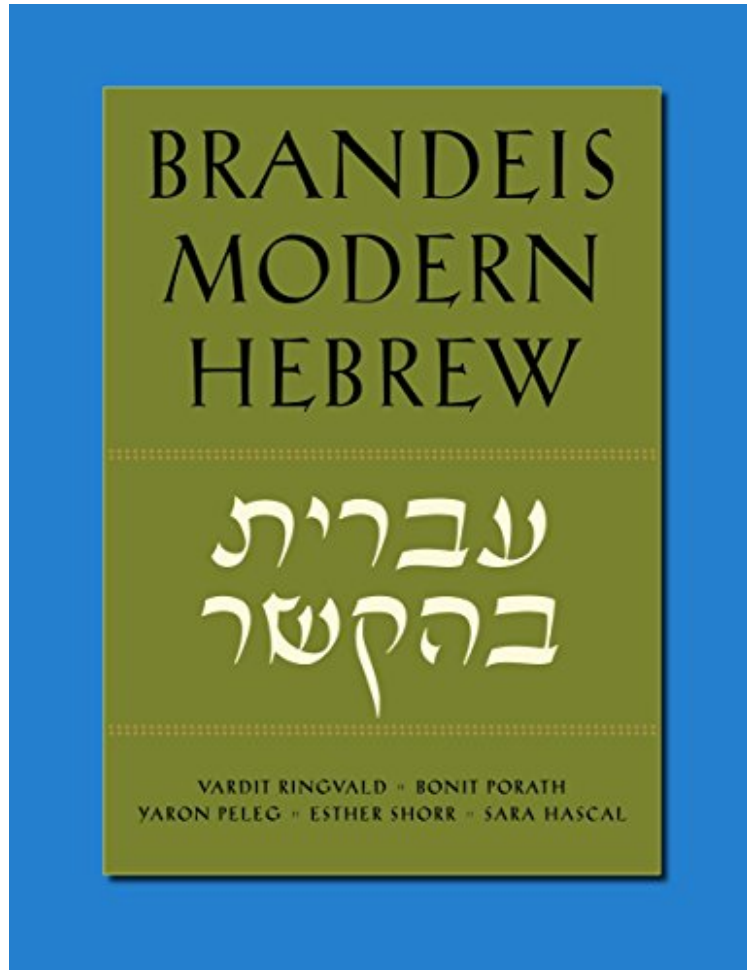


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Vardit et al. Ringvald, Bonit Porath, Yaron Peleg, Esther Shorr, Sara Hascal : Brandeis Modern Hebrew before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Brandeis Modern Hebrew:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not for self-study, if you've never studied Hebrew before. By tmt53 Without any exposure to the Hebrew alphabet (or aleph-bet) or basic syntax, this book would be very challenging to follow. If it is your first time encountering Hebrew at all, I'd recommend something more rudimentary like http://www..com/Teach-Yourself-Hebrew-Ethelyn-Simon/dp/0939144115/ref=pd_cp_b_0. I was lucky enough to use this book during a summer session at Brandeis with one of the authors. I'd already studied Hebrew for three years before then, but was rusty on practicing conversations in real-time. For me, it was the perfect review, covering a lot of content and vocabulary words. I'd used the Ivrit Min Hachatchala (Hebrew from Scratch) series before this, which is used in Hebrew University's Ulpan, and that book didn't use English at all, so this book is a welcome alternative. I

found the concepts a lot clearer in this book, and the units are manageable and build on each other. I would definitely recommend a book like Hebrew Verb Tables (http://www..com/Hebrew-Verb-Tables-Tarmon/dp/9653760106/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1372172452&sr=8-1&keywords=hebrew+verb+tables) to supplement this. I sat in an intensive summer study class that used this book, and the "new" learners caught on really quickly, so I think this book is incredibly efficient in how it is laid out as long as the teacher really encourages using the vocabulary in conversations. I was impressed by how much people in the class recalled the information, and feel like the book is especially strong used in classroom/real-time. I'm actually purchasing this book again for my own personal library, since I used the school's library copy before. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have wasted hours hunting for things that should be easy to ... By KSD This book is extremely difficult to use. There is no index, and the table of contents is far from comprehensive; I have wasted hours hunting for things that should be easy to find. Vocabulary is introduced in the units that is not included in the vocabulary at the end of the unit or in the vocabulary at the end of the book. This book needs better editing and an index! Not what I would expect for an expensive, college level text. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Great Text By sharlex I am using this book as a supplement to an Ulpan class I am teaching to seniors. It is very extensive and has some wonderful explanation, stories and exercises. The best on the market for teaching and learning Hebrew.

Written by the core faculty of the Hebrew Program at Brandeis University, Brandeis Modern Hebrew is an accessible introduction to the Hebrew language for American undergraduates and high school students. Its functional and contextual elements are designed to bring students from the beginner level to the intermediate level, and to familiarize them with those linguistic aspects that will prepare them to function in advanced stages. This volume reflects some of the main principles that have shaped the Brandeis Hebrew curriculum during the past decade. These include: an emphasis on the learners ability to use the target language in all four skills areas: speaking, listening, reading, and writing an effort to contextualize each unit within a specific subject or theme exposing the student to authentic and semi-authentic materials (texts written by native speakers) exploring different elements from Israeli and Jewish culture in the language drills, reading passages, and in selections of sources from the Hebrew literary canon The text in this edition comprises a short introduction to the instructor, 11 units, supplementary Hebrew proficiency guidelines, and a vocabulary list. Audio-visual components for all reading passages are available online for download.

Brandeis Modern Hebrew is a good textbook, containing valuable material. Students are given suitable directions for completing tasks. The book is effective in reaching its goals in terms of subject matter, functions, and grammatical complexity. Hebrew Higher Education