



HEBREW CLASS POLICIES

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Welcome to Hebrew class. What a wonderful choice you made in selecting to study Modern Hebrew. In order to fulfill both your expectations and mine it is worthwhile to understand exactly how we can all work together to maximize our learning experience.

LANGUAGE TARGETS: all assignments, activities, and evaluations are based on language competency and your proficiency will be evaluated both informally and formally throughout the year. By June, your skills should be more developed in the following language areas:

Oral comprehension: interpretation of Hebrew speakers, audios and videos.

Oral expression: your ability to express yourself in Hebrew.

Text comprehension: interpretation of Hebrew text.

Writing: ability to express yourself by writing in Hebrew.

ATTENDANCE: Learning Hebrew is done in steps: each step forward is predicated on a firm foundation. To help establish this foundation, it is of the utmost importance that you attend class daily. Your arrival on-time allows us to take full advantage of each class session. Tardiness will not be tolerated. When the bell rings, students are to be in their assigned seat and ready to begin working. If you are late to class, arrive with a pass.

Students are responsible for all work missed during any absence. It is the students' responsibility to see me outside of class time to discuss and show me missed assignments.

MATERIALS: Students should have a three-ring binder containing the following 3 sections: homework, class work, and tests/quizzes. Each day, students are required to bring to class the **textbooks**, the binder, handouts, and writing utensils. If a student comes to class without materials he/she will lose 5 points off his/her class participation grade.

HOMEWORK: Homework is given to reinforce and review material learned in class, or prepare for new topics to be discussed in class. All homework assignments must be completed on time and filed in the homework section of your binder. No makeup homework will be accepted for an unexcused absence or late work.

TESTS/QUIZZES/PROJECTS: It is the responsibility of the student to attend all test days. All tests are announced in advance. Some quizzes will be unannounced in order to reinforce daily study. Delay in making up tests and quizzes will result in grade reduction. Note that all tests and quizzes are cumulative. Thus, students are encouraged to re-study old material as they progress with new material. If you are absent the day of a test, you will be required to take the test immediately upon your return to school. Delay in making up tests and quizzes will result in 10% grade reduction. Projects are an opportunity for you to demonstrate your knowledge of the Hebrew language and culture. Projects should be typed and spell checked, and will be graded on effort and accuracy.



ORAL PARTICIPATION: Oral participation is part of this class. Students are called on to speak in class every day. Participation grades are based on the following criteria: accuracy of responses in Hebrew, pronunciation, the students' ability to speak in Hebrew at **his/her level** of linguistic competency, class behavior and attitude.

GRADING: Everyone is encouraged to do his/her best. There is no curving. Grading is total points, I do not weigh grades. The grade breakdown is per the HPHS system, as appears in your handbook.

Language Labs: As a class we will work in the ASC lab (A307) to practice speaking and listening comprehension.

RESOURCES: Be sure to know about and use resources made available to you when completing your work. If you do not know how to say something in Hebrew, use a dictionary or the glossary of your textbook. Credit will not be given for work completed using a translator. Work done using a translator will result in a dean's referral for academic dishonesty.

BEHAVIOR: It is important to keep in mind that we are all unique individuals with our own set of needs. However, as part of a group, it is also imperative that we treat one another with respect and courtesy. Disruptive behavior and disrespectful comments in class will not be tolerated. Students should be seated in class when the bell rings. Late students will not be admitted to class without a pass.

CELL PHONES should be silenced or shut off and put away in your backpack or purse. You may use your cell phone to take down the homework with permission. If your cell phone is audible or in sight, other than designated time, the consequence laid out in the student handbook will be enforced. Listening to your headphones in class is also inappropriate at any time.

At the end of class, tidy your desk; throw out any trash, put back in place all dictionaries and classroom supplies you use during class.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Academic dishonesty occurs when students obtain or assist others in obtaining credit for work which is not their own (see Student Handbook). Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to the following: Giving or receiving aid of any kind during a test, quiz or homework assignments, plagiarizing as defined in the Students Handbook on any class assignment, and using the Internet or any other device to translate anything other than isolated words. This type of behavior will result in a grade of zero and an Academic Honesty Referral will be sent to the students' parents, dean, and counselor, and filed in the school data base.

EXTRA HELP: Extra help is always available. If you are absent from class and want to know what you've missed, you can ask in person or send the teacher an email.

I am happy to help – you just have to ask.

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Student name: _____

Student signature: _____

Date _____

Parents/Guardian signature: _____

Date _____