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OXFORD BIBLICAL HEBREW SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

The Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School will take place from August 24 – August 28 & September 1-4, 2026. The classes will be held online via Zoom. The school offers nine days of intensive teaching in Biblical Hebrew and it corresponds to two terms of intensive teaching for a full-time university student and is open to students with or without experience of the language.



“Exceptional! Having studied Biblical Hebrew for a number of years now, I wished to consolidate my learning as well as to advance further in my studies. Dr Herring’s OBHSS was outstanding and a complete game changer. His knowledge and passion for Biblical (Classical) Hebrew is second to none. Where I was not only able to consolidate my learning but learned a great deal more in depth about Biblical Hebrew, so much so that it has enabled me to confidently progress even further...It was a privilege to be taught by Dr Herring, and to gain insights into Biblical Hebrew that you simply cannot learn from a Hebrew Grammar. The course was intensive, thoughtful and well balanced - and I only wish it was longer than 2 weeks!”

Esther Fowler, MA, BA (hons) (OBHSS 2024)

“Having some prior knowledge of Hebrew, I still felt that I needed to consolidate and thoroughly revise my learning...Having attended Dr Herring’s course I can recommend his thorough approach...Attending has proved the single most effective action I have taken towards learning and enjoying Hebrew—the benefits of attending far outweigh any cost.”

Richard Bicknell, MTh student, Oxford (OBHSS 2023)

The cost of the school is £290 per student for 27 hours of language instruction.

Application forms may be downloaded from the Centre’s website under News ->Announcements

www.ochjs.ac.uk

Closing date: Friday 10 July 2026

Further details:

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The school offers nine days of intensive teaching in Biblical Hebrew. Each weekday there will be three hours of teaching, delivered in two separate 90-minute sessions, from 11.30-13.00 and 14.00-15.30 (UK time).

The OBHSS corresponds to two full terms of intensive teaching for a full-time university student. It is open to students with or without experience in the language.

For the former, it offers an opportunity to review and consolidate what they have previously learnt. For the latter, it will provide a strong foundation from which to begin formalized or private study of Biblical Hebrew.

Please complete and return the application form by email to Dr Stephen Herring: stephen.herring@ames.ox.ac.uk or mail to OBHSS, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG

The deadline to apply is Friday, 10 July 2026

Places are limited

“Truly inspiring! At the beginning, I was a bit nervous, but Stephen’s teaching style is so engaging and his love for the language is infectious that even the toughest grammar points felt accessible. The intensive online format was perfect for me – I loved how we dove deep into the material and had plenty of opportunities to practice. I’m amazed at how much I was able to understand and keep after just nine days! Even though we were virtual, it felt like a real classroom full of supportive classmates. I’m leaving this course with genuine excitement to keep learning.”

Sascha Grimmer (OBHSS 2024)

“Having only studied Hebrew through my congregation and independently, this course gave me the academic foundation I needed to consolidate my learning. Dr. Herring’s knowledge, passion, and genuine care for his students made this the best class I have ever taken. I leave inspired and confident to continue my Hebrew studies.”

Terri Harper, RN, BSN, Texas, USA (OBHSS 2025)

“The OBHSS is a great experience. Dr Herring covers a huge amount of ground in the course of two weeks – looking back at the end it is astonishing how far I have come. The teaching is excellent, attentive to the individual needs of students with different experiences of language-learning, and balanced between clear explanations of difficult topics, and realistic expectations of what’s possible in an intensive course. I’d strongly recommend this to anyone looking to make a start with Biblical Hebrew, or to accelerate rusty or beginner’s learning.”

Dr Kathryn Murphy (OBHSS 2018)

Fellow and Tutor in English, Oriel College

Associate Professor, English Faculty, University of Oxford

“The Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School was a fantastic and enjoyable experience in every way. The sessions were structured effectively, combining the consolidation of material previously covered with the introduction of new concepts. Dr Herring is a superb teacher - his mastery of Biblical Hebrew and passion for teaching are evident every step of the way. Even though online, the class atmosphere was great, such that I always felt comfortable to ask questions. It was also wonderful to meet and learn from so many different people. I wholeheartedly recommend this course to anyone who wishes to sharpen their knowledge or delve into the captivating ancient language that is Biblical Hebrew.”

Andrew Debono Cauchi, M.Phil./Ph.D. Candidate, University of Malta (OBHSS 2025)