

**Hebrew 1010**  
**Elementary Hebrew I**  
**Fall 2005**  
**Ruth Precker**

**Shalom!**

Welcome to Hebrew 1010, Elementary Hebrew I, a four-credit-hour course. We are delighted you have joined the Hebrew program at UNT.

Classes will be held:

- Tuesdays from 2 – 3:20 p.m. in Room 211
- Thursdays from 2 – 3:20 p.m. in Room 211
- Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:20 p.m. in Room 211

Your final exam is Tuesday, Dec.13, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Room 211.

**Course Description**

This course will introduce you to Modern Hebrew, as it is written and spoken in Israel today. Classes will be highly interactive, with conversations, tapes, songs and games, using as much Hebrew as possible. There will be a lot of teamwork, as we split into groups to practice new material. Most written work will be handled outside of class.

Required materials are the textbook and CDs *Hebrew From Scratch - Part I*, which you need to buy at the UNT bookstore. You need to bring graph paper to each class and keep your work in a folder or binder all semester. Do not throw away any checked assignment!

**Course Objectives**

By the end of Fall Semester you should be able to:

- Read printed material in Hebrew, and write Hebrew script.
- Understand basic spoken Hebrew, and conduct simple conversations in present tense and infinitive.
- Grasp the basic history and evolution of the Hebrew language, and be more familiar with Israeli history and culture.

## **Attendance and Classwork**

I expect you to come to every class, to be on time, and to come prepared. Learning any language requires repetition and progression, and it is very easy to fall behind. If you cannot attend class, you are responsible for notifying me – and you are still responsible for turning in all assignments. Please do not be late to class.

Class participation is very important to learning a language and will be a significant part of your grade. This is your prime opportunity during the week to hear and speak Hebrew, and you should make the most of it. Class is conducted in English and Hebrew, with as much Hebrew as possible. The more Hebrew you speak, and the more Hebrew you hear, even if you do not understand every word, the faster your comprehension will improve.

Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class each week. This reinforces both new vocabulary and the need to be on time. You may bring drinks to class, but no food or gum. Hebrew sounds terrible when spoken through gum. No food or drink is permitted in the lab.

## **Assignments**

All assignments should be turned in on time, preferably on graph paper, and not torn out of your book. Write the whole sentence and not only the words in the blanks. The homework must be on my desk before the class starts. If you miss a class when an assignment is due, ask a classmate to turn it in for you, or turn it in the following class.

A missed assignment will earn a zero. Even if you do not fully understand the work, you will always get some credit for trying to do the exercise. Late homework will not earn more than a 70, and must be turned in within one week. After that, the assignment earns a zero.

You will work in the language lab weekly in order to reinforce new material and to review grammatical concepts. You will be given assignments in the lab, which you will do on your own.

You will watch several movies each semester and will be required to turn in assignments corresponding to the movie. The movies open a window to Israeli culture and expose you to usage of the language in real speed.

## **Grades**

Here are the components of your final grade:

Homework	25 percent	Oral Presentation	5 percent
Tests	60 percent	Pop Quizzes	10 percent

## **Tests**

All exams for this course will be given only on the announced dates. My policy is to give make-up exams only for University-authorized absences, for religious holidays (after notification to me in writing within the first 15 days of the semester), and in cases of genuine emergency, such as a serious illness or a death in the family. In cases of emergency, to be eligible for a make-up exam, you must submit to me (a) written documentation for your excuse, and (b) a phone number I can call to verify excuses.

Cheating will not be tolerated. For UNT policies concerning cheating, including plagiarism, see the "Code of Student Conduct and Discipline" in the 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog.

## **Special Accommodation Request Procedure**

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities, as required by the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act. Please present your written accommodation request to your professor on or before the 6th class day.

### ***Keep in Touch***

My office hours are Tuesdays from 3:30–4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 12:30–1:30 p.m., in Room 203. Otherwise, feel free to call me at 565-2311, or email me at [rprecker@unt.edu](mailto:rprecker@unt.edu) to arrange a time to meet.

I hope we will have a wonderful, worthwhile semester as we build the UNT Hebrew program together. Please do not hesitate to let me know how you are doing, or what you need to succeed in this class.