



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Aramaic (B): Biblical Aramaic and Targum Onqelos - 25144*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Hebrew Language*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal*

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*Coordinator Office Hours: by appointment with instructor*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof. Elitzur Bar-Ashersiegal

Course/Module description:

continued reading of the Biblical Aramaic corpus, which began in the first semester; reading of selected passages from Targum Onqelos and from Elephantine; presentation of selected grammatical topics in Biblical Aramaic, Targum Onqelos, and Elephantine

Course/Module aims:

to read all the Biblical Aramaic passages and become familiarized with the grammar of Targum Onqelos and of Elephantine; reading of Onqelos and Elephantine selected passages

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

familiarization with the grammar of Biblical Aramaic, Targum Onqelos, and Elephantine; acquaintance with texts from the three corpora

Attendance requirements(%):

90

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and weekly readings in class*

Course/Module Content:

1. Book of Daniel, 2. Book of Ezra, 3. Elephantine, 4. Targum Onqelos together with selected grammatical topics

Required Reading:

ספרי דקדוק

א' קימרון, ארמית מקראית. מהדורה שנייה מתוקנת ומורחבת. ספריית האנציקלופדיה המקראית. ירושלים תשנ"ג.\*

H. Bauer & P. Leander, *Grammatik des Biblisch-Aramäischen*. Halle 1927.

F. Rosenthal, *A Grammar of Biblical Aramaic*. Seventh, expanded edition.

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מילונים

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C. Tawil, *An Akkadian Lexical Companion for Biblical Hebrew: Etymological-Semantic and Idiomatic Equivalents with Supplement on Biblical Aramaic*. Jersey City, NJ 2010.

E. Vogt, *A Lexicon of Biblical Aramaic Clarified by Ancient Documents*, translated and revised by J.A. Fitzmyer. Rome 2011.

פירושים

ש' הכהן וי' קיל, ספר דניאל. דעת מקרא. ירושלים תשנ"ד.

מ' זר-כבוד, עזרא ונחמיה. דעת מקרא. ירושלים תשמ"ו.

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J.A. Montgomery, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Daniel*. International Critical Commentary. Edinburgh 1926.

מאמרים וספרים

\*ש' ארבלי-רוזה, "ekalli ša ;eq& GAL.É.SAL ;eq& נְגַל", לשוננו נב (תשמ"ח), עמ' 8-17.

\*"ארמית", שפות שמיות. ספריית האנציקלופדיה המקראית. ערך ח' רבין. ירושלים תשנ"א, עמ' 78-104.

\*ז' בן-חיים, "הנסתרות בארמית הקדמונית", ארץ ישראל א (תשי"א), עמ' 135-139.

\*י' לרנר, "לְמַבְנָא/לְמַבְנִיָּה/לְבַנָּא", לשוננו מז (תשמ"ג), עמ' 62-65.

\*י' קוטשר, "הארמית המקראית - ארמית מזרחית היא או מערבית?", לשוננו יז (תשי"א), עמ' 119-122.

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E.M. Cook, "Word Order in the Aramaic of Daniel," *Afroasiatic Linguistics* 9/3 (1986) 1-16.

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E.Y. Kutscher, "Aramaic," in T. Sebeok, ed., *Current Trends in Linguistics*. The Hague 1971. Vol. 6: 347-412 ( &eq; ' עמ, ובארמית בעברית מחקרים, קוטשר ' 155-90).

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A.R. Rubin, "On the Third Person Preformative l-/n- in Aramaic, and an Ethiopic Parallel," *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 44 (2007) 1-28.

Tarsee Li, *The Verbal System of the Book of Daniel: An Explanation in the Context of Grammaticalization*. Leiden 2009.

ביבליוגרפיה

J.A. Fitzmyer and S.A. Kaufman, *An Aramaic Bibliography, Part I: Old, Official, and Biblical Aramaic*. Baltimore 1992.

Additional Reading Material:

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J.A. Fitzmyer and S.A. Kaufman, *An Aramaic Bibliography, Part I: Old, Official, and Biblical Aramaic*. Baltimore 1992.

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 70 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 30 %

Additional information:

No additional information necessary