DESCRIPTION: An introduction to classical (biblical) Hebrew. The course will focus on translation and recognition of grammatical forms and syntax.

2. A copy of the Hebrew Bible (to be purchased later in the term)

EVALUATION: Your grade for the term will be based primarily on homework grades. Each test will count as two homework grades. The final will count three homework grades.

PROCEDURE: 1. On the day of class, review the lesson introduced and do the written assignment in pencil.
2. The day before class, check over your homework. Write down any questions or problems.
3. We will go over the homework in class and then introduce a new lesson.
4. Please, please, please ask questions about points of confusion.

TIPS: As with any new language the key is keeping up and regular review/usage. Here are a few tips that will make learning Hebrew relatively easy, painless, and (dare I say it) even fun.
1. Don't miss class. The language is a lot harder to learn by yourself from the book than it is with someone to guide you.
2. Learn the script well. One of the major barriers to learning Hebrew is the strangeness to us of the script and the direction of writing. Taking extra care at the beginning to get used to these things will make it a lot easier later on.
3. If you come upon a problem you can't resolve, give it your best effort and then move on. Don't spend hours on a single sentence. Don't frustrate yourself and begin to hate the language.
4. Make flash cards and review vocabulary daily. It is much better to review 15-30 minutes a day than 3-4 hours at once at the end of the week. If you keep up a daily review you won't have to study much for exams.