



## Executive MA program in Jewish Education

### Description and Procedure for Modern Hebrew Proficiency Exam

The test is comprised of three sections:

- Reading Comprehension (50%)
- Writing (20%)
- Modern Hebrew Grammar (30%).

In general, students need to demonstrate that they can:

1. Read with comprehension texts that discuss daily life, describe people and places, narrate past events, etc. Demonstrate understanding of few verses from Chumash or a few sentences from prayers.
2. Demonstrate proficiency with basic grammar.

A useful text in preparing for the Hebrew proficiency exam is:

*Ivrit Min Ha-hatchala*, volume *Aleph* by Shlomit Chayat, Sara Israeli, and Hilla Kobliner. Publisher: Academon, the Hebrew University Students' Printing and Publishing House: Jerusalem. (Note that this title is translated into English as: *Hebrew from Scratch*.)

#### **Structure of the exam:**

##### **Reading Comprehension (50%):**

- \* 4 short texts followed by open questions and multiple choice questions. One text will be a cloze (completing missing words in a given text).
- \* The 5th text is a choice between a few verses from Chumash or a few sentences from the daily weekday prayers followed by questions.

##### **Grammar (30%):**

Examples of questions:

- \* Completing verbs/ prepositions/ question words/connectors etc. in given sentences or multiple-choice questions with these items.
- \* Writing plural forms of words/ phrases/sentences
- \* Adding the definite article when appropriate

Look at the attached **Sample** for specific examples.

##### **Writing (20%):**

Write a simple composition/ an answer to a question of approximately 60 words on a particular topic.

Instructions in all sections are given in English

Best wishes for your Hebrew language study, and good luck on the exam!

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