



# THE EL-ARAJ EXCAVATION PROJECT 2017 SEASON



<u><b>JUNE 30</b></u>		Arrive Migdal
	<b>12:00pm</b>	Bus transfer available from the airport to Migdal
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Bus transfer available from the airport to Migdal
<u><b>JULY 1</b></u>		General Introduction and Orientation
		Afternoon Jeep Tour of the region
<u><b>JULY 2</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
<u><b>JULY 3</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
<u><b>JULY 4</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
<u><b>JULY 5</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
<u><b>JULY 6</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
	<b>6pm-7pm</b>	Lecture, Motti Aviam, <i>Archaeological Periods of Israel and the Creation of Jewish Galilee -- The Archaeological Evidence</i>
<u><b>JULY 7</b></u>		Field trip to Tel Kedesh, Banyas (Palace of Agrippa II), Kh. Omrit
<u><b>JULY 8</b></u>		Shabbat -- Free Day

<u><b>JULY 9</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery
<u><b>JULY 10</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
		Field trip to Sepphoris
	<b>6pm-7pm</b>	Lecture, Uzi Leibner, <i>Eastern Galilee in the Roman and Byzantine Periods</i>
<u><b>JULY 11</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>4pm-6pm</b>	Pottery Washing and Pottery Reading
	<b>6pm-7pm</b>	Lecture, Danny Syon, <i>Hellenistic and Roman Galilee Through the Lens of Numismatic Finds</i>
<u><b>JULY 12</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
		Field trip to Beer Sheba (Galilee), Mount Arbel
	<b>5pm-6pm</b>	Lecture, Ayelet Tacher, <i>A Review of the Excavation Findings and Significance</i>
<u><b>JULY 13</b></u>	<b>6am-12pm</b>	Excavation of the site
	<b>2pm</b>	All participants transfer to Jerusalem. No touring scheduled in Jerusalem
<u><b>JULY 14</b></u>		Departure Day. A transfer to the airport will be provided.

**OPTIONAL TOUR OF JERUSALEM, MASADA, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA (Additional Fee)**

<u><b>JULY 13</b></u>	<b>DAY 1:</b>	The City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel touring will take place the afternoon of July 13 upon arrival in Jerusalem
<u><b>JULY 14</b></u>	<b>DAY 2:</b>	Jerusalem: Herodian Mansions, Burnt House, Jaffa Gate, Gennath Gate, Church of the Resurrection
<u><b>JULY 15</b></u>	<b>DAY 3:</b>	Masada, Qumran, Dead Sea Swim
<u><b>JULY 16</b></u>		End of Optional Tour
		Departure Day. A transfer to the airport will be provided.



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**WELCOME TO THE EXCAVATION**



## **HOTELS / EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

**ALL OVERNIGHTS ARE IN MIGDAL EXCEPT FOR ONE OVERNIGHT IN JERUSALEM**

**JUNE 30 ARRIVE; LEAVE JULY 13**

MIGDAL, ISRAEL

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**OPTION JERUSALEM - DEAD SEA TOUR**

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# CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					JUNE 30	JULY 1
					ARRIVE MIGDAL 12:00 PM Bus Transfer to Migdal 6:00 PM Bus Transfer to Migdal	GETTING STARTED  General Introduction and Orientation  Jeep Tour
					<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 2	JULY 3	JULY 4	JULY 5	JULY 6	JULY 7	JULY 8
EXCAVATION 6 AM-12 PM Excavation 4-5 PM Pottery Washing 5-6 PM Pottery Reading	EXCAVATION 6 AM-12 PM Excavation 4-5 PM Pottery Washing 5-6 PM Pottery Reading	EXCAVATION 6 AM-12 PM Excavation 4-5 PM Pottery Washing 5-6 PM Pottery Reading	EXCAVATION 6 AM-12 PM Excavation 4-5 PM Pottery Washing 5-6 PM Pottery Reading	EXCAVATION 6 AM-12 PM Excavation 4-5 PM Pottery Washing 5-6 PM Pottery Reading  6-7 PM Lecture Motti Aviam: <i>Archaeological Periods of Israel and the Creation of Jewish Galilee -- The Archaeological Evidence</i>	FIELD TRIP  Tel Kedesh Banyas Kh. Omrit	FREE DAY  Shabbat
<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>

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<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Migdal</i>	<i>Overnight Jerusalem</i>	<i>Overnight Jerusalem</i>	<i>Overnight Jerusalem</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 16						
OPTIONAL JERUSALEM - DEAD SEA TOUR DEPARTURE DAY Participants will be provided a transfer to the airport for departure.						



## FLIGHTS AND BUS TRANSFERS IN ISRAEL

### WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT PASSPORT CONTROL AT THE TEL AVIV AIRPORT IN ISRAEL

Typically, a tourist to Israel receives a B2 (tourist) visa upon arrival at Passport Control in Israel. Some Israeli officials have now argued that excavation volunteers should receive a B4 (volunteer) visa upon arrival in Israel. The official Ministry of Interior archaeological website declares that you are to be issued a B4 visa upon arrival. You do not need to do anything in advance for your visa. Once you reach Passport Control at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) an agent will ask you a series of questions inquiring about the purpose of your visit to Israel. Answer all questions truthfully to the best of your ability. Here are a few responses that might assist you.

