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Elementary Hebrew I ◇ **An Intensive Course**Yigal S. Nizri
yigal.nizri@utoronto.ca**Required Textbook:** Hayat, Shlomit, **עברית מן ההתחלה** *Ivrit min Hahathalah* (Hebrew from Scratch) Level One, Chapters 1-9**Recommended****Dictionary:** Printed Dictionary: Liora Weinbach, Edna Lauden, **רב-מילון** *Rav Milon*
Online Dictionary: <https://www.ravmilim.co.il>**Location and time:**
Tuesday 10:00-1:00 JHB 318
Wednesday 10:00-1:00 JHB 318
Thursday 10:00-12:00 JHB 318**Office Hours:** Thursdays 12:00-1:00 (or by appointment)
Jackman Humanities Building
170 St. George Street, Room 202
416-978-4705**Course Description :**

This course is designed for students with little or no previous experience in the Hebrew language. As such, it offers intensive training in the basics of 4 language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students will be able to recognize fundamental structures of the Hebrew verb system, to learn its basic forms, and to acquire the necessary basic vocabulary for everyday conversations. We will be focusing on: **Reading:** easy dialogues, passages without vowels, short texts in simple Hebrew. **Writing:** short dialogues and paragraphs. **Conversation:** simple dialogues and stories. **Comprehension:** listening to short stories and recorded conversations.

Course Requirements :

1. Quizzes: There will be 5 quizzes
2. Midterm Examination
3. Final Examination
4. Homework — Must be handed in when due. No late assignments will be accepted. As homework is assigned daily, two assignments (other than compositions) may be missed.
5. Attendance in all classes is expected. Languages are best learned through practice, practice, and.... practice.
There will be no make-up examinations except in the case of absences due to medical reasons.

Grading:	Midterm Exam	25%
	Final Exam	25%
	Quizzes	20%
	Class Presentation	10%
	Homework	10%
	Class Participation and Attendance	10%

Weeks One: Introduction to Hebrew writing and pronunciation. Basic conversational skills of getting acquainted
Lesson One (pp. 111-123)
 Gender and number — Singular and plural feminine suffixes
 Feminine Cardinal Numbers
 Verbs — Basic stem pa'al conjugation, present tense, masculine and feminine, singular and plural
 Sentence structure — Forming a question
 Forming a simple sentence — using a plural verb without a pronoun
Lesson Two (pp. 124-138)
 Adjectives — Singular and Plural
 Pronouns — Personal, Singular and Plural, Demonstrative

Week Two: *Lesson Three* (pp. 139-151)
 Masculine Cardinal Numbers 1-10
 The definite article
 Agreement of Nouns and Adjectives
 Telling time
 Negation in the present tense
Lesson Four (pp. 152-165)
 Sentence structure — noun, pronoun, adjective
 Days of the week
Lesson Five (166-178)
 Verbs — pa'al conjugation, present tense and infinitive
 Review of Chapters 1-5 and Midterm Examination

Week Three: *Lesson Six* (pp. 179-190)
 Verbs-pa'al conjugation, present tense, weak verb
 More on telling time
 Causal clauses
 Numbers 20-100
Lesson Seven (pp. 199-208)
 Verbs — pa'al conjugation, present tense, weak verb
 Object clauses with question words
Lesson Eight (pp. 209-221)
 Negative Clauses
 Prepositions
 Possessive Particle
Lesson Nine (pp. 222-231)
 Verbs-pi'el conjugation, present tense, infinitive
 Feminine Cardinal numbers 11-20
 Age
Lesson Ten (pp. 232-243) Selected elements

Verbs-hif'il conjugation, present tense,
infinitive
Review

A Calendar עברית למתחילים לוח זמנים

Week 1	Class #01 Tuesday, May 12
	Class #02 Wednesday, May 13
	Class #03 Thursday, May 14
Week 2	Class #04 Tuesday, May 19
	Class #05 Wednesday, May 20
	Class #06 Thursday, May 21
Week 3	Class #07 Tuesday, May 26
	Class #08 Wednesday, May 27
	Class #09 Thursday, May 28

Looking forward to a great semester of listening, reading, speaking, and writing Hebrew

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Name in Hebrew	Cursive Hebrew	Modern Hebrew		Letter name
אָלֶף		א		Aleph
בֵּית		ב / נ		Bet, Vet
גִּימֵל		ג		Gimmel
דָּלֶת		ד		Dalet
הָא		ה		He
וָו		ו		Vav
זַיִן		ז		Zayin
חֵית		ח		Het
טִית		ט		Tet
יּוֹד		י		Yod
כָּף		ך	כ	Kaf, Chaf
לָמֶד		ל		Lamed
מֵם		ם	מ	Mem
נוּן		ן	נ	Nun
סָמֶךְ		ס		Samekh
עֵיִן		ע		Ayin
פֶּא		ף	פ	Peh, Fe
צָדִי		ץ	צ	Tsadi
קוֹף		ק		Qof
רֵישׁ		ר		Resh
שֵׁין		שׁ		Shin
שֵׁין		שׂ		Sin
תּוֹ		ת		Tav

The Hebrew Vowels

a	ֶ ֵ ִ
e	ֵ ֶ ִ
i	ִ ֵ
o	ֶ ֵ
u	ִ ֵ

