Modern Hebrew 301/401
Fall, 2015

Meeting Time and Place: Tuesday, Thursday 11:00-12:15, 2104 Chamberlin Hall
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Course Description
This intermediate level Hebrew course is designed to support students through a critical time in their language learning. It reinforces their existing abilities as readers, writers, speakers, and listeners, and teaches them the tools necessary to advance to the next level. Through the use of short stories, songs, plays, newspaper articles, blog posts, and television episodes, students will learn intermediate linguistic elements and explore Israeli culture.

Learning Outcomes
- Students will achieve intermediate level linguistic proficiency in the four language skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening
- Students will be able to use these language skills in formal and informal settings
- Students will analyze and respond to texts in a variety of genres
- Students will continue to develop their understanding of Israeli literature and culture

Required Readings
You are required to purchase the following book, available at the campus bookstore:

You are required to have a good Hebrew-English/English-Hebrew dictionary.

Additional readings will be posted on the course’s learn@UW page or handed out in class. Posted readings must be printed and brought to the appropriate class.

Assignments
Class participation, attendance, and regularly assigned work (15%)
Journal (Yoman) (15%)
Presentations (15%)
Quizzes (at least 2) (15%)
Tests (2) (25%)
Final writing assignment (15%)
**Explanation of Assignments:**

**Class participation, attendance, and regularly assigned work**
Regular and prompt attendance are expected and I expect that you will come to each class prepared, with homework completed, and with your textbook and other materials. You are responsible for making up any work you miss. More than two absences will affect your attendance and participation grade. You will enjoy the class and learn more from it if you participate actively and there will be many opportunities for class discussions. I will do my best to make the classroom a welcoming and inclusive environment and I hope everyone will be comfortable speaking up and joining in discussions. I expect you to be respectful, listen attentively, bring all necessary materials, and complete assignments by the due date. There will be a penalty for late assignments unless approved by me in advance of the due date. Small assignments will be given on a regular basis at the end of class and will be due the following class. These will usually be based on work in the textbook or material studied that day and will reinforce or apply linguistic concepts.

**Journal**
Your journal will enable me to assess your writing and comprehension of texts and provide you with feedback on an on-going basis. It will also provide you with a sense of how your writing is progressing throughout the semester and what you need to work on. I may ask you to submit a second draft. Some weeks there will be a question to respond to, and some weeks you will pick a topic. You should pay careful attention to your writing, use a dictionary, and edit your work. You responses should show that you are engaging thoughtfully with the question or text. Please keep all returned journal entries together in a folder. Journal entries should be handed to me at the beginning of class or uploaded to the dropbox on learn@UW before class. (Dropbox can be found under the assignments tab). Electronic submissions will be accepted in pdf format only. You can miss one journal entry and have it dropped.

**Quizzes**
I will provide you with a detailed outline.

**Tests**
I will provide you with a detailed outline.

**Presentations**
You will be assigned at least 2 presentations throughout the semester. Detailed instructions will be given. These will also include leading a short class discussion or activity.
Final Writing Assignment
You will hand in a polished, edited final piece of writing that demonstrates your best writing and incorporates the vocabulary and linguistic elements studied during the semester. Ideally, this assignment should be typed. For 301 the minimum length is 2 pages and for 401 the minimum length is 4 pages.

Grading Scale
A: 94-100
AB: 89-93
B: 83-88
BC: 77-82
C: 70-76
D: below 70 - see me

Changes to Syllabus
I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus as needed for the benefit of the class.

Accommodations for Disabilities: Students registered with disabilities at McBurney Disability Resource Center will receive accommodations with the presentation of the proper forms. Please meet with me to arrange these accommodations within the first two weeks of class.

Code of Academic Integrity: All students are expected to conduct their academic work according to university standards. Students should be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and do their best to avoid it. To learn more about what constitutes academic misconduct see (http://www.students.wisc.edu/doso/academic-integrity/). To learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, see http://students.wisc.edu/rights/

Jewish Holidays: Class will be cancelled on September 15th for the Rosh Hashanah holiday, on Sept. 29th for the Sukkot holiday, and on October 6th for the Simchat Torah holiday. This time will be made up by a film screening, discussion, and assignment.
Course Schedule

*Course schedule is subject to change with advance notice
*Assignments: some are listed on syllabus, some are assigned in class based on progress that day

**Week 1: Introductions**
Thursday, Sept. 3: Introductions

**Week 2: Short Stories, Grammar Review**
Tuesday, Sept. 8:
Due: Yoman: Response to short story

Thursday, Sept. 10:
Due: assigned work

**Week 3: Interview, Short Play**
Tuesday, Sept. 15: Rosh Hashanah CLASS CANCELLED

Thursday, Sept. 17:
Due: assigned work

**Week 4: Interview, Short Play**
Tuesday, Sept. 22
Due: Yoman- Response to story/article/play

Thursday, Sept. 24: Quiz

**Week 5: Presentations**
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Sukkot: CLASS CANCELLED

Thursday, Oct. 1:
Due: Presentation on one of the authors studied and/or his works

**Week 6: Grammar Review, Linguistic Structures**
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Simchat Torah: CLASS CANCELLED
Thursday, Oct. 8:
Due: Yoman- Response to a presentation or topic of your choice

**Week 7: Newspaper articles, Linguistic Structures**
Tuesday, Oct. 13:
Thursday, Oct. 15: Test
Week 8: Newspaper articles, Linguistic Structures  
Tuesday, Oct. 20:  
    Due: Yoman- Response to a newspaper article  
Thursday, Oct. 22:  

Week 9: TV episodes, Grammar  
Tuesday, Oct. 26:  
Thursday, Oct. 28:  
    Due: Yoman- Response to TV episode  

Week 10: Blog posts, Grammar  
Tuesday, Nov. 3:  
Thursday, Nov. 5:  

Week 11: Film  
Tuesday, Nov. 10: Quiz  
    Due: Yoman: Blog about your city  
Thursday, Nov. 12:  
*November 9 or 11- screening of film “Dancing in Jaffa” (date to be confirmed)  

Week 12: TV episodes, Linguistic Structures  
Tuesday, Nov. 17:  
    Due: Yoman- response to film (for group discussion)  
Thursday, Nov. 19: Test  
*Final writing assignment will be handed out around this date.  

Week 13: TV episodes  
Tuesday, Nov. 24:  
Thursday, Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving- NO CLASS  

Week 14: Presentations / Leading a discussion or activity  
Tuesday, Dec. 1:  
    Due: Yoman  
Thursday, Dec. 3:  

Week 15: Presentations / Leading a discussion or activity  
Tuesday, Dec. 8:  
Thursday, Dec. 10:  

Week 16: Wrapping up and Reflections  
Tuesday, Dec. 15: Last class  
Final writing assignment due: December 23rd at noon. Assignments will be accepted early.