The focus of this course is to teach students how to read and comprehend a connected passage on a scientific or technical topic. The majority of the texts studied at this level are authentic selections from the magazine, *Scientific American*. The course involves reading texts and practicing reading (and writing) skills in order to improve your reading comprehension.

You will work on different texts from class to class, answer questions on the texts and practice specific reading skills.

ALL of the materials you will need in the course will come from my MOODLE site. You MUST download all necessary materials from MOODLE. Before the course starts, make sure that your email is working and that you have access to MOODLE. Your email address listed on my MOODLE, for your name, is the one from which you will get your email. You are responsible to check that email account or change it to the one you are using!

Dictionary: Only an English-English, college-sized dictionary, is adequate for university needs. You may, however, bring any dictionary you choose, including a battery-operated electronic one. BE SURE YOU CAN SHUT THE SOUND OFF! You cannot use a noisy dictionary for tests! You may not share dictionaries during exams. You may not use a quicktionary.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance- Class attendance is compulsory. For any absence you need to have a reasonable excuse, such as sickness or miluim. If you miss two classes without such an excuse, you may not be allowed to take the final exam and will get an incomplete. Teachers take attendance. If YOU come late make sure YOU tell the teacher. If you return from an absence, tell the teacher why you missed class. If you come to class unprepared you may be marked absent (this includes coming to class without your materials). Find out what you missed in class if you are absent and come to the following class prepared! You can check on MOODLE.

Class etiquette- Turn off cellphones upon entering the classroom. Show respect and consideration for others. Don't walk in and out of the classroom. That will not be tolerated!

Assignments- All homework assignments must be completed. If you do not do your homework you may receive a grade of 800.

Exams and Grades- The final exam is 40% of your grade. The class grade is 60%. It is composed of class quizzes/tasks, a seen and/or unseen exam. Make-up tests are designed for students who were absent from a test (with a reasonable excuse).

Passing Grade for Course- 56 A grade of less than 56 on the final exam becomes the final grade, regardless of class grade. If you pass both Moed aleph and Moed bet with a 56, then your class grade will be cancelled and you will receive a grade of 56 for the course.

If you have a special problem that requires extra time or special arrangements for unseens, you must submit a request in writing to the va'adat hora'ah the first week of the semester (or to the dean). Forms are available outside the English as a Foreign Language Department on the 4th floor of building 72. MECHINA students: speak to the psychologist in the office! Do not delay in submitting this request.