SPRING 2015 SUNDAY COURSE GUIDE

THIS GUIDE IS SUBJECT TO UPDATES

TABLE OF CONTENTS

WELCOME MESSAGE PAGE 2
MAKOR 2014-2015 SUNDAY CALENDAR PAGE 3
COURSE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS PAGE 4
PERIOD 1 COURSE OFFERINGS PAGE 5
PERIOD 2 COURSE OFFERINGS PAGE 7
PERIOD 3 COURSE OFFERINGS PAGE 8
PERIOD 4 COURSE OFFERINGS PAGE 9
WELCOME TO MAKOR

“The finest quality of human beings is asking questions.” (Rabbi Solomon Ben Gabriel)

“Because I told you so!” Growing up, I heard this phrase... often. The moment I uttered that one word which pushed my parents’ buttons... that 3 letter word when asked repeatedly in an iteration of curiosity and at times with a hint of malevolence, eventually led my parents to exclaim, “Because I told you so!”

Yet, it didn’t stop me from asking questions.

As Director of Makor, I want to welcome you to what will be a year filled with questions. Your questions. You see, as students, you have a right to ask questions and explore the answers - be it ones you can ask Google about to ones that you need to use your internal “Google” and reflect on. Here at Hebrew College’s Makor program, every teacher is counting on you to ask questions.

This course guide has two purposes: to share the calendar and to allow you to utilize your option of “voice and choice.” You have the power to choose the courses you wish to study. Your teachers have been working very hard in designing courses for your interests; they are eager to start that journey of learning with you.

This spring, ALL of you can choose a course. Those who are not taking Hebrew will choose 3 courses from the list on the following pages. If you are studying Hebrew, you will choose your 3rd period course.

If you have any questions or would like some help selecting courses, I am happy to work with you. Feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Ariel Margolis
Director of Makor
amargolis@hebrewcollege.edu

617-559-8807
SUNDAY: Period 1 – 9:30-10:20 / Cooperative Games – 10:20-10:40/ Period 2 - 10:40-11:30 / Break - 11:30-11:50 / Period 3 - 11:50-12:40 / Period 4 - 12:45-1:30

*All dates are tentative and subject to change.*

**JANUARY CLASS DATES**
Sundays: 11 (Makor 2\textsuperscript{nd} Semester Begins), 25

**FEBRUARY CLASS DATES**
Sundays: 1, 8 (7\textsuperscript{th} Grade Taste of Prozdor Day)

**MARCH CLASS DATES**
Sundays: 1, 8 (7\textsuperscript{th} Grade Taste of Prozdor Day) 15, 22, 29

**APRIL CLASS DATES**
Sundays: 12

**MAY CLASS DATES**
Sundays: 3, 10, 17
Instructions to Register for Makor Classes

You will receive an email with your username and password to register for your classes online.

1. Go to myhc.hebrewcollege.edu
2. Enter your username and password in the boxes on the top right of the screen and click “Login”
3. Once you are logged in click on “Register” tab.
4. On this page click on “course search”. (Even though it says registration is closed, it is actually open. What you are seeing is for college students)
5. Change the term dropdown to say “2014-2015 - Makor Spring”
6. To see all courses being offered every period click on the “Search” button on the bottom of the page, without typing or changing any criteria. If you happen to change any of the criteria the system may remember that the next time your search. Please do not search for a specific course by number as the number in our system varies from the numbers in the course guide.
7. Once you have found the course you wish to register for, click on the box to the left of the course. Please look at the course carefully and make sure that it is meeting at the correct time as some courses are offered multiple times. You should do this for all of the courses you wish to take even if that means going through all of the pages of courses. The system will remember your selections from previous screens.
8. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click “Add Courses”
9. This will take you to the Add/Drop screen for registration. (If there is no error message and you are happy with your class choice skip to step 11)
10. If you have selected a class that conflicts with something in your schedule you will directed to the Add/Drop screen and see a message that there is a conflict.
11. If you would like to drop the course you have just selected, then click on the box next to the course and click the “Drop Selected Courses” button and return to the search screen to look for other classes.
12. Once you have selected your entire schedule click on the “Register” tab and click on Add/Drop classes to see your schedule.

If you have any questions about registering for classes please contact:

Leah Goldstein – 617-559-8803 or lgoldstein@hebrewcollege.edu
Ariel Margolis – 617-559-8807 or amargolis@hebrewcollege.edu

*If you are taking Hebrew, you do not need to register for it online—it is a year-long course.*

All the best,

The Makor Team
Period 1: 9:30am – 10:20am

Track One (Hebrew Track):

Conversational Modern Hebrew

If you want to learn how to speak Hebrew, this is the place for you! Our curriculum is based on the proficiency approach to teaching Hebrew – a nationally-recognized, cutting-edge approach to teaching foreign language that focuses on how to function with the language, as opposed to a focus on what you know about the language.

