Hebrew II: Understanding Hebrew Text – Fundamentals of Hebrew II
SPRING SEMESTER 2013
Wednesdays, 6:30pm-9:15pm

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Pre-requisites: Hebrew I or equivalent knowledge

Building on reading skills, vocabulary and grammar acquired in level I, Students will continue to develop and expand their knowledge of vocabulary and grammar (phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax, and pragmatics). Spoken skills will continue to develop in the context of literary works, however the emphasis will continue to be on developing reading comprehension skills in Modern and classical texts. In this level students will learn future tense, sound classes of Pa’al and one new meaning class, Pi’el in all tenses. Students will start handling longer authentic classical texts in this level. The pace of the course will be brisk, and a significant investment of study time outside the classroom will be expected.

Books: Ivrit Shalav Aleph AND Shalav Bet, by Ora Band, Behrman House Publisher
Dictionaries:
  Hebrew-English, Oxford;
  OR: “Rav Milon” by Edna Lauden and Liora Weinbach
  Hebrew English/English Hebrew by Alcalay
  Hebrew-Hebrew by Even Shushan
  Rav Milim is an on-line dictionary available via HC library with your student ID

Supplements will be provided by Instructor; please bring Bible and Siddur regularly
Meeting dates:


Feb 6  Shalav Bet, Unit 1- Bus conversation; Numbers; Possessive
Feb 13  U2 – The Joseph story I; Pa’al future; Imperative; Infinitive
Feb 20  U3 – Joseph II; Pa’al future II; Gutturals; Midrash (U1 and U2)

March 6  U4- The Witnessing tree; Family size; Midrash: Adam&Eve; Pa’al L”H;
March 13  U5 – Two Holding onto a Tallit; Rachel’s Tomb; Color review; Pi’el.
March 20  U6- Home Connection; Pi’el II; Gerunds

SPRING VACATION March 25- April 2 - Passover

Apr 3  U7 – Saving Lives; Pa’al Ayin-Vav;; Midrash
Apr 10  U8 – Y”K War – calling home; Construct; Midrash
Apr 17  U9 – The Typewriter; Masculine numbers; Rabbi Hillel
Apr 24  U10 – The Goat Fable; P”Y; comparative imperative across sound classes; Midrash.

May 1  Shalav Gimmel – Noun declension; Midrashim
May 8  Yom Y’rushalayim Special – Shalav Gimmel- preposition declension; Final Assessment
May 15  no meeting - Shavu’ou – Campus closed
May 22  Review - final assessment

Notes:
1. Students who take this course for credit should discuss with the instructor the grading rubric and additional work.
2. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.