## The Fungi. עולם הפטריות

Course Number: 0119.5640.01

Live in class+ simultaneously on ZOOM+Taped, 1st semester, Thursdays 10-12 am

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Exam: Multi-choice, 50 questions.

Eligibility: 3<sup>rd</sup> year Biology and advanced degrees.

## Introduction to fungi:

**Lesson 1. Prof. Nir Osherov / General intro to fungi**: The ecological and human impact of fungi.

**Lesson 2 Prof. Nir Osherov. General intro to fungi**: Classification, asexual and sexual life cycles.

**Lesson 3 Prof. Nir Osherov. General intro to fungi**: Asexual and sexual life cycles, spore dissemination strategies.

**Lesson 4 Prof. Nir Osherov. General intro to fungi**: Fungal structure and growth.

## **Human Fungal pathogens (N. Osherov):**

**Lesson 5. Prof. Nir Osherov**. Introduction to medical mycology. An overview of human fungal pathogens.

**Lesson 6. Prof. Nir Osherov. Opportunistic pathogens: Aspergillus**: biology, classification, pathogenesis, diseases and treatment. Molecular studies.

**Lesson 7. Prof. Nir Osherov. Opportunistic pathogens, Candida**: biology, classification, pathogenesis, diseases and treatment.

**Lesson 8. Prof. Nir Osherov**. **Antifungals and drug resistance**: major drug families, mode of action and use, novel antifungals and new approaches

## Plants and Fungi-biotechnology and plant disease

Lesson 9. Prof. Amir Sharon. Fungal Biotechnology 1: Introduction, metabolite production, enzyme production

**Lesson 10. Prof. Amir Sharon. Fungal Biotechnology 2:** Expression systems, molecular tools, protein production

**Lesson 11. Prof. Amir Sharon.** Fungal endophytes, fungal symbiosis with other organisms

**Lesson 12. Prof. Amir Sharon. Plant pathogens.** An overview of plant fungal pathogens, epidemics and emerging diseases, the plant defense system

**Lesson 13. Prof. Amir Sharon. Programmed Cell death and fungal virulence.** Pathogenicity strategies, virulence mechanisms, novel control methods, Emerging fungal threats