Working closely with Hebrew at the Center, a national training institution for the advancement of Hebrew language studies, we have developed thematic units to maximize ability in using Hebrew across a range of topics and issues relevant to everyday life.

This Hebrew curriculum continues on through the Prozdor high school program, and consistent commitment to it over the years will result in real Hebrew proficiency. All Prozdor and Makor Hebrew teachers are trained in this approach and involved in a series of professional development workshops to enhance their ability to effective guide our students.

If you want to learn more about HATC and the proficiency approach, please go to www.hebrewatthecenter.org.

If you have selected Track One, you will automatically be placed into the appropriate Hebrew class based on your current Hebrew level as determined by our Hebrew Language Coordinator. Please note that Hebrew will be 2 consecutive periods and be held during periods 1 & 2. Please be in touch with Mira Angrist, Hebrew Language Coordinator, with any questions (mangrist@hebrewcollege.edu or 617-559-8814).

Track Two (Elective Track): Hebrew Exposure Elective

These elective offerings will empower students to study a topic of interest in a setting built to develop Hebrew reading, writing, and vocabulary skills.

Holiday/Life Cycle Crafting (ART 201)
Taught by BECKY PRICE

A hands-on approach to learning the events and celebrations of the Jewish life cycle in which you will create a handmade work of art to take home to celebrate what you learn. Texts and other sources will be studied to learn backgrounds. Possible projects could include your own yad to use at your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or a stained glass wine glass for your (future) wedding.

Create Your Own Siddur (ART 111)
Taught by RABBI JACLYN RUBIN
Have you found Jewish prayer to be boring? Confusing? Pointless? I mean, what are these prayers even talking about? Why should I pray them? Why are there so many different versions of prayers and of the siddur (prayer book)? In this course we will each create our own personal siddur from scratch. We will explore these questions and consider the meanings of different Jewish prayers, building a personalized prayer book based on the ones that we find most meaningful. In your siddur, you will be able to customize it with your own comments, artwork, poetry, and music. A perfect class for prayer cynics, artists, writers, and, well, everyone!

**Introduction to Russian and Russian Culture (HIST 230)**
Taught by MISHA CLEBANER

Dobro Pozhalovat! Welcome to the rich language and culture of Russia. In this interactive course, we will learn how to converse in Russian using practical phrases (transportation, ordering in a restaurant, shopping). We will also be studying a bit of history, culture, art, music and food. We will also study the Russian Jewish community, past and present.

**Jew-Do: The Jewish Way to Leadership and Self-Discipline Based on Biblical Heroes (BIBLE 230)**
Taught by YIGAL PE’ERI

Whoever knows how to fight well is not angry. Whoever knows how to bring change and correct the wrong does not fight. These words were acted out 3000 years ago by Avraham Avinu. Why fight for change? Life is all about struggle and challenge and you shouldn't be surprised when you need (or are forced) to fight to overcome resistance in order to achieve your goals. Do you have the right leadership skills and strategies? In this course we will combine the knowledge of the Bible leaders and leadership styles with Jewish philosophies to provide positive thinking, developing mental strength and ability to embrace change.

**The Art & Science of Challah (STEM 130)**
Taught by LAURA BELLows & ARIEL MARGOLIS

There are seven steps to baking bread (seven!) and together we will explore the science, halachot, ecology, and gastronomy of baking. Through hands-on activities (yes, that means, you will bake bread - and get to eat it, too!), discovery, and discussion, we will enter the world of this most enticing and delectable food.

Please note that this course requires students to bring in a mobile device (laptop, tablet) to work on the material.

**Meeschakim Sheetufim/Cooperative Games:**
10:20am – 10:40am

As we represent many communities, we want to take time during the day to build and fortify our Makor community. Each week, we will play a game or perform a group activity that focuses on building community. This philosophy and some of the activities come from Origins and Responsive Classroom.
Period 2: 10:40am – 11:30am
“Choose Your Track”

Track One (Hebrew Track):

Modern Israeli Conversational Hebrew

If you want to learn how to speak Hebrew – this is the place for you! Our curriculum is based on the proficiency approach to teaching Hebrew – a nationally-recognized, cutting-edge approach to teaching foreign language that focuses on how to function with the language, as opposed to a focus on what you know about the language.

Working closely with Hebrew at the Center, a national training institution for the advancement of Hebrew language studies, we have developed thematic units to maximize ability in using Hebrew across a range of topics and issues relevant to everyday life.

This Hebrew curriculum continues on through the Prozdor high school program, and consistent commitment to it over the years will result in real Hebrew proficiency. All Prozdor and Makor Hebrew teachers are trained in this approach and involved in a series of professional development workshops to enhance their ability to effective guide our students.

If you want to learn more about HATC and the proficiency approach, please go to www.hebrewatthecenter.org.

