



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Syntax of Biblical Hebrew - 25852*

*Last update 06-05-2024*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* Hebrew Language

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 2nd Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Adina Moshavi

*Coordinator Email:* [adina.moshavi@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:adina.moshavi@mail.huji.ac.il)

*Coordinator Office Hours:* Tuesday 12:15-13:15 or by appointment

*Teaching Staff:*

---

Prof Adina Moshavi

Course/Module description:

We will learn selected topics in Biblical Hebrew syntax from the synchronic and diachronic perspectives. Students will carry out guided research and present their findings.

Course/Module aims:

To teach selected topics in Biblical Hebrew syntax, and to acquaint students with a methodology and digital and print research tools in this field

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

1. Be able to understand the scholarly debates on a variety of topics in Biblical Hebrew syntax and evaluate each position's advantages and disadvantages
2. Be able to carry out a research project on Biblical Hebrew using a variety of digital and print resources

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal lectures, class exercises in groups

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Definiteness part 1
3. Definiteness part 2
4. Use/nonuse of  $\kappa\eta$
5. Apposition vs coordination in the noun phrase (2 classes)
6. Numerical phrases part 1
7. Numerical phrases part 2
8. Left dislocation part 1
9. Guided research
10. Left dislocation part 2
11. Student presentations

---

Required Reading:

1. Ehrensverd, M. 2000. "Determination of the noun in Biblical Hebrew". *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 14(2): 301-314.
2. Bekins, P. 2013. "Non-Prototypical Uses of the Definite Article in Biblical Hebrew". *Journal of Semitic Studies* 58(2), pp. 225-240.
3. Bekins, P. 2014. *Transitivity and Object Marking in Biblical Hebrew: An Investigation of the Object Preposition 'et*. Harvard Semitic Studies. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 17-58.
4. Scheumann, J.R. 2020. *A syntactic analysis of phrasal coordination in Biblical Hebrew*. Doctoral dissertation, University of the Free State, 169-221.
5. Moshavi, Adina. 2021. "Expressing the Day of the Month in Biblical Hebrew: A Diachronic Perspective." *Journal for Semitics* 30 (2): 1-17.
6. Miller-Naudé, C.L. and Naudé, J.A., 2021. "Differentiating Left Dislocations Constructions in Biblical Hebrew".
7. Miller-Naudé, C.L. and Naudé, J.A., 2021. *Differentiating Left Dislocation Constructions in Biblical Hebrew*. *New Perspectives in Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew*, ed. A. D. Hornkohl and G. Khan, Cambridge: University of Cambridge Press, 617-640.
8. Westbury, J., 2016. *A functional profile of Left Dislocation in Biblical Hebrew*. *Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics Plus* 50:65-90.

Additional Reading Material:

will be supplied during the semester

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %  
Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture/ Seminar / Pro-seminar / Research proposal 20 %

Additional information: