Record Nr. UNINA9910781847303321 Autore Tobin Y **Titolo** Invariance, markedness and distinctive feature analysis: a contrastive study of sign systems in English and Hebrew / / Yishai Tobin Amsterdam; ; Philadelphia:,: J. Benjamins Pub. Co.,, 1994 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-31288-3 9786613312884 90-272-7674-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (428 pages) Collana Amsterdam studies in the theory and history of linguistic science. Series IV, Current issues in linguistic theory, , 0304-0763;; v. 111 492.4/0143 Disciplina Soggetti English language - Grammar, Comparative - Hebrew Hebrew language - Grammar, Comparative - English Language and languages - Variation Distinctive features (Linguistics) Markedness (Linguistics) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [375]-392) and indexes. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto pt. 1. Theoretical and methodological background -- pt. 2. Semantic integrality -- pt. 3. Process and result in language -- pt. 4. Specification in language. Sommario/riassunto This volume provides a new kind of contrastive analysis of two unrelated languages - English and Hebrew - based on the semiotic concepts of invariance, markedness and distinctive feature theory. It concentrates on linguistic forms and constructions which are remarkably different in each language despite the fact that they share the same familiar classifications and labels. Tobin demonstrates how and why traditional and modern syntactic categories such as grammatical number; verb tense, aspect, mood and voice; conditionals and interrogatives; etc., are not equivalent across languages. It is argu