PURPOSE OF COURSE

The focus of this course is to prepare students for the reading and comprehension of a variety of texts including newspaper articles, professional journals, research articles etc. that are often encountered during academic studies. This will be done by enabling the students to handle the extensive set of skills and challenges which confront them while learning English as a Foreign Language.

Specific skills to be covered during this course include:

- Reading skills such as Scanning, Skimming, Reference Words, Finding Definitions in Context, Connecting Words.

- Vocabulary Building such as Affixes (Prefixes and Suffixes), Parts of Speech: Word families.

- Grammar Tenses such as those used in reading and writing in comprehensible answers to a variety of questions.
MATERIALS

Worksheets, reference sheets and Articles are available in MOODLE. Please download them from Ben Gurion University's Moodle site. You must bring these materials to class or you will be asked to leave and marked absent!!!!

Dictionary – You may use any dictionary you choose, including an electronic one. The only demand is that it knows how to be silent. Be sure you can shut the sound off! Bring your dictionary to every class. During all exams (Unseens and Finals), only clean dictionaries (Those that are not written in) will be allowed. You must not share dictionaries during exams.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mobile Phones – Since ringing phones, game playing with phones or "smsing" disrupt concentration (this goes for computers as well), please turn off your phones and computers (unless you have an issur to study with one) when you are in the classroom.

Attendance – Class attendance is MANDATORY!!!

If you miss more than two (2) classes, you will NOT take the Final exam and you will NOT receive a grade. If you come to class late or leave early, you will receive half an absence.

As teachers, we keep a record of attendance. If you come to class late, make sure that you are marked present at the end of the class. When you return from an absence, it is your responsibility to show the teacher an issur explaining why you have missed the class. Otherwise you will be marked absent without an excuse. It is also your responsibility to find out the work you have missed. There is a syllabus and class assignment are posted in Moodle. As such, absence is not an acceptable excuse for coming to class unprepared. If you don't bring an assignment or dictionary to class, (this will go into effect after the second lesson), you will be considered absent without an excuse.
Assignments – All homework assignments must be completed. During the course, homework is given every lesson. If you don’t do your homework, in class tasks or activities, you will receive a grade of incomplete and you will not be able to finish the course until your assignments are completed.

Exams and grades – The final exam is 40% of the final grade, and the class grade is 60%. The class grade will be calculated from one MID-TERM EXAM (worth 30% of your final grade) and the other 30% will be based on class participation, discussions, homework assignments and a variety of activities – quizzes on content, vocabulary and text related questions.

Make-up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test – not for students who want to improve their grade. If you have an acceptable excuse (issur required) for missing a test, you will be allowed to take the make-up.

The passing grade of the course is 56.

A grade of less than 56 on the final exam becomes the final grade, regardless of class grade.

MIDTERM EXAM – 14-06-18
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Course Assessment –

1. Class participation/ Discussions/ Homework (10%)
2. Completion of In-class quizzes/ activities (20%)
3. MID-TERM (30%)
4. Final Exam (40%)