

שלום / Hi!

*This is information from the Modern Hebrew Department for **admitted students** to the Beginner's course in Modern Hebrew at the Centre for Languages and Literature at Lund University. **This is not an acceptance letter.***

Below, you will find information from me, the teacher, about learning Hebrew and about the course material. It can be helpful to have an idea of what it is you would be doing. In order to learn more about schedule, course syllabus and literature, you should begin with checking the course's web page.

Swedish: <https://www.sol.lu.se/kurs/HEBA10/>

English <https://www.sol.lu.se/en/course/HEBA10/>

The **introductory meeting** and **first class** take place on September 2 at 14:15-16 in room H405, in the Humanities building.

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Few words about learning Modern Hebrew. We begin from scratch, by learning to recognize, write (cursive) and pronounce the letters in the Hebrew alphabet. You can learn the letters quickly. We will work on them the first two weeks in class as you 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 Hebrew language skills will progress throughout the semester.

You can become acquainted with the sound of the Alef-bet letters and the writing system already now if you want! In the first link, you will find the sound of the letters if you click on them:

<https://hebrew.laits.utexas.edu/media/b1tutor/new/consonant.html>

In the short YouTube clip, you can learn writing the Hebrew alphabet. The cursive writing, is the one to *the left* in the film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHhO-aS1bb4>

Attendance: A good piece of advice is to partake in all classes. Attendance is not mandatory.

You have 30 classes, you should try to attend as many as you can. You will have both homework and mandatory assignments as well as exams. The mandatory assignments are to be submitted on time; they will be assessed by the teacher, and returned with feedback to the students. The course is

half time, twice a week, (look at the schedule), and students are expected to study about 20 hours per week.

To learn a new language will take of your time and it will be challenging. There will always be something new ahead of you, new vocabulary, new grammatical topics, and reading and listening comprehension to exercise repeatedly. We encourage students to practice, be curious, and make mistakes and not to compare themselves with other students. The learning process is individual. One of the aims of the course for us teachers is to guide you through this Hebrew learning experience, which is one of its kind and unique for each individual student.

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Canvas is the learning platform, but we meet in class on campus. In Canvas, you will find each lesson's handout as well as extra material and assignments. Access is possible later in August, only *after* enrolment/registration in the course in Ladok.

Information about the study books. Order the books as soon as you know you plan to take the course!

Tishler, Goni and Yarden-Barak, Ateret (2018). ***First and Foremost, Hebrew for Beginners and More.*** Textbook and Workbook. (618 pp) Academon, Jerusalem

Hard copies ISBN 978-965-350-186-7

The books are not available for purchase in Lund, but some examples are possible to borrow at the library at the department. It will take about three to four weeks for the books to be delivered if purchased. You can buy the sound files also, but teacher will provide you with some of those.

One can order through Magnes Press at www.magnespress.co.il

https://www.magnespress.co.il/en/book/First_and_Foremost-4166

להתראות / See you!

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