

June activities at the LLCC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3/6 Reading group on Current Approaches to Modeling Discourse (12:30-14:00)	4/6	5/6 ERC (12:30-14:00) The Mandel Scholion Research Group "Historical Linguistics and Formal Semantics (16:30-18:00)	6/6 LLCC seminar: Moshe Bar-Lev (HUJI/MIT, Linguistics) (12:30-14:00) Implicature reading group (16:30-18:00)	7/6
10/6	11/6	12/6 ERC (12:30-14:00) The Mandel Scholion Research Group "Historical Linguistics and Formal Semantics (16:30-18:00)	13/6 LLCC research brunch (11:00-12:00) LLCC seminar: Arnon Levy (HUJI, Philosophy) (12:30-14:00) Implicature reading group (16:30-18:00)	14/6 Reading Group on Vagueness and The Sorites Paradox (17:30 – 19:30) Edmond J. Safra
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24/6	25/6	26/6 Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology (12:00-16:45)	27/6 Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology (09:30-16:30) Implicature reading group (16:30-18:00)	28/6 Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology (09:30-13:00) Reading Group on Vagueness and The Sorites Paradox (17:30 – 19:30) Edmond J. Safra

Implicature reading group

Organized by Todd Snider and James Collins

This reading group focuses on varieties of approaches to analyzing scalar implicatures, for example, the inference that by expressing 'A or B', the speaker intends to convey 'not both A and B'. Scalar implicatures play a crucial role in our understanding of the divide between domain general human reasoning and language specific knowledge. To that end, we propose to consider different perspectives on whether scalar implicatures should be derived from general principles of rational behavior, or whether they should be treated as part of a language-specific grammatical system.

Reading Group on Vagueness and The Sorites Paradox

Organized by Carl Posy and Bar Luzon

Yair Itzhaki י"ר completed his MA in Linguistics at the Hebrew University. His thesis offers a brilliant new solution to the sorites paradox ('the paradox of the heap'), and combines elements from Philosophy, Logic, Linguistics, Cognition, and Mathematics (in particular non-standard analysis). The thesis is soon to be published as an article. Bar Luzon and Carl Posy are organizing a reading group that aims to cover the necessary background in these fields and then to read the article. This will provide an excellent introduction to vagueness and the sorites from these various points of view.

Workshop on Biblical Hebrew Linguistics and Philology

Talks will cover a number of topics on the linguistics and philology of Biblical Hebrew, including phonology, morphology, syntax, and more. Talks and discussion will be conducted in English. more information can be found on the workshop's website:

<https://bhlapworkshop2018.wordpress.com/>

Reading group on "Current Approaches to Modeling Discourse Update"

Organized by Aynat Rubinstein and Yael Greenberg

The group examines current work on the way to model the dynamics of information exchange and speech acts in discourse, focusing on state of the art theories of discourse update. Topics of interest include rising declaratives, modalized and non-modalized response particles, evidential epistemics, epistemic comparatives, and more.

ERC

Organized by Edit Doron and Mir Bar-ziv

The group discusses a particular type of linguistic discontinuity – language revival – inspired by the revival of Hebrew at the end of the 19th century. We aim to construct a model of the linguistic factors which have shaped the revival of Hebrew. For a language to be revived, a new grammar must be created by its native speakers. We look for the general principles which also govern other better known cases of linguistic discontinuity (creoles, mixed languages, emergent sign languages etc.). We document the development of the grammar of Modern Hebrew, in particular its syntax, and conceptualize it within existing theories of linguistic contact and discontinuity.

The Mandel Scholion Research Group "Historical Linguistics and Formal Semantics

Organized by Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, Nora Boneh, Eitan Grossman, Aynat Rubinstein

The group jointly explores in a systematic manner how studies in historical linguistics and in semantics can contribute to one another, in an attempt to draw conclusions about the properties of a variety of semantic categories (e.g. negation, temporality, modality), their universality, and the mechanisms underlying recurring shifts in meanings over time, or paths of semantic change, within these categories.