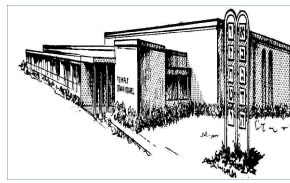




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To: Prospective Hebrew Language Students and Continuing Students
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 Subject: Fall 2024 Adult Hebrew Language Courses

Congregation Beth Shalom (**CBS**) and Temple B'nai Israel (**TBI**) are jointly helping to sponsor adult Hebrew language courses during the coming semesters to teach reading, writing, comprehension, and conversation.

Courses are open to the entire local community and are designed for participants of all faiths, ages 12 and up. Each course is presented in a schedule of weekly classes, starting in October for our Fall 2024 semester. All classes are conducted remotely via Zoom. These classes are a great opportunity for students to take their Hebrew skills to the "next" level and learn more about this wonderful and holy language. Here are the dates we plan to teach:

Fall 2024 Semester Class Dates

Month	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Oct 2024'	20, 27	22, 29	23, 30	31
Nov 2024'	3, 10, 17, 24	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20	7, 14, 21
Dec 2024'	1, 8, 15	3, 10, 17	4, 11, 18	5, 12, 19
Jan 2025'	5, 12, 19, 26	7, 14, 21, 28	8, 15, 22, 29	9, 16, 23, 30

Subject to sufficient enrollment, we will be offering the following classes:

Preliminary (one semester) introduces the Hebrew alphabet and how to read and pronounce words.

Basic courses (levels 2-4, each two semesters) build an elementary vocabulary for use with reading simple sentences and stories.

Intermediate courses (levels 5-9, each two semesters) introduce various grammar concepts, extend vocabularies, and read more interesting stories with greater comprehension. Hebrew taught at basic and intermediate levels is commonly found in both Biblical and modern Israeli usage.

Typical class times are:

- Weekday afternoons: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm (Early Session) or 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (Late Session)
- Sunday mornings: 8:15 am - 9:45 am (Early Session) or 10:00 am - 11:30 am (Late Session)

There is no set tuition for these courses, and students will need to purchase their own copies of the textbooks we use at either Amazon or another bookseller. Teachers will

explain this and provide links. Students are also encouraged to make a voluntary donation to either **CBS** or **TBI**. Our teaching staff is composed of dedicated volunteers, teaching these courses without compensation, as part of their passion for educating the next generation in the Hebrew language. Any donation you make in honor of this Hebrew language program is 100% deductible and much appreciated by our sponsors.

Attached, please find a description of the various Hebrew courses we try to offer during our semesters. Some of these courses are only taught every second or third semester. If you are just starting out with Hebrew and don't yet fully know the alphabet, vowels, pronunciation, or how to write in Hebrew script, please consider taking our BH1 course - which will teach you all of this, with the goal of being able to read and pronounce any Hebrew word correctly, including where to place accent on correct syllables. This first course does not attempt to teach comprehension, although you will learn the meanings of a few dozen actual words.

If you are already comfortable reading and pronouncing Hebrew words, and either have already mastered writing in Hebrew script, or are willing to do extra work to catch up with this skill (we have great writing practice handouts), then you might consider starting with our BH2 course (typically 2-3 semesters, depending upon the speed at which the class moves). This course begins to teach you a basic vocabulary of a few hundred words, and has you begin reading very simple stories for comprehension. Emphasis is on reading - rather than speaking dialog. At this level of Hebrew (as with all levels through 7), what you learn applies equally well to both Biblical Hebrew and Modern Israeli Hebrew. The words you learn and sentence structures you use are found throughout the entire history of the Hebrew language. In upper level courses (8 and higher), there are some differences you would be learning between the types of Hebrew written in various time periods.

If you would like to start our courses at level 3 or higher, please contact us so that we might help to assess your current skills via a Zoom session to help determine which of our courses might be the best fit. If you have any questions about any of these courses, including whether you meet prerequisites, please contact Gary Raymond at HebrewCourses@napershalom.org.

We have attached a preregistration form (in PDF format) to this email, which you can fill out and send back to: HebrewCourses@napershalom.org. Filling out this form does not commit you to enrolling in a particular course, but will give us a good idea of how to schedule our teaching staff and course dates to best suit the group of students who register. *We reserve the right to cancel, without notice, any class not meeting minimum enrollment requirements.*