

Hebrew -Placement Exam Information

Who should take the placement exam?

- Students who have studied Hebrew previously and/or spoke Hebrew at home and wish to place into L2 (Hebr120 – the Spring semester) or a higher level course.
- Students who have returned from programs abroad in Israel (for a summer, a semester or a year) and wish to skip a level by placing into a level higher than the one they need to take based on their Yale record.

Who should NOT take the placement exam?

- Students who have no prior knowledge of Hebrew and wish to take L1 (Hebr110 – the Fall semester) **need not** take the exam. Such students should simply start attending L1 on Wednesday August 31, at 9:25 or 10:30. Check the OCI for location.
- Given the fast pace nature of our courses, students who recognize the Hebrew alphabet and know only a few Hebrew words should also join one of the L1 classes. (If in doubt, email the program director to consult).

Instructions:

- Please be sure to have your **student ID number**.
- The placement test is planned for an hour but students may stay longer (up to 2 hours) if they need to.
- In addition to the written test, there is a short oral interview/conversation with one of the Hebrew instructors. Once you are done with the written portion, we will let you know where to go for the interview. **Please do not leave the Center for Language Study until you have your interview.** There may be a short wait for interviews.
- There are four levels for the placement test, which cover materials taught in the first through the fourth semester (L1-L4). The results will indicate which level you are eligible to place **into**. For example: a student, who took the L3 exam and passed, is placed **out** of L3 and is placed **into** L4.
- Accordingly, students who wish to be placed into L5 (Advanced) should take the L4 test. Typically, students who successfully placed into L5 are those who have studied Hebrew throughout high school, have spent a year in Israel, or heritage students, who speak Hebrew at home and are capable of reading and writing in Hebrew.
- Results will be posted on the door of room 325 in HGS (Hall of Graduate Studies) after 2:00pm on Tuesday August 30, 2015.

We will gladly answer any questions you may have prior and following the exam.

Feel free to contact the Hebrew Program Director shiri.goren@yale.edu