*Why are you visiting Israel?*

I am here to participate on an archaeological excavation and a tour.

*What hotels will you be at?*

I will be staying at a hotel in Migdal (near Tiberias) and also at a hotel in Jerusalem.

*Will you be visiting sites in Israel?*

Yes, during the excavation we will be touring other historical sites, such as, Jerusalem, Masada, Capernaum, Qumran, Yodefat and Ein Gedi.

Depending on the agent's familiarity with the B2 and B4 visas, you will be granted one or the other visa at Passport Control. Once you receive your visa you will enter Baggage Claim.

### WHERE TO MEET AT THE TEL AVIV AIRPORT FOR YOUR BUS TRANSFER TO MIGDAL

Upon entering the Arrival Hall Lobby turn to the **RIGHT** where you will find some seating. Wait there until an Emmaus representative escorts you to the bus for your transfer to Migdal. For those of you with an extended waiting time at TLV airport, you may want to wait in the pre-Departure area. Follow the signs to **DEPARTURES**. There is additional seating located in this area. Return to the Arrival Hall Lobby for your bus transfer.

### BUS TRANSFERS FROM BEN GURION INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TLV) TO MIGDAL

On June 30 two bus transfers will be provided from Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) to your lodging at Migdal, near the Sea of Galilee. The first transfer will be at **12:00 PM** (noon) and the second transfer will be at **6:00 PM**. You need to plan your arrival in Israel to take advantage of one of these two bus transfers from the airport. Your flight should arrive in Israel **1.5 hours** prior to the bus departure time. Should you not be on one of the bus transfers, taxi service is available from the airport to Migdal for a cost of approximately \$275.





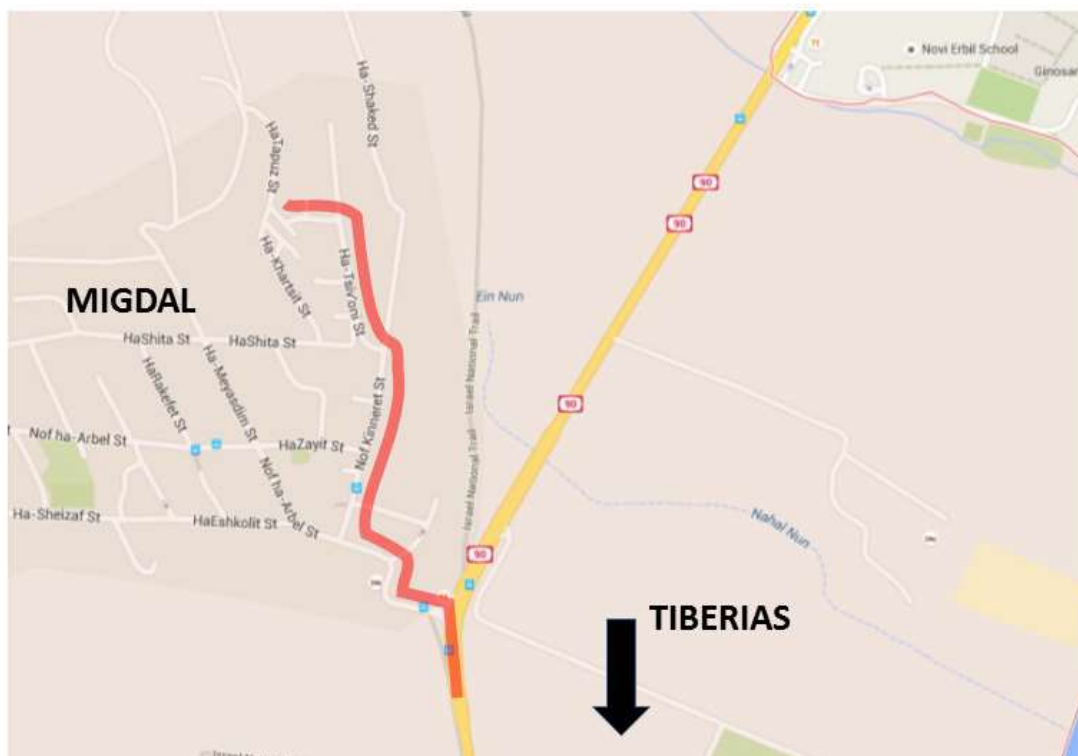
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## MAP OF MIGDAL

Below is a map of Migdal. If you are not on one of the bus transfers from the airport to Migdal this map can help you or your taxi driver find the proper housing location in Migdal. Should you or your driver need more specific directions, call the Migdal housing representative: **Bina Richardson at 052-647-9717.**

From Tiberias take Highway 90 North. Turn left off 90 at the restaurant. You are now on Nof HaArbel Street. Turn right onto Nof Kinneret Street. Turn left onto HaTsivoni Street. Take the third left onto HaVardim Street. Lodging is at the corner of HaTapuz and HaVardim Streets.



## DEPARTURE DAY FROM ISRAEL

All participants will be provided an opportunity for a transfer from Jerusalem to the airport according to the designated departure days found in the Itinerary. Your airport transfer will leave Jerusalem approximately 4 hours prior to your scheduled flight. Should you not depart Jerusalem on the proper designated departure day, your transportation to the airport for your departure is your responsibility.