

**McGill University**  
**Jewish Studies Department**  
**2014-2015**

**JWST-340D1&2 01 Advanced Hebrew** (Sep. 2 - Apr. 14) (6 credits)

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**Course Objectives, Methodology and Description:**

The objective is to communicate on familiar topics in Modern Hebrew language. Students will develop the four language skills of understanding, speaking, reading and writing through the acquisition of the advanced structures of the language, i.e., grammar, syntax, vocabulary, as well as idiomatic expressions, in order to be able to communicate in Modern Hebrew orally and in writing. Communicative activities, oral practice, written exercises and compositions will be assigned regularly, in order to help integrate skills and reinforce learning. In addition, because the acquisition of a modern language also entails awareness of the culture of its linguistic community, the students will become aware of cultural elements associated with the language.

**Performance Criteria:**

For successful completion of the course, students are required to participate actively in class, and to demonstrate adequate proficiency in the four language skills, and complete all requirements.

**Textbook:** Edna Amir Coffin. *Lessens in Modern Hebrew*. Level II.

**Recommended Text:** Hebrew Dictionary (Oxford, Eng-Heb, Heb-Eng Dictionary, Kernerman – Lonnie Kahn)

**Course Evaluation:**

48% - 4 Class Tests: Oct. 27, Nov. 28, Feb. 9, Mar. 20 (6%, 10%, 14%, 18%)  
12% - Quizzes  
12% - 2 In-Class Essays: Dec. 4, Mar. 27  
14% - Compositions  
10% - Oral Presentation: Mar. 30, Apr. 1, 8, 13, 14  
4% - Class Participation

**No class:** Sept. 25; Oct. 9, 13, 16; Mar. 2, 4, 6; Apr. 3, 6, 10

**Please note:** Thursday, December 4, will follow a Monday schedule.  
Tuesday, April 14, will follow a Friday schedule.

**General Hebrew Course Policies:**

1. Attendance is obligatory. However, a student is allowed to miss 4 classes. After those 4 classes, there will be a penalty of 1 mark for each class of absence without a valid medical reason. If a student is absent for more than 25% of the course (for whatever reason), failure in the course is automatic.
2. Doctors' notes must be submitted no later than the end of the last class of the course.
3. Students are expected to arrive on time and remain through the duration of the class. Half a percent will be deducted each time for late arrival or early departure or absence for part of the period.
4. Compositions are due at the beginning of the class, or are not accepted. (Exception: In case of illness—doctor's note required---submit the composition upon return.)
5. Class work: Active class work is obligatory. Otherwise, one percent will be deducted each time from the final grade.
6. Daily Homework: 1% of the final grade deducted each time it is not done.
7. McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see [www.mcgill.ca/integrity](http://www.mcgill.ca/integrity) for more information).
8. During test/quiz/In-class essay time: a) no one is permitted to leave the classroom and return to resume it. b) no use of electronic devices.
9. Students will be allowed to take a missed test, quiz or in-class essay only if they have documented medical reasons for missing it when it was originally scheduled. The students will write the test/quiz/in-class essay immediately upon their return.
10. **All requirements must be completed in order to pass the course.**