

שלום / Hi!

This is information from the Modern Hebrew Department to all admitted to the Beginner's course in Modern Hebrew at the Centre for Languages and Literature at Lund University.

My name is Rakel and I teach Modern Hebrew here at Lund University. I would like to share some information about learning Hebrew and about the course material. First, I suggest that you check the course's web page, where you will find the class *schedule**, syllabus and list of literature.

A *Welcome letter* will be attached (in the beginning of August) to the course's webpage with important information about activating your student account and enrolment.

Due to the ongoing corona (COVID-19) pandemic and the restrictions that have been issued, the courses taught this autumn will have a limited number of meetings on campus, depending on the availability of suitable lecture rooms. About half part of the teaching will take place online. The first two introductory weeks are scheduled, only in the beginning of August the full schedule will be published. **The schedule might change.*

About learning Modern Hebrew. We begin from scratch, by learning to recognize, write (cursive) and pronounce the letters in the Hebrew alphabet. It will take some two three weeks to learn the alphabet. You will learn to say simple words and expressions from the very beginning. It takes some effort to learn to write and to pronounce non-familiar sounds, however, with lots of practice and repetitions your skills will progress.

A good piece of advice is to partake in all classes. To learn a new language will take time, and there is always something new ahead of you, new vocabulary, new grammatical topics, as well as much reading and listening comprehension to exercise. In class, your teacher as well as your course mates will guide you through this Hebrew learning experience. The course is half time, twice a week, (look at the schedule), and you should count on 20 studying hours per week.

At the introductory meeting, you will meet your course mates, teacher and mentor. If you have any questions regarding the Hebrew course, you are welcome to contact me by e-mail.

Important information about the study book. Order the book as soon as possible! The book is not available for purchase in Lund. It will take about four weeks for the book to be delivered. You order it through Magnes Press at www.magnespress.co.il

⇒ Tishler, Goni and Yarden-Barak, Ateret (2018). **First and Foremost, Hebrew for Beginners and More**. Textbook and Workbook. (618 pp) Academon, Jerusalem
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Learning tools and study platforms. **Canvas** is the learning platform and **Zoom** is the virtual class room tool:

- **Canvas** is our learning platform. I upload each lesson's handout on Canvas as well as extra material. Students reach Canvas via <https://canvas.education.lu.se/> or by downloading the app **Canvas Student** from the App store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and log in with your student ID. As soon as you are registered on your course you have access to it in Canvas. Remember that it is first at the end of August that registered students will have access to Canvas.
- **Zoom** is our virtual meeting room (when we don't have access to ordinary class rooms), usually on Thursdays 15.15-17, but always check the schedule. The teacher will provide the students with the zoom-link for classes online. You will need a computer with speakers and a microphone and webcam in order to partake in zoom-classes.

How to get started with zoom:

<https://www.ahu.lu.se/en/resurser/lu-zoom/get-started-with-zoom/>

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