

Ivrit la-Kol
Hebrew for All
5772 (2011-2012)



Celebrating Our 15th Year

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Prayerbook, Biblical and
Modern Hebrew at all Levels
*Ivrit la-Kol is a Hebrew Literacy
Adult Education Learning Program*

*This program is dedicated to the memory of Golda Dockser, z"l
Founder and Inspiration for Ivrit la-Kol.*

תנ"ך, תפילה, עברית

The mission of Ivrit la- Kol is to enable all individuals, regardless of skill level, to acquire, improve or enhance their knowledge and comfort with Hebrew in a supportive and motivating learning environment.

Three Sessions
Fall Session begins October 16 , 2011
Winter Session begins January 8 , 2012
Spring Session begins March 11, 2012

"When the student is ready the teacher will appear." Ivrit la-Kol has been a gift beyond price for me, mind-opening and thrilling. From ignorance of the alef-bet a couple of years ago, I am now reading Biblical verses with the aid only of a lexicon. The teacher is deeply knowledgeable and enthusiastic. My classmates contribute a remarkable array of viewpoints and experiences. --NRB

Special Reduced Tuition Rate

Learning to Read is now \$180!

If you are a member of one of the affiliating or sponsoring Temples, you qualify for this special reduced rate. If you are not a member, of a temple, you pay the reduced rate of \$200.

This offer is for Learning to Read only.

Class Policies

- Most classes are ongoing and will continue into the following semester.
- New students are welcome to join all classes.
- *Learning to Read* tuition is \$180 **ONLY** if you're a member of one of the sponsoring or affiliating temples. It is \$200 for all others.
- All other classes cost \$250 for members of a sponsoring or affiliating temples, \$275 for all others.
- Payment is due in full **on or before** the first day of class.
- There is a \$25 non-refundable administrative fee for withdrawal after the first class has met.
- Classes will not run unless a minimum enrollment is met. Minimum of 6 needed for *Learning to Read*.
- Classes are held at the sponsoring temples, Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah.

REGISTRATION:

Tuition is **\$250 for members of sponsoring and affiliated temples**, \$275 for all others. OR \$180 or \$200 for *Learning to Read*. \$25 non-refundable administrative fee for withdrawal after the first class. Send your check payable to the **Ivrit la-Kol Collaborative** with your completed registration form to:
Nancy Lefkowitz, c/o Temple Emunah, 9 Piper Road, Lexington, MA 02421. For questions regarding registration or classes, please call 781-861-0300 or email: IvritlaKolHebrew@gmail.com. Registration deadline for fall classes, October 11, 2011.

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Synagogue Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Title of class(es), indicate by day(s), time(s) and instructor(s)

Can you recommend a friend? _____

Fundamentals of Hebrew Literacy

Learning to Read

For those who are tired of reading Hebrew in transliteration and regret never having learned the Hebrew alphabet and vowels, this class is appropriate for absolute beginners who want to learn the aleph bet. Expect to be in this class for 2 semesters. *Alef Isn't Tough* will be available for purchase at the first class. *Minimum of 6 students needed.*

Sunday 9:00-10:30 am TI - TBA

Monday 7:30-9:00 pm TI - Nudelman

Reading Our Prayers

If you are frustrated with your inability to keep up during Services, practice reading prayers. Students should have already mastered the aleph bet and be comfortable sounding out words. We will read from the prayerbook and go over the Friday evening and Saturday morning liturgy.

Sunday 9:00-10:30 am TI—Weiner

Understanding Our Prayers: Hebrew for the Siddur

Imagine being able to read and understand the *Siddur* (Prayer Book) without being dependent on transliteration. This class is designed for those who already have basic reading skills. While continuing to increase fluency, you will learn Hebrew grammar and syntax with a special emphasis on acquiring familiarity with the vocabulary, themes and meaning of our prayers. *Ein Keloheinu* will be available for purchase the first day of class.

Thursday 8:00-9:30pm TE - Goldman

Biblical Hebrew

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

The ability to read Hebrew is a prerequisite for this class. "The art of translation" is an ongoing theme for this course as students are empowered to understand and translate the text of the Hebrew bible. Each class features a quick review of newly introduced vocabulary and grammatical concepts. *The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginners Path to Biblical Hebrew (third edition Simon, Resnikoff, Motzkin)* will be used and will be available for purchase.

Thursday 8:00-9:30pm TE - Brown-de Vost

Intermediate Biblical I Hebrew

Students in this class shall have mastered the basic vocabulary and grammar presented up to Chapter 17 of *The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginners Path to Biblical Hebrew (third edition Simon, Resnikoff, Motzkin)*. The class will start with the Hebrew verb tense system and continue through the Primer. Students will learn to use a Hebrew Lexicon and will be introduced to several reference grammars and original texts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Tuesday 8:00-9:30 pm TI - Brown-de Vost

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew II

This class is appropriate for learners who have completed *The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginners Path to Biblical Hebrew (third edition Simon, Resnikoff, Motzkin)*. We will have two focuses in this course: reading larger passages of the Hebrew Bible together, starting with the book of Ruth; and getting a firmer grasp of Hebrew grammar to assist in more fluent and confident reading. We will continue working with our Hebrew Lexica/Dictionaries as well as more advanced reference grammars. In addition to reading printed Hebrew Bibles, we will look at some older handcrafted manuscripts like the Aleppo Codex and Dead Sea Scrolls.

