.

Objectives:

By the end of the course the students should know about 500 words and should be able to have basic conversation skills. They are supposed to know basic syntactic and grammatical structures, numbers, inflection of the strong verb in the past and present tenses, and frequent forms of weak verbs.

Assessment:

Attendance, class participation, homework (30%)
Tests 1-5 (each 6%; total 30 %)
Final test (40%)



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Course Schedule

- Class 1 – Alphabet: consonants (ש, ר, ל, ד, ג, ה, ו, ת, נ, מ, י, א, ה, מ, י, מ, נ, ג, ד, ל, ר, ש), vowels; basic phrases (introduction, greetings), personal pronouns
- Class 2 – Alphabet (ק, ז, צ, ע, ס, ט, ז, ר, פ, כ, ב, ג, ב, ב); basic question words (Who?, Where?, What?)
- Class 3 – reading and writing practice, basic conjunctions (and, or), singular noun (m., f.), singular adjective (m., f.), inseparable prepositions (ל, מ, ב), the definite article
- Class 4 – reading and writing practice, plural nouns (m., f.), plural adjective (m., f.), the preposition particle של, demonstrative pronouns (זה, זאת), declarative and negative nominal sentence, **test no. 1** (writing and transliteration)
- Class 5 – Introduction to verbs: present tense *pa'al* – strong verb (m., f. - s., p.); present tense *pa'al* weak verb type ל"א, positive and negative verbal sentence, כל + singular noun
- Class 6 – present tense *pa'al* – weak verb type ע"ו; demonstrative pronoun אלה, conjunction אבל
- Class 7 – present tense *pi'el* – strong verb, preposition articles על, עם, declarative and negative nominal sentence cont. (אין/ש)
- Class 8 – present tense *pa'al* – ל"ע, weak type verb פ"י, revision: classes 1-8, **test no. 2** (present tense *pa'al*, *pi'el*; syntax and morphology, vocabulary)
- Class 9 – feminine cardinal numbers 1-10, question words (How much?, When?, How?), the preposition את
- Class 10 – present tense *hif'il* – strong verb, singular and plural suffixes, basic time determination (half, quarter)
- Class 11 – present tense *hitpa'el* – strong verb, conjugation of the prepositions ל and ב, possessive sentence
- Class 12 – infinitive: strong verbs (except *nif'al*), רוצה + infinitive, days of the week, revision: classes 1-12, **test no. 3.**



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- Class 13 – past tense *pa'al* – strong verb, adverbs, masculine cardinal numbers 1-10
- Class 14 – past tense *pi'el*, past tense *pa'al* – weak verb type ע"ו, verb exercises
- Class 15 – past tense *nif'al* – strong verb, present tense *nif'al* – strong verb, agreement of the adjective and the noun + preposition
- Class 16 – exercises: past tense – *pa'al*, *nif'al* ; infinitive of weak verbs (types פ"א, פ"ה), **test no. 4**
- Class 17 – past tense *hif'il* – strong verb, infinitive of weak verbs (types פ"ע, ל"ע), numbers f. 10-20
- Class 18 – past tense *hitpa'el* – strong verb, infinitive of weak verbs (ע"ו, ע"י)
- Class 19 – revision of the past tense (classes 12-15), numbers 20 – 100, causal clauses (למה...? מפני ש)
- Class 20 – revision of the past tense (classes 16 -18), age and numbers, **test no. 5**
- Class 21 – singular and plural indefinite construct state (*smikhut*), numbers m. 10-20 impersonal verbal form,
- Class 22 – introduction into future tense; *pa'al* – strong verb (m., f. - s., p.); orienting rules for gender and form recognition in other constructions; **questionnaire** for students: subjects for review
- Class 23 – exercises for gender and form recognition in the future tense,
- Class 24 - revision of the subject matter according to the needs of students
- Class 25 – revision of the subject matter according to the needs of students
- Class 26 – revision, **final test**