

UCF Judaic Studies with Dr. Berdichevsky Tues., Nov. 15

The UCF Judaic Studies Lecturers Series presents Dr. Norman Berdichevsky on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Central Florida Hillel. He will talk about the importance of Modern Hebrew to the Jewish people, and the challenges an ancient language faces in the twenty-first century.

Consider this: An Oxford scholar of biblical Hebrew was recently pulled aside as a security risk at Tel Aviv Airport—why? Because the assumption was that he must understand the language fluently; yet he did not understand the easiest questions when questioned by the security agents because he did not understand modern language Hebrew, even such elementary words as suitcase, flashlight, revolver and hotel address! Of course, these were not in the ancient language! This and other interesting stories, facts and compelling issues about modern Hebrew will be addressed. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the end of the lecture.

For more information about Dr. Berdichevsky, visit