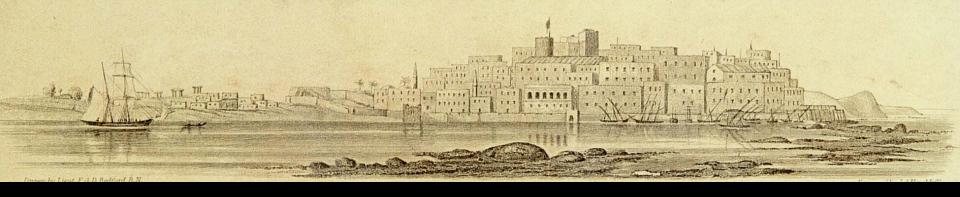
#### THE JAFFA CULTURAL HERITAGE PROJECT



# Jaffa Excavations Orientation

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#### More about the JCHP...

- Read up in issues of *Backdirt* online
- Home Pages:
  - www.nelc.ucla.edu/jaffa
  - www.antiquities.org.il/jaffa
- Facebook group: Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project
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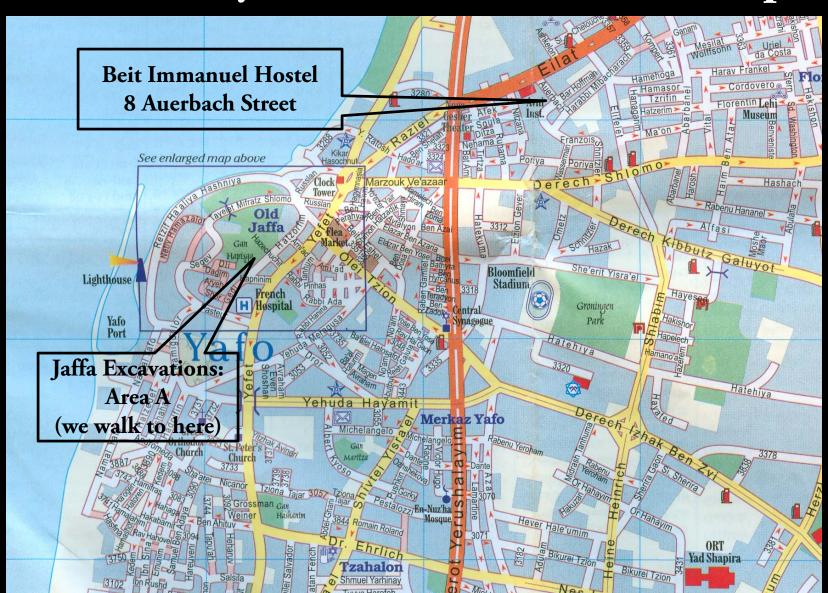
#### Visas and International Travel to/from Israel

- Valid passport required
- 90-day tourist visa issued free of charge upon arrival
- We <u>do not recommend</u> travel to Israel on a passport with stamps from Arab countries other than Egypt and Jordan; you may experience delays.
- If traveling to countries with concerns about Israeli stamps in your passport, ask to have a separate paper stamped and kept in your passport.

#### ATMs at the Airport

- To make sure you have New Israeli Shekels for your cab or bus, be sure to stop by an ATM at the airport.
- Like all ATMs in Israel, they work for most of the major bank networks.
- The train ticket dispenser takes credit cards, but you will want to have cash for the bus or taxi to get from Tel Aviv to Jaffa.





## Getting to Beit Immanuel

- Since you will be tired and should you arrive late (by Saturday when buses do not run until evening), we recommend a cab to Jaffa.
- In the cab, make sure to ask for the meter as soon as you get in and do not waiver, if there is any hesitation or resistance. "Meter" is the same word in Hebrew & English, but insist.
- Buses and trains can be taken to Tel Aviv. Fastest is the train from the airport to "Hagana" station, the first station in Tel Aviv. Agree the fare beforehand, the journey should cost approximately NIS 35.00. or request the meter.
- By bus go to the central Tel Aviv bus station. From there take Bus 44 or 46. The stop for Beit Immanuel is immediately after the gas station on Eilat Street.

#### The Beit Immanuel Hostel

- Your accommodations are available from the afternoon of Friday, June 27, 2014
- Please email your arrival times as soon as you have them to Dr. Smoak (smoak@humnet.ucla.edu).
- Dorm room accommodations include bedding (sheets, etc.) and bath towels.
- Laundry facilities are available nearby.
- You may wish to bring a luggage lock in order to lock your bag during the day.
- The hostel has wireless internet access.
- You are discouraged from bringing other valuables.

## Meals, Dining, & Food

- Meals are provided throughout the program's activities, except once per week (usually Saturday evening).
- The project is unable to accommodate special dietary needs (vegetarians excepted). If you require a special diet, please make your own arrangements accordingly.
- Food is easy to get in Jaffa and places are open even on Saturdays (Shabbat/Sabbath).
- No kitchen facilities are available for use, but there are many food options nearby.