If you have selected Track One, you will automatically be placed into the appropriate Hebrew class based on your current Hebrew level as determined by our Hebrew Language Coordinator. **Please note that Hebrew will be 2 consecutive periods and be held during periods 1 & 2.** Please be in touch with Mira Angrist, Hebrew Language Coordinator, with any questions (mangrist@hebrewcollege.edu or 617-559-8814).

Track Two (Elective Track):

Parsha Improv (ART 215)
Taught by BECKY PRICE

Improv is a form of theater in which most or all of what is performed is created at the moment it is performed. This course uses the methodology of improvisation to help us explore and interpret the weekly Torah portion. If you are ready for a thoughtful and fun Biblical exploration, and are brave enough to accept the challenge of improvisational performance, this class can be a great fit for you. Learn the ins-and-outs of improvisational theater and dig deeper into beloved Bible stories.

Visual Philosophy (ART 230)
Taught by RABBI JACLYN RUBIN

Using the Voices and Visions poster series, we will spend each week examining a different quotation from Jewish philosophers and texts throughout history (including Rambam, Pirkei...
Avot, Justice Brandeis, and Martin Buber), and an accompanying illustration or design. At the end of the course, you will have the chance to design your own poster.

**Conversational Hebrew for Jewish Tourists in Israel (ISR 250)**
Taught by YIGAL PE’ERI

In this course we will learn how get by in Israel using practical phrases for transportation (taxi, bus and asking directions) eating, shopping (haggling) and dating. The emphasis is on spoken everyday Hebrew and not on reading or writing. The students can suggest topics and we will learn how to discuss/negotiate them in Hebrew.

**Jewish Prophets and Meditation (BIBLE 240)**
Taught by MISHA CLEBANER

There are many tales in the Jewish Biblical Cannon that tell of the rise of various prophets. There are stories of success and sometimes there are those of struggle, yet one thing they all have in common is the faith that the prophets maintain. How are they able to do this? By being a prophet they demonstrated strong connection and awareness of the world around them. This allowed them to be truth tellers of their generation. We will incorporate techniques of meditation, video clips about steadfastness in the face of trouble or anxiety, and Hasidic tales about how intentionality (kavanah) enables people to live more just and compassionate lives.

**Hafsaka/Break: 11:30am – 11:50am**

Break is an opportunity for our talmidim (learners) to unwind and relax with their friends. Our talmidim are empowered to spend their break in any respectful and responsible manner they choose. Our educators will be present to continue building relationships with our learners, and will help facilitate social interaction when necessary. When we talk about Makor as a learning community, break becomes an important time in building the friendships that serve as the foundation of our community.

**Period 3: 11:50am – 12:40pm**

“Choose Your Track”

**Hadashot Yehudit – Jewish Current Events (JT 211)**
Taught by WAYNE GOLDSTEIN

Stay up to date on all that is happening in the Jewish world today. We will discuss events occurring in Israel, current news related to Judaism in America and around the world, and even talk about what is happening in your town from a Jewish angle. Course will include guest speakers, multi-media presentations, lively and interesting conversation, and much more. Class participation is a must if you enroll in this course-everyone’s voice is important.

**Movies & Tanakh (BIBLE 130)**
Taught by RABBI JACLYN RUBIN
We will look at clips from a number of different movies (including The Lego Movie), discussing them as they relate to the weekly Torah portion. Come ready to think about what ideas in the parashah are relevant for our own lives today, and how these ideas can help us become better leaders and friends.

**From Page to Stage (ART 301)**
Taught by BECKY PRICE
This course is open to new students only!

This course will focus on adaptation of Biblical stories into a theatrical performance. Talmidim will act as both writers and actors as we bring the stories from page to stage. Infused with drama games, we will analyze the stories, work together to adapt and rewrite them in script form, then use the remainder of the time to rehearse and prepare for a final performance. This course will take place over the semesters. No previous playwriting or performing experience necessary! A great class for talmidim interested in drama or creative writing, or for anyone looking for a new way to enjoy and appreciate a good read and a fresh take on classic Biblical tales.

**Jews in Space! (STEM 150)**
Co-Taught by MISHA CLEBANER & ARIEL MARGOLIS

Space. The Final Frontier.
Want to be a part of space exploration? Throughout history, Jews have played a major role in our exploration of space; from our Talmudic sages to 20th and 21st Century scientists (Einstein, Herschel, Steinberger), studying space has been a major component of Jewish education. And now it’s your turn! You will have the opportunity to design an experiment that may be selected to be launched into space via NASA (We are teaming up with Cubes in Space.) In addition, we will studying various teachings and ethics that our heritage teaches us. Bring your passion!

Note: this course requires a laptop, tablet, or other mobile device.

**Krav Maga (ISR 270)**
Taught by YIGAL PE’ERI

Krav Maga is an Israeli self-defense method designed for face-to-face combat. We learn how to react to an attack while using the aggressor’s energy and power against him. Mostly we will train our brain to staying calm when faced with any emergency situation.

**Period 4: 12:45pm – 1:30pm**  (Optional)

**Specific Prozdor Classes (TBD)**