

*Ivrit la-Kol*  
Hebrew for All  
5773 (2012-2013)



Prayerbook, Biblical and  
Modern Hebrew at all Levels

*Celebrating Our 16th Year*

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*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.*

## ***Learning to Read Hebrew for ONLY \$126!***

If you are a member of one of the affiliating or sponsoring Temples, you qualify for this special reduced rate. If not, the tuition is \$250.

*"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*

**Program Dates**  
**Fall Session October 14 , 2012**  
**Winter Session January 6 , 2013**

### **CLASS POLICIES**

- Most classes are ongoing and will continue into the following semester.
- New students are welcome to join all classes.
- Except for ***Learning to Read Hebrew***, 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 be held unless a minimum enrollment is met.
- Classes meet at Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah.
- Financial assistance available. Contact Nancy Lefkowitz for details at [Ivritlakolhebrew@gmail.com](mailto:Ivritlakolhebrew@gmail.com) or 781-861-0300.

#### **Tuition**

- \* Tuition is **\$250** for members of sponsoring and affiliated temples, \$275 for all others.
- \* ***Learning to Read Hebrew*** is **\$126 ONLY** if you're a member of one of the sponsoring or affiliating temples and **\$250** for all others.
- \* ***Biblical Hebrew for Scholars*** is **\$400** for the year.

#### **Payment**

- ◇ Checks (no credit cards accepted) are made out to ***Temple Emunah***.
- ◇ Send 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](mailto:IvritlaKolHebrew@gmail.com).**
- ◇ Registration deadline for fall classes, October 1, 2012.

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### **REGISTRATION:**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## ***Fundamentals of Hebrew Literacy***

### **Learning to Read Hebrew**

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 *alef bet*. Often requires two semesters for completion. *Alef Isn't Tough* will be available for purchase at the first class.

**Sunday 9:00-10:30 am TI - Weiner**

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

### **Reading Our Prayers**

This class is designed for those who already have basic reading skills. Using the siddur and copies of prayers such as the *Mourner's Kaddish*, students will acquire reading strategies to improve Hebrew reading fluency.

**Sunday 9:00-10:30 am TI - Whitecross**

## ***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 and the siddur. 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 8:00-9:30 pm TE - Marx**

### **Intermediate Biblical Hebrew**

Students in this class should be familiar with some basic Hebrew vocabulary and grammar (either Biblical or Modern). The class will start with the Hebrew verb tense system in *The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginners Path to Biblical Hebrew* (third edition Simon, Resnikoff, Motzkin) and continue working through it over the year. Students will learn to use a Hebrew lexicon and will be introduced to several reference grammars and original texts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls and Aleppo Codex.

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

### **Advanced Biblical Hebrew**

This class is appropriate for learners who have a good understanding of Hebrew grammar and are comfortable reading Biblical Hebrew at a moderate pace. We will study some passages in Genesis. We will focus on mastering Hebrew grammar to achieve more fluent and confident reading. Through a careful reading of the Hebrew, students will understand some of the difficulties in the text. We will continue working with our Hebrew lexica and 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 Samaritan Pentateuch and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm TI - Brown-de Vost**

## **Legend**

**TE = Temple Emunah**

**TI = Temple Isaiah**

## **Biblical Hebrew for Scholars**

This class is for students with an advanced understanding of Biblical Hebrew; we will employ various lexica and grammars as well as advanced commentaries to aid in understanding the Hebrew text. This year the class will read both narrative and poetic passages from the book of Job. While we focus primarily on being able to read the text, we will also discuss the wider ancient Near Eastern context of the composition. Our close reading of the text will continue to build a stronger grasp of Hebrew grammar. 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 - Brown-de Vost**

## ***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](mailto:IvritLaKolHebrew@gmail.com).*

## **Beginner Hebrew**

This course is for students who have mastered the *alef 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. The text will be available for purchase at the first class.

**Tuesday 8:00-9:30pm TI - Boker**

## **Advanced Beginner Hebrew**

This course is appropriate for students with a minimum vocabulary of 300 words. While continuing to study the present tense, we will begin the study of the past and the future tenses. The text will be available for purchase at the first class.

**Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm TI—Marx**

## **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**

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**



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*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.

<b>Ivrit la-Kol Schedule</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Learning to Read Hebrew</i>	9:00-10:30 am TI
	<i>Reading Our Prayers</i>	9:00-10:30 am TI
	<i>Biblical Hebrew for Scholars</i>	8:00-9:30 pm TE
<b>Monday</b>	<i>Learning to Read Hebrew</i>	7:30-9:00 pm TI
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Intermediate Biblical Hebrew</i>	8:00-9:30 pm TE
	<i>Beginner Hebrew</i>	8:00-9:30 pm TI
	<i>Introduction to Biblical Hebrew</i>	8:00-9:30 pm TE
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Advanced Hebrew</i>	8:00-9:30 pm TE
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Advanced Beginner Hebrew</i>	7:30-9:00 pm TI
	<i>Intermediate Hebrew</i>	7:30-9:00 pm TI
	<i>Advanced Biblical Hebrew</i>	7:30-9:00 pm TI
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*I studied first year Hebrew with Ilene Weiner. 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**, BA—Psychology, Cornell University, MSW - SUNY Albany. She presently works part time as a social worker in the Billerica school district and teaches Hebrew at Chabad in Lexington.

**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 and teaching fellow at Brandeis University.

**Yael Marx**, BA— Literature and Film, Hebrew University MS—Literature, Hebrew University. She currently works as a teacher at Shir Tikvah, Winchester and the Israeli School and taught Hebrew at Gann Academy.

**Caroline Nudelman**, BA - Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, minor in Hebrew. She works at Temple Aliyah, is a private Hebrew tutor and continues her ongoing study of Hebrew.

**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 and Temple Hillel Bnei Torah.

**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, Prozdor graduate, Hebrew College; MBA - Boston College; MEd University of Massachusetts-Lowell. She teaches at the Jewish Community Day School, Watertown.

**Sandy Whitecross**, MA in Jewish Communal Service and Jewish Education, Brandeis University; coursework toward Masters in Jewish Studies at Hebrew College. She was the Director of Education for Temple Beth Shalom teaching students of all ages and is currently teaching several grades of Hebrew and Judaica at Temple Isaiah.