## Daily Schedule

4:40 Wake-up, first breakfast, and walk to site

5:15 AM Excavation day begins

9-9:30 AM Second breakfast break

11-11:15 Fruit break

1:15 PM Fieldwork ends

1:30-2:00 Lunch

The following events occur only Sun. to Thr. afternoons

2:00-3:30 PM Afternoon lab work. Artifact processing and other activities

will occur during this period.

3:30-5:30 PM Free Time (Showers, rest, etc.)

5:30-6:30 PM Lecture, staff meeting, or other events (as relevant)

6:30-7:30 PM Dinner

Schedule subject to change as necessary.

## Working Conditions

- Temperatures in Jaffa from June to August range from 80° to 95° F, and it does not rain during this period.
- Humidity is high and thus drinking water throughout the day is an imperative.
- Working conditions require both boots and long pants (see next slide). Without them you will not be allowed to enter the excavations.

## Essentials for the Dig

- Long pants must be worn on site
- Boots are required within excavation areas; steel-toed are preferred, but at the least hiking boots with high ankle support.
- Your own pointed trowel; we recommend you purchase a Marshalltown 45.5
- Water bottle you can refill
- Sunscreen (recommend highest SPF)
- Broad-brimmed hat

#### Desirables to bring...

- Guidebook for Israel
- Beach towel
- Lightweight bathrobe and flip-flops
- Camera
- Ladies: wrap-around ankle-length skirt and shawl for entering holy sites, in the event you are wearing shorts or short sleeves
- Ear plugs (if you are a light sleeper)
- Luggage lock (for anything you consider valuable that you wish to leave in your room)

# Textbooks and Readings

- For those enrolled for credit, please purchase a copy of:
  - History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1 volume.
  - Mazar, Amihai (1990) Archaeology of the Land of the Bible 10,000–586 BCE. 1st ed. Anchor Bible Reference Library. Doubleday, New York. (ISBN 0385425902)
- Additional readings, as needed, will be made available as PDFs on the project website: <a href="https://www.nelc.ucla.edu/jaffa">www.nelc.ucla.edu/jaffa</a>
- It is also recommended that you have a copy of the latest edition of Renfrew, Colin and Paul Bahn Archaeology: Theories, Methods, and Practice. Thames & Hudson, New York.

#### Weekends

- Three field trips are included for Travel Study and Non-Credit enrollees
- Last weekend is free.
- You are encouraged to travel, but also to notify us of your travel plans during any free time.
- You are always expected to return by Saturday evening, before Sunday's excavations (with no exceptions for non-program activities).
- Please make sure your weekends are adequately restful. Inability to participate in the excavations due to overtaxing extra-curricular activities will adversely affect the evaluation of your participation.

# Shopping & Dining

- A number of banks are located in and around Jaffa and all have ATMs.
- Visa and Mastercard are accepted by most merchants. AMEX is also accepted at some establishments.
- Many restaurants, including fast food, stores, grocery stores, and pharmacies are located within a few blocks radius of the hostel.
- An easy stroll up the waterfront takes you to the beach and still more shopping and dining venues.

# Getting Around in Israel

- Israel hosts an extensive transportation network.
- In addition to buses, service-taxis (*she-roots*) are inexpensive and will allow you to reach major cities including Jerusalem quickly.
- For those eligible, car rentals can be found on Ha-Yarkon St. north of Jaffa in Tel Aviv.
  - An international driver's license is not required.
- Remember not to go farther than you can return from by Saturday evening.

#### Code of Conduct

- Participants are expected to treat their participation as a classroom experience and to conduct themselves in like fashion.
- The following are grounds for immediate dismissal from the project:
  - Mistreatment of staff and other participants
  - Vulgar and abusive speech, or lewd conduct
  - Intoxication or substance abuse
- The program will not tolerate inappropriate conduct at any time (including off hours) that is regarded as undermining the project's goals or reputation with the local community.
- Please treat all equipment with care as these constitute a major project investment.

#### Cultural Concerns

- Sabbath (Shabbat): Most places of business in Israel are closed from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening, except large parts of Tel Aviv. Only taxis are available during this period for transportation.
- Arab-Israeli sensitivities. Please remember that the political situation in Israel touches many personally and you should keep this in mind when engaging residents throughout the region.
- Conservative religious traditions of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths are present throughout the region.
   We ask that you consider this in your daily conduct and interactions.

#### Questions?

• Please do not hesitate to contact the program's academic coordinator, Jeremy Smoak (<a href="mailto:smoak@humnet.ucla.edu">smoak@humnet.ucla.edu</a>), with any questions you may have.