



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



## Syllabus for Level Bet – Lower Intermediate

### General Information

- **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 Undergraduate Studies*, classes extend over 11 weeks, 8 hours per week. Two additional academic hours of intensive class with emphasis on speaking are optional. Students who enroll for intensive classes will receive one grade for a total of 110 hours. 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, 14 academic hours per week, for a total of 196 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.
- **Hebrew immersion course:** An immersion course, 26 academic hours per week, for students, scholars and professionals interested in working knowledge of Hebrew. Classes extend over 11 weeks, for a total of 286 hours. Special emphasis is placed on practical Hebrew, both spoken and written. Basic Hebrew background and completion of at least one academic year are required. The course consists of classroom instruction, Israeli society seminar and internship.

### Course Objective

The course is intended to introduce students to adapted literature and scientific works, to increase their vocabulary, in particular with regard to the daily use of Hebrew as well as the understanding of articles written in easy Hebrew from the press and scientific journals. Students should gain command of the fundamental structures of Hebrew and its basic grammatical forms.

### 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.

**The Level exam** is an external exam of the RIS Division of Hebrew Language Instruction. In order to continue studies in Level Gimel, the student must achieve a minimum grade of 65 on the Level Exam.

**Oral Examinations** are held at the end of the course. Students are tested on texts learned in class on topics prepared in advance.

## Quizzes

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

## Books and Study Materials

**עברית מן ההתחלה – Hebrew from Scratch – Part II** (*Ivrit Min Hahatchala*) (with optional CD),  
Books may be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet:  
[www.magnespress.co.il](http://www.magnespress.co.il)

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

**Easy Hebrew books** in the גשר series, available in the Rothberg School Library.

## Course Description

Consolidates and broadens the grammatical structures and vocabulary studied in level Aleph. By the end of level Bet, the student is familiar with the basic structure of the Hebrew language:

- Comprehension: Listening to dialogues, texts and lectures in easy Hebrew
- Conversation: Conversations, discussions and short presentations based on the passages read and heard.
- Reading: Passages from stories and texts adapted into easy Hebrew; short newspaper articles in easy Hebrew
- Writing: Writing structured compositions and short passages on the topics studied
- Grammatical Skills: Syntactic consolidation and elaboration of basic structures, inflection of the strong verbs in the future tense and frequent weak verbs

## Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Attendance, class participation, homework, quizzes, and oral exam 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 Gimel, the student must pass the Level exam with a grade of at least 65; this includes students with a grade average in class higher than **65**