

Textbooks and Required Materials for Elementary Biblical Hebrew:

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Main Course Texts and Materials (REQUIRED):

1. SIMON, ETHELYN; RESNIKOFF, IRENE; & MOTZKIN, LINDA (1992). *The First Hebrew Primer, Third Edition*. Berkeley, CA: EKS Publishing Co. PJ4567.5.S57 1992; ISBN 0-939144-15-8.
List Price: \$34.95, but available from Amazon.com for \$31.96+ S&H (as of 24 Aug 2008).
2. LANDES, GEORGE M. (2001). *Building Your Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary: Learning Words by Frequency and Cognate*. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature. PJ4845.L25 2001; 492.4/82421 21; 00051573; ISBN 1589830032; ISBN-13 978-1589830035.
List Price \$19.95, but available from Amazon.com for \$15.56 + S&H (as of 21 May 2009).
3. BEN ASHER, AARON BEN MOSES (10th century; original compiler/editor); DOTAN, ARON, editor of printed edition (2001). *Biblia Hebraica Leningradensia: Prepared According to the Vocalization, Accents, and Masora of Aaron ben Moses ben Asher in the Leningrad Codex*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc. BS715 2000; 221.4'4—dc21; 00-053907; ISBN 1-56563-089-0 (cloth).
List Price: \$49.95, but available from Amazon.com for \$37.96 + S&H (as of 21 May 2009).

[This text comprises the entire *TaNAKh* (Hebrew Bible) and is therefore printed entirely in Hebrew. This work is commonly known as *BHL*. It is nicely printed and reasonably robust from a physical standpoint, with a high-value detailed and mostly understandable English introduction.]

Recommended:

4. BERTONOV, SHLOMO. (2003). *The Bible (Tanach): The Law, The Prophets, The Writings*. Netanya, Israel: Central Library for the Blind, Visually Impaired and Handicapped. [The entire *TaNAKh* (Hebrew Bible) is here narrated in

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flawless Israeli (*i.e.*, S'fardic) Hebrew, including the *ToRAH**, the *N'viy'IM* (all of the extant writings of the Prophets), and the *K'tuVIM* ("The [Other] Writings"). These recordings were originally made in 1956 for use by blind and visually handicapped Israelis, and here are transcribed into MP3 (*i.e.*, computer-readable digitized) format on four compact disks. The narration is outstanding in its clarity, and the pace, while by no means slow, nevertheless is not hurried either. Beginning students will undoubtedly find it hard to keep up at first, but as they get through the first semester they should find themselves able to follow along, with the aid of a printed text.] *Available from TES, Inc., 455 Route 306, Monsey, NY 10952, Tel. 845-362-6360, also accessible through the Internet at www.jewishsoftware.com*
Regular Price: \$79.95 + S&H, but on sale for \$64.95 + S&H (as of 06 Jul 2007).

* The word *ToRAH* is translated in the English title of this set of CDs as "The Law". However, a better translation into English of the Hebrew word *ToRAH* is "The Teaching".

5. BROWN, FRANCIS (1996; reprinted from the 1906 Houghton, Mifflin & Company edition). *The Brown, Driver, Briggs, Gesenius Hebrew and English Lexicon; with an Appendix containing the Biblical Aramaic / based on the lexicon of William Gesenius; as translated by Edward Robinson; and edited... by Francis Brown with the cooperation of S.R. Driver and Charles A. Briggs.* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc. PJ4833.B73 1979; 492.4'321—dc21; 99-477170; ISBN: 1-56563-206-0; ISBN-13: 978-1565632066. [An excellently executed work. Has the minor problem of distinguishing between the letters **shin** and **sin**, but at least recognizes that these are two manifestations of the same Hebrew letter, and therefore counts them together as the twenty-first letter of the Hebrew alphabet.] **List Price: \$34.95, but available from Amazon.com for \$22.02 + S&H (as of 17 May 2007).**