**Beginners’ Hebrew course** – Semester 2 - 1/2/2016 – 13/5/2016

The code of the course is: MEST 10212

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| Easter break starts | 18 March 2016 |
| Easter break ends | 11 April 2016 |

11 weeks teaching. Week 12 is devoted to oral exams for students doing the course for credits.

5 Classes per week will run on:

Monday 11:00-12:00 and 14:00-15:00

Wednesday 10:00-12:00

Thursday 11:00-12:00

Please note that although these times are in the timetable, there may be a change in one of the hours.

This is a beginner’s level Hebrew course. It assumes no knowledge of Hebrew and will start by teaching the alphabet. Some previous knowledge of the language (knowing the alphabet and being able to read a little) is acceptable.

The course teaches the following skills:

1. Reception (reading and listening)

2. Production (speaking and writing)

3. Translation and interpretation

The aim of the course is:

* To familiarise the students with the spoken and written forms of Hebrew.
* To familiarise the students with the basic structure of Hebrew grammar
* To enable the students to begin to express themselves in writing
* To enable the students to engage in simple dialogues

By the end of the course students will gain:

* Familiarity with the basic structure of Hebrew grammar;
* The ability to understand and translate simple Hebrew into English;
* The ability to translate English into simple Hebrew;
* The ability to write a simple Hebrew composition;
* The ability to listen and respond to a simple Hebrew recording (listening comprehension);
* The ability to read short Hebrew passages and respond in Hebrew (reading comprehension);
* The ability to conduct a simple Hebrew conversation.

Class attendance and homework

Students are expected to attend all classes either via the internet or in person. Homework will be assigned in all the lessons. More details on how this can be achieved are given below. It is also possible to do both, that is, attend some classes in person and some via the internet.

Required books (please purchase):

*Ivrit me-Alef ‘Ad Tav – Alef*, Dionon, Tel-Aviv University, 1998.

Where to purchase:

1. Try Waterstones, they may be able to order it for you.
2. Go to: the Webpage of the Jewish Agency for Israel <http://www.eliner.co.il/product.asp?productid=446>
3. Pro Book Website: https://www.probook.co.il/cat.aspx?keyword=עברית מאלף עד תיו א

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1. Eliner Library <http://www.eliner.co.il/heb/m/product.asp?productid=446&catCode=24>

This website is only in Hebrew and will need help of a Hebrew speaker.

Unfortunately, the ha-Sifria-Steimatsky bookshop in London is now closed and we are no longer able to order through them.

Optional book: *A reference Grammar* *of* *Modern Hebrew*, Coffin and Bolozky Cambridge University Press, 2005

**The equipment required for joining the classes by online participation (live):**

1. Computer (either PC or Mac); a webcam (may be built into the computer already); a headset (or, you my use speakers and a microphone)
2. Access to the internet

Details on how to register for the course and for access through the internet to follow.