Monday 7:30-9:00 pm TI - Brown-de Vost

Advanced Biblical Hebrew

This class is for students with an advanced understanding of Biblical Hebrew. This year the class will read the biblical passages in the historical texts focusing on, but not limited to, the Book of Kings. The course will examine the historical themes, genres, and Ancient Near Eastern context of the text. We will review Hebrew grammar inductively as we read. There will be an emphasis upon building Hebrew vocabulary and understanding the nuances of the Biblical text. This 11 session course meets every other Sunday evening. Dates will be set at the first meeting.

Sunday 8:00-9:30pm TE - Reeder

Legend

TE = Temple Emunah

TI = Temple Isaiah

Modern Hebrew:

These classes are geared for students who are ready to either begin or continue their journey into conversational modern Hebrew. If you are unsure of placement, please contact us at IvritlaKolHebrew@gmail.com.

Beginner Hebrew

This course is for students who have mastered the aleph bet. Students will learn to read and write Hebrew script and will acquire a basic Hebrew vocabulary including common conversational expressions. Students will be introduced to the present tense. *Brandeis Modern Hebrew* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm TI - Holly Boker

Intermediate Hebrew

This class will continue the study of the past tense and future tenses, increase vocabulary and emphasize speaking skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice their writing skills using Hebrew script. *Brandeis Modern Hebrew* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Thursday 7:30-9:00pm TI - Eran Shorr

Advanced Hebrew I

This class will increase your fluency and vocabulary. The emphasis is on increasing conversational skills and mastering grammar, including Pu'al and advanced noun declension. Students should have a solid foundation of past, present, and future tenses. *Brandeis Modern Hebrew* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Sunday 11:00-12:30pm TE - Eran Shorr

Advanced Hebrew II

This class is geared to the student with a broad vocabulary and well developed reading and speaking skills. A variety of Israeli texts, literature and newspapers will be used to increase your vocabulary and help you acquire advanced grammatical usage.

Wednesday 8:00-9:30pm TE - Esther Shorr

אפשר ללמוד עברית

Ivrit la Kol provided me with the opportunity to learn Hebrew as an adult with a peer group in a "comfortable environment". It was my "first step" and gave me the confidence to further pursue my learning. M.D.

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Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Learning to Read TI Reading our Prayers TI				
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Advanced I Hebrew TE				
7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.		Intermediate Biblical Hebrew II TI Learning to Read TI			Intermediate Hebrew TI
8:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.	Advanced Biblical Hebrew TE		Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I TE	Advanced Hebrew II TE Beginner Hebrew TI	Understanding our Prayers for the Siddur TE Introduction to Biblical Hebrew TE

I studied first year Hebrew with Ilene Wiener. She is a fabulous teacher. Very experienced and attuned to the adult members of the class. I think everybody really enjoyed the experience and plans to return. A.W.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

Holly Boker is an experienced Hebrew teacher with a degree in psychology from Cornell University and a Master's degree in social work from SUNY Albany. She and her family lived in Israel for eleven years between 1995 and 2006 and then relocated to Lexington. Holly presently works part time as a social worker in the Billerica school district and teaches Hebrew at Chabad in Lexington. She will be a LEND Fellow at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center in the fall.

Bronson Brown-de Vost, PhD Candidate in Bible and the Ancient Near East at Brandeis University; MA in Northwest Semitics/Hebrew Bible from Catholic University of America; Lecturer in the Akkadian language at Brandeis University, and Teaching Fellow for Intro to the Hebrew Bible and Law in the Bible at Brandeis University.

Phyllis Goldman, BA—Religion and Philosophy, Boston University, BEd, Hebrew College. She is a teacher and tutor at Beth Elohim, Wellesley.

Caroline Nudelman, BA - Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, minor in Hebrew. She is a private tutor and is currently an Ulpan student at Hebrew College and continues ongoing study of Biblical Hebrew.

Sheila L. Reeder, PhD Candidate - Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University; MA - Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA; Master of Divinity and BA, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California. She is a teaching Fellow in Hebrew Bible at Brandeis University and was an Adjunct Professor in Elementary Hebrew at Azusa Pacific University.

Eran Shorr, MA, - Jewish Education, Hebrew College ; Hebrew and Judaic teacher at Congregation Beth Elohim, Congregation Kerem Shalom, Chabad, Camp Ramah; Hebrew teacher Brandeis University; Director of Education, Temple Etz Chaim, Temple Hillel Bnei Torah; BS, Business Administration, Northeastern University.

Esther Shorr, MA - Judaic Studies, Hebrew College; BA - Hebrew Literature and Grammar and BA - Jewish History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel; High School Teacher's Certificate, Haifa University. She is a Senior Lecturer in Hebrew at Brandeis University. She has taught Hebrew religious school at Temple Emunah. She co-authored the text, *Brandeis Modern Hebrew*.

Ilene Weiner, BA - Tufts University (where she completed a course in advanced Hebrew); Prozdor graduate, Hebrew College; MBA - Boston College; MEd University of Massachusetts-Lowell. She teaches at the Jewish Community Day School, Watertown.