

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

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| <b>COURSE</b>  |  |
| Biblical Hebrew I  |  |
| <b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>   | <b>SEMESTER</b>                            |
| 2021-2022  | Fall                                       |
| <b>ECTS</b>  | <b>TEACHING HOURS</b>                      |
| 10   | 100 Academic Hours [1 acad. hour = 45 min] |
| <b>INSTRUCTOR</b>  |  |
| Eyal NAHUM or Oobie Weinberg   |  |
| <b>OBJECTIVE</b>   |  |
| Introduction to Biblical Hebrew: deep assimilation of the basic morphology and vocabulary of the language. Ability to hold a very simple conversation in Biblical Hebrew and to understand directly, without relying on translation, a selection of very simple excerpts from the Bible. Special focus will be put on (gradually) learning the alphabet and on the correct reading of the texts and exercises in the textbook. |  |
| <b>METHODOLOGY</b>   |  |
| Full immersion in the language, using total physical response technique (TPR) and the Ulpan method   |  |
| <b>MODE OF ASSESSMENT</b>  |  |
| 30% final exam<br>40% average of five exams to be held throughout the semester, at the end of each chapter in the book<br>10% oral assignment<br>10% Homework<br>10% Attendance & participation  |  |
| <b>PROGRAM</b>   |  |
| The first six chapters of the textbook <b>מִבְּרֵאשִׁית</b> , that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Alphabet</li> <li>● The nominal sentence vs. nominal phrase</li> <li>● The construct state</li> <li>● The participle (in various conjugations)</li> </ul>   |  |

- The Qatal form of the verb (in various conjugations)
- Conjugation of the preposition ל
- Some issues of vocalization

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

מִבְּרֵאשִׁית (Mi-Bereshit), Biblical Hebrew for Beginners, written by Eyal Nahum (textbook)

NOT part of the course's requirements, but recommended to any student wishing to further delve into Biblical Hebrew grammar by his/her own:

### Grammar:

- (1) Jouon-Muraoka, A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew, 2006
- (2) Paul Joüon, Grammaire de l'hébreu biblique, 1965 (=the original, in French)
- (3) Friedrich Heinrich Wilhelm Gesenius, Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, 1990.

### Dictionaries:

- (1) The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (=the best one)
- (2) Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament Scriptures (older, but also one of the best and easily accessible on the web):

<http://www.tyndalearchive.com/tabs/Gesenius/>