

# *Announcing*

# The Tikvah Hebrew Program at the Middlebury Language Schools

June 17–July 15, 2011

This summer, Middlebury Language Schools will pilot an intensive four-week program in Classical and Modern Hebrew. This program is intended as preparation for the summer seminar on *Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions at Princeton*, which begins July 24<sup>th</sup>. Hebrew reading competence is *not* a requirement of the Princeton program but it will no doubt be of great use in that context. Students who are accepted to the Princeton program will be able to enroll in the Tikvah Hebrew Program at MLS *at no cost* (space permitting). The program is intended for beginners, so no prior knowledge of classical or modern Hebrew is required. Please direct questions about this program to [hebrew@tikvahfund.org](mailto:hebrew@tikvahfund.org).

This offering is a reflection of The Tikvah Fund's commitment to enriching encounters with great texts of the Jewish tradition and deepening the possibilities for cultural exchange with citizens of the modern state of Israel.

## **Curriculum**

Students will be expected to take the famous Middlebury Language Pledge: to only speak Hebrew during their stay. Instruction will take the form of four to five hours of classroom instruction each day, along with homework and cultural assignments. They will study modern Hebrew in the morning, and classical Hebrew in the afternoon.

## **Expected core readings**

- Genesis: chapters 1, 2, 13, 14 and 22
- Jonah: all 4 chapters
- Song of Songs: chapter 1
- Selection of Midrashic literature

## **Sample Goals**

- Students will be familiar with different genres of biblical texts.
- Students will decode a biblical text independently.
- Students will be able to read a biblical text out loud with accuracy.
- Students will understand approximately 600 words.

## **About Middlebury**

The mission of the Middlebury Language Schools is to provide excellent instruction in language, literature, linguistics, and culture. This mission begins with the Language Pledge: students pledge to use only the language of study during their stay. Middlebury is dedicated to the premise that without real competency in language there can be little true cultural understanding, and, that to be truly effective, language teaching must provide meaningful insight and access into other cultures.

## **About the Tikvah Fund**

The Tikvah Fund is committed to finding and forming future leaders of the Jewish world – scholars, writers and editors, political and military leaders, rabbis, and other professionals. Tikvah looks for opportunities to expose students to the great philosophical, literary and political texts of Jewish civilization. Students convene with master scholar-teachers, who lead probing encounters with these texts in an effort to open a window to the uniquely Jewish contribution to human wisdom that the texts contain.

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