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Dear Sir,

I am writing to offer my candidacy for a teaching and research position in the Hebrew language program, specializing in Medieval Hebrew.

In the past decade, I have been fortunate to study a range of disciplines in the Hebrew language program of the Hebrew University , to take part in the Academy of the Hebrew Language’s Historical Dictionary Project of the Hebrew Language, to participate in the Emergence of Modern Hebrew research group at the Mandel Scholion centre, and to to publish and lecture on Hebrew of various periods – the language of the Bible and inscriptions, the Qumran scrolls in Hebrew and Aramaic, the rabbinic tradition and grammar, Maimonides’ *Mishneh Torah* and Modern Hebrew.

In recent years, I have invested most of my research efforts in Medieval Hebrew. My doctoral dissertation, which will be submitted in the coming months, is devoted to the language of Maimonides’ *Mishneh Torah* (vocabulary and syntax) and examines how and to what extent an author whose mother tongue and all immediate interlocutors were Arabic successfully composed a book purely in rabbinic Hebrew.

I think I could contribute to the Hebrew program by assisting research and teaching—particularly of Medieval Hebrew—in addition to other periods of Hebrew and different fields of research into Hebrew in general, and would be grateful for the opportunity to do so.

Best wishes,

Chanan Ariel