

En savoir des choses : une étude de *davar* ‘chose’ dans un corpus d’hébreu parlé

*To know a thing or two: A study of *davar* ‘thing’ in a corpus of spoken Hebrew*

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Abstract: Based on the CoSIH *Corpus of spoken Israeli Hebrew*, our study aims at examining the syntactic and pragmatic roles, in spoken Hebrew, of the seemingly meaningless lexeme *davar* ‘thing’. Our case study could therefore extend the reflection on general nouns and unspecified nouns of which *davar* and *thing* are a part. The studies already conducted on *chose* in French will help us to understand the affinities as well as the idiosyncrasies of *davar* in relation to its French counterpart. On the other hand, the works on *thing* emanating from the Anglo-Saxon tradition will allow us to consolidate the functioning of *davar* as a general noun in search of a context.

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