



Temple B'nai Israel Aurora, Illinois

Congregation Beth Shalom (**CBS**) and Temple B'nai Israel (**TBI**) are jointly offering adult Hebrew language courses during the coming semesters to teach reading, writing, comprehension, and conversation.

Courses are open to the entire local community and are designed for participants of all faiths, ages 12 and up (with the approval of the teacher, exceptions can be made for younger children who attend classes together with their parents).<sup>1</sup> Each course is presented in a schedule of 14 Sunday, Tuesday, or Wednesday classes, starting in October for our Fall 2023 semester, for a total of 21 hours per semester. All classes are conducted remotely via Zoom. These classes are a great opportunity for students to take their Hebrew skills to the "next" level and learn more about this wonderful and holy language.

Subject to sufficient enrollment, we will be offering the following classes:

**Preliminary** (one semester) introduces the Hebrew alphabet and how to read and pronounce words.

**Basic courses** (levels 2-4, each two semesters) build an elementary vocabulary for use with reading simple sentences and stories.

**Intermediate courses** (levels 5-9, each two semesters) introduce various grammar concepts, extend vocabularies, and read more interesting stories with greater comprehension. Hebrew taught at basic and intermediate levels is commonly found in both Biblical and modern Israeli usage.

Advanced courses are being planned for availability in future semesters, which will include study of both modern conversational Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew.

Students are encouraged to make a voluntary donation to either **CBS** or **TBI** to offset the expenses of the course and are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of required text books. A schedule of the suggested donations and required book fees are set forth below.

If you have any questions about any of these courses, including whether you meet prerequisites, please contact Gary Raymond at HebrewCourses@napershalom.org. To register for a course, please send an email to this same email address.

**Please note:** We reserve the right to cancel, without notice, any class not meeting minimum enrollment requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Note**: Students in our religious school in grades 3 through 6 are required to attend regular religious school, and may not enroll in these classes.





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## Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Class Schedules

	Fall 2023 Semester				Spring 2024		
	Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays		Sundays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
Mth	(two sessions)	4:30-6:00 pm	4:30-6:00 pm	Mth	(two sessions)	4:30-6:00 pm	4:30-6:00 pm
Oct	8, 15, 22, 29	10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	Feb	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28
Nov	5, 12, 19	7, 14, 21	1, 8, 15	Mar	3, 10, 17, 24	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27
Dec	3, 10, 17	5, 12, 19	6, 13, 20	Apr	7, 21, 28	2, 9, 30	3, 10, 17
Jan	7, 14, 21, 28 <sup>m</sup>	9, 16, 23, 30 <sup>m</sup>	10, 17, 24, 31 <sup>m</sup>	May	5, 19, 26 <sup>m</sup>	7, 14, 21, 28 <sup>m</sup>	8, 15, 22, 29 <sup>m</sup>

Notes: Spring 2024 class dates are in planning stages and subject to change. <sup>m</sup> = Make-up date Sunday sessions: 8:30 am – 10:00 am; 10:00 am – 11:30 am

## Schedule of Book Fees and Suggested Donations

Courses	Group Size	Member Donation/ Semester*	Non-Member Donation/ Semester*	Book Fee/ Semester**
<b>Preliminary Hebrew</b> 18 class hours / semester	person couple family	\$30 \$45 \$60	\$45 \$70 \$90	approx \$15-30
<b>Basic Hebrew</b> Levels 2-4 18 class hours / semester	person couple family	\$30 \$45 \$60	\$45 \$70 \$90	approx \$15-30
Intermediate Levels 5-9 18 class hours / semester	person couple family	\$60 \$90 \$120	\$90 \$140 \$180	approx \$15-30

Classes not meeting enrollment minimums may be canceled.

\* Donation amounts are suggestions – students are welcome regardless of what they can pay.

\*\* Book fees are charged per person and are waived for students already owning the required course books.