

## May Intensive Ulpan

Looking for a more immersive experience? Dedicate five weeknights and one Sunday morning in our own Little Tel Aviv, right here in Pittsburgh. Perfect for those who are planning a summer trip to Israel and for those who want to immerse themselves in Hebrew.

Nira Lion, instructor

Monday, May 16, Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18  
6-9 pm

Sunday, May 22  
10 am-2 pm, includes Israeli Lunch

Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24  
6-9 pm

\$200 for 19 hours of class, materials and lunch

10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

## Why Study Hebrew?

- Hebrew is unique: after 2,000 years when nobody spoke it as a mother tongue, it was resurrected into full and vigorous life.
- Hebrew is the language of Israel, one of the world's fastest-growing high-tech economies and a country of constant importance on the world stage.
- Learning Hebrew is fast-moving and fun. The Hebrew alphabet is only a small hurdle. The grammar is systematic, built around three-letter roots, and it's not complicated.
- Israel has produced many famous writers in its short history. Yehuda Amichai, Amos Oz, A.B. Yehoshua... See what makes these writers great in their native language.
- Hebrew is the language of the Bible, which is both a religious and cultural foundation of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
- Hebrew is the language of Jewish prayer: the more Hebrew you understand the more you can follow synagogue services all across Pittsburgh and the world.

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# Hebrew for Adults Fall 2015/5776



# Hebrew Classes for Adults Fall 2015/5776

## Aleph Isn't Tough: An Introduction to Hebrew Reading

"When we are done, you will be able to actually read many of the prayers you might know by heart!"

Rabbi Ron Symons will guide you as you enter or re-enter the world of Hebrew reading designed to help you feel more comfortable in services no matter the synagogue. The Hebrew book, *Aleph isn't Tough*, is groundbreaking in its structure and as an effective educational tool for adults. The book is the first step in a program of Hebrew learning for adults. Drawing upon the particular knowledge that you bring to the material, you will be carefully introduced to the letters and vowels of the Hebrew alphabet. The goal is to develop your ability to decode written Hebrew words as well as to ground the learning of Hebrew in the broader sense of its use in Jewish life, ritual, study and tradition.

Tuesdays • 8:15-9 am  
October 13-December 22  
Rabbi Ron Symons, instructor  
\$150 for 11 classes and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

 **Not a member?  
Not a problem!**

All Ulpan students will be placed in classes based on their level of Hebrew.

Contact Nira Lion at 412.521.5135 for questions about placement.

Contact Rabbi Ron Symons at [rsymons@jccpgh.org](mailto:rsymons@jccpgh.org) 412.339.5395 for other questions.

Register online at [JCCPGH.org](http://JCCPGH.org) <Class Registration>  
Membership not required to register

## Ulpan: Conversational Hebrew

Whether your goal is to order falafel in Tel Aviv, shwarma in Jerusalem or to enter the world of Hebrew fluency so that you can better understand Jewish culture, an immersive Hebrew experience can be *b'diyuk* (exactly) what you need. We group students in just the right class to meet your educational needs. Taught by native Israelis, you will learn more than the nuts and bolts of Hebrew; you will be introduced to Israeli and Jewish culture through the relationships you nurture with your teachers and classmates.

### Beginner's Hebrew

Beginner's Hebrew is designed for the absolute beginner. You will be able to read Hebrew with some comprehension and write in Hebrew script at the completion of this course. Audio-visual methods and mnemonic devices are used to provide essentials of reading and basic vocabulary.

#### Beginner's Hebrew

Mondays • 5:30-7 pm  
October 12-December 21  
Nira Lion, instructor  
\$180 for 10 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

### Conversational Hebrew 1, 2 and 3

These courses are designed for the student who can read Hebrew. Emphasis is placed on conversational Hebrew, reading with comprehension and basic grammar/syntax. Script is taught if needed. These courses are great for those who are traveling to Israel and/or want to have greater comprehension of Hebrew within Jewish culture and synagogue life.

#### Conversational Hebrew 1/2

Tuesdays • 5:30 -7 pm  
October 13-December 22  
Nira Lion, instructor  
\$180 for 10 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

#### Conversational Hebrew 3

Mondays • 5:30-7 pm  
October 12-December 21  
Orna Tal, instructor  
\$180 for 10 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

### Intermediate Hebrew 1 & 2

These courses are run in traditional Ulpan immersion style: Hebrew is the only language spoken. Prerequisite: 2 years of Beginner and Conversational Hebrew or its equivalent.

#### Intermediate Hebrew 1

Mondays 7-8:30 pm  
October 12-December 21  
Nira Lion, instructor  
\$180 for 10 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

#### Intermediate Hebrew 2

Tuesdays 7-8:30 pm  
October 13-December 22  
Nira Lion, instructor  
\$180 for 10 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

### Advanced Hebrew

For those who are fluent in Hebrew. Selections from modern Hebrew literature and from current Israeli press are read and discussed. Hebrew is the only language spoken.

#### Advanced Hebrew

Wednesdays • 7-8:30 pm  
September 2-November 18  
Haya Feig, instructor  
\$200 for 12 classes (90 minutes each) and materials  
10% discount for JCC or synagogue members

More classes will be offered in the Winter/Spring.