Hebrew Level 1 - Beginners Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is intended to provide international academics at the Weizmann Institute with the basic skills of the Hebrew language. The course will provide knowledge of the Hebrew letters, vocabulary and basic language and grammar structures. Students will acquire elementary reading, writing and communication skills to use during their visit.

- Common language formats
- Slang and idioms
- Exposure to Israeli culture, including the Hebrew calendar and holidays
- Vocabulary enrichment
- Nouns
- Adjectives
- Verbs - present, past (and a start with future)

The course is offered twice a year. There will be 2 lectures of 2 academic hours each twice a week for 12 weeks (a total of 48 academic hours). There will be a break during the Jewish Passover Holiday and the National Holidays following it.

Restrictions:
A minimum of 10 students is required for the course to run.

Learning outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course students will be able to:

- Demonstrate reasonable competency of Hebrew at a beginners’ level
- Use everyday basic vocabulary and communication skills
- Show some reading skills and reading comprehension of Hebrew at a beginners’ level.
- Apply basic writing skills, including digital media: email, chat, SMS, etc.
- Comprehend spoken Hebrew at a beginners’ level.
- Distinguish between formal (e.g. written) and informal language

Required Reading:

Textbook: First and Foremost