# Ivrit la-Kol Hebrew for All 5769 (2008-2009)



Prayerbook, Biblical and Modern Hebrew at all Levels

# Celebrating Our 12th Year

Ivrit la-Kol is a Hebrew literacy collaborative sponsored by: Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah of Lexington and Beth El Temple Center of Belmont

# Two Seven-Week Sessions, New Four-Week Mini Session

- Fall Session begins October 26, 2008; Winter session begins January 11, 2009
- Spring four week mini session begins March 29, 2009. ALL Students pay \$144
- Tuition \$250 per seven week session, \$275 for non-temple members
- Classes are held at the temples and are open to ALL regardless of affiliation

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

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.

Most classes are ongoing and will continue into the following semester. New students are welcome to join all classes. Tuition is \$250 per session, \$275 for non-consortium members. Tuition for Spring session is ONLY \$144. Tuition is due in full **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.

# 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. There will be a *Learning to Read class* offered **every semester**. *Alef Isn't Tav* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Sunday 9:30-11:00am TE Weiner Winter TBA TI TBA

# Understanding Our Prayers: Hebrew for the *Siddur*

Imagine being able to read the *Siddur* (Prayer Book) without being dependent on transliteration. This class is designed for those who already have basic reading skills. You will achieve Hebrew reading fluency through review and polishing of your existing skills. You will learn Hebrew grammar and syntax with a special emphasis on acquiring familiarity with the vocabulary, themes and meaning of our prayers. *Ein Keloheynu* will be available for purchase the first day of class.

Tuesday 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.

Tuesday 8:00-9:30pm TI Khazam

#### **Advanced Biblical Hebrew**

This is a course for students with advanced understanding of Biblical Hebrew. The class will be studying the *Book of Ecclesiastes*. Students will study the book's connection with the wisdom tradition, its theology of life and the connection between *Ecclesiastes* and similar ancient texts. The course will review grammar inductively, with an emphasis on building grammar and vocabulary in conjunction with understanding the nuances of the Biblical text. In addition to a *Tanakh*, students should have a lexicon and advanced grammar for reference. Classes meet EVERY OTHER SUNDAY. Dates will be determined at the first meeting.

Sunday 8:00-9:30pm TE Reeder

## 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 either Heidi Tyson, Temple Isaiah, 781-862-7160 or Caroline Nudelman, CRNudelman@gmail.com.

#### **Basic**

The goal of this class is to acquire basic reading, writing and conversational skills. Students will learn to read and write the aleph bet, including Hebrew script and will develop a rudimentary vocabulary. Students will be introduced to the present tense. Text *Brandeis Modern Hebrew* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Thursday 7:30-9:00pm TI Cheifitz

#### **Beginner**

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.

Tuesday 8:00-9:30pm TE Cheifetz

#### **Advanced Beginner**

This course is appropriate for students who have mastered the aleph bet and already know how to read and write Hebrew script. You will expand your vocabulary through Hebrew conversation. You will continue to study the present tense and begin to study the past and future tenses. *Brandeis Modern Hebrew* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm TI Cheifetz

#### **Intermediate**

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. *Agada Shel Safa* will be available for purchase at the first class.

Thursday 7:30-9:00pm TI Palmon

#### **Advanced Intermediate**

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 11:15-12:45pm TE Cheifetz

#### Advanced

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 Shorr

### **Chug Ivrit: Can We Talk!**

This course is for advanced Hebrew speakers. At the beginning of each class, time will be devoted to reviewing current events. The main emphasis of the course is on the reading and analyzing of short stories written by modern Israeli authors. All discussions are conducted in Hebrew.

Wednesday 4:00-5:30pm TE Shorr

## **REGISTRATION:**

Tuition is \$250 per class, \$275 for non-members. There is a \$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. Questions regarding registration or classes, please call 781-932-9216 or email: nancylef@usa.net. Registration deadline for fall classes, October 10, 2008

Name (s)	
Address:	
Phone(s):	Email:
Synagogue Affiliation (if applicable):	
Title of Class(es) Indicate by day(s), time(s) and i	nstructor
Can you recommend a friend?	

Time	Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30-11:00 am	Learning to Read <b>TE</b>			
11:15 am- 12:45pm	Advanced Intermediate <b>TE</b>			
4:00-5:30 pm			Chug Ivrit <b>TE</b>	
7:30-9:00 pm			Advanced Beginner <b>TI</b>	Basic <b>TI</b> Intermediate <b>TI</b>
				intermediate II
8:00-9:30 pm	Advanced Biblical Hebrew <b>TE</b>	Understanding our Prayers:Hebrew for Siddur <b>TE</b>	Advanced <b>TE</b>	
		Beginners <b>TE</b>		
		Introduction to Biblical Hebrew <b>TI</b>		
				CODE: TI=Temple Isaiah
				<b>TE</b> =Temple Emunah

#### ABOUT THE FACULTY

**Cindy Womark Cheifetz**, B.Ed. - State Teachers College, Tel Aviv, Israel. She has taught Hebrew at Gann Academy High School, Waltham, Maimonides Middle and Upper School and at the Solomon Schechter School, Hartsdale, NY.

**Phyllis Goldman,** BA - Religion and Philosophy, Boston University; BJEd, Hebrew College. She is a teacher and tutor at Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley.

**Mickey Khazam**, MA - Jewish Studies, Hebrew College. She taught adult education courses at Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Chabad House, Hebrew College, Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah.

**Hanna Palmon,** MS - Biomedical Engineering, Technion, Haifa, Israel; BA, Haifa University. She has taught at Prozdor and the Ulpan at Hebrew College.

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**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 Weine**r, 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.