



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Rothberg International School  
Division of Hebrew Language Instruction



## Syllabus for Level Gimel – Upper Intermediate

### General Information

- **Jerusalem Ulpan:** Generally 140 academic hours over up to six weeks in late June-July. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Summer Ulpan:** Generally 200 academic hours over up to two months in August-September. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Academic Year:** Courses are held on a semester basis. In the *Division of Undergraduate Studies*, classes extend over 11 weeks, 8 hours per week. Two additional academic hours of intensive class with emphasis on speaking are optional. Students who enroll for intensive classes will receive one grade for a total of 110 hours. In the *Division of Graduate Studies*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 10 academic hours per week, for a semester total of 140 academic hours. In the *Preparatory Program*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 14 academic hours per week, for a total of 196 academic hours.
- **Winter Ulpan:** Generally 100 academic hours over 3-4 weeks in between the autumn and spring semesters (January-February). Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, up to 6 academic hours per day.

### Course Objective

The course is intended to introduce students to “regular” Hebrew (vs. “easy” Hebrew) by exposing them to literature and scientific works as well as the press in the original Hebrew. Students become familiar with synonyms and the subtle differences between words, as well as expressions and idioms in Hebrew. Students acquire the ability to view films and interviews, as well as to comprehend lectures. Students should gain a good command of the various verbal structures including exceptions to the rules, and become familiar with many syntactical structures.

### Examinations

**The Mid-term exam** contains four parts: reading comprehension, Cloze exercises, grammatical exercises and an essay.

**The Final exam** resembles the structure of the mid-term exam and encompasses all the material learned from the beginning of the course. Classes that do not complete a level write a final exam, according to the program requirements.

*Note:* Students in the Summer Ulpan take an additional exam on scientific text comprehension.

**The Level exam** is an external exam of the RIS Division of Hebrew Language Instruction. In order to continue studies in Level Dalet, the student must achieve a minimum grade of 65 on the Level Exam.

**Oral Examinations** may be held, at the discretion of the teacher and/or coordinator of the level.

### Quizzes

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

## Project

Students will write a project, based on various texts. e.g. literature, newspaper articles or films.

## Books and Study Materials

Either קריאת ביניים (*Kriat Beynaim*) or Hebrew – What a Language! (*Aggadah shel Safah*) or 'ג' ללמוד עברית ברמה (Lilmod Ivrit Berama Gimel) or עושים עניין - Hebrew Matters (*Osim Inyan*).

**Grammar books** – פועל יוצא – (*Poal Yotze*) or פועלי בניין (*Poalei Binyan*) or הפועל ללומדי עברית .

to be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet:  
[www.magnespress.co.il](http://www.magnespress.co.il)

**Audio Programs** – שומעים עברית - (*Listening to Hebrew*) - for practicing oral comprehension in the Language Laboratory, can be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet:  
[www.magnespress.co.il](http://www.magnespress.co.il)

**Multimedia courseware** is available for free on the RIS website

<http://overseas.huji.ac.il/hebrewmultimedia>

**Hebrew literary works**, including poetry, available in the Rothberg School Library in book form and on CDs

## Course Description

Transition from easy to regular Hebrew. Special significance is attached to level Gimel, for without its completion one cannot be admitted to regular studies at the Hebrew University:

- Comprehension: Listening to the news, recorded radio programs and lectures in easy Hebrew
- Conversation: Conversations, discussions and short lectures based on the passages read and heard.
- Reading: First encounter with unadapted texts, gradual transition from the easy Hebrew press to simple bulletins and articles in regular Hebrew; extensive reading of books in easy Hebrew.
- Writing: Beginning of practical writing on topics discussed in class; writing about personal experiences; writing of structured compositions.
- Grammatical Skills: Completion of syntactic study of main structures; study of the weak verb

## Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Attendance, class participation, homework, quizzes, and project 50% (exact value of each component is according to the framework of the course)
- Mid-term exam: 15%
- Final exam or Level exam: 35%

**Note** : In order to advance to Level Dalet, the student must pass the Level exam with a grade of at least 70.