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Attention Rabbi: Herbert Friedman

From: Amira Margalith

21 Aug. 89

Fax # = (212) 2513739

Dear Rabbi Friedman,

The meeting with Minister Rabin is set for

Wednesday 13 Sept. at 11 a.m. at the PM

Office in Jerusalem.

Arens's office promised an answer next week.

Amira

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August 22, 1989

Ms. Amira Margalit  
Dayan Center  
Tel Aviv University  
Tel Aviv  
Israel

1. Please accept my thanks for the wonderful cooperation you gave us in arranging Nathan Laufer's program. It was a great success.
2. Now I am coming over with a member of my staff, for the purpose of arranging our Summer Institute in July 1990. We will bring about 250 persons. Thank you for the appointments you have made so far. Is the Rabin meeting on September 13 at the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem?
3. Here are some additional requests:
  - ✓ a) I need someone from Hebrew University to take me through Mt. Scopus campus and show me classroom facilities. This would be for July 1990. I will need about 15 rooms. Perhaps you can find out from the Public Relations Department who can take me around. Another possibility is to ask Avraham Harman, the Chancellor, or Simcha Dinitz to make a suggestion. Both men are old friends of mine. Make the appointment any time you can, according to my schedule, which you are controlling.
  - ✓ b) I need one day with a guide and car to familiarize myself with all the new things in Jerusalem. Select any day you wish, and ask Naftalie Lavie to suggest a good person for that day's work. I will pay for it.
  - ✓ c) Make an appointment with Vera Golovensky who is the manager of the King David Hotel, where I will be staying, to go through the meeting room facilities with me.
  - ✓ d) Make an appointment with the managers of the Jerusalem Hilton and The Hyatt to do the same thing.
  - ✓ e) I need someone to take me through the Binyanei Ha-Uma in Jerusalem, to show me the small seminar rooms, and medium size lecture hall.



- ✓ f. Make an appointment with Mr. Carl Perkal of the Media Group, Ltd., 61/4 Ramban Street, Jerusalem. 02-632026 or 02-662021.
- ✓ g. Make an appointment with someone at the Egyptian Embassy in Tel Aviv, where I want to learn the procedures for visiting Mt. Sinai, and an oasis in Sinai called Kadesh-Barnea. It is near Nitzana, which is southwest of Beersheba. I need information about visas, flights and ground transport.
- ✓ h. Make appointment with Lova Eliav, Rehov Karl Netter #3, Tel Aviv, 03-294287 or 293-333. I would prefer to meet him in Jerusalem, but Tel Aviv would also be ok, if necessary.
- i. Make appointment with Minister Meridor.
- ✓ j. Make appointment with Yechezkel Dror.
- ✓ k. Make appointment with Yaacov Hasdai.

Thank you very much,

Herbert A. Friedman





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Rabbi Herbert Friedman  
The Wexner Heritage Foundation  
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October 31, 1989

Dear Rabbi Friedman,

Many thanks for your letter of October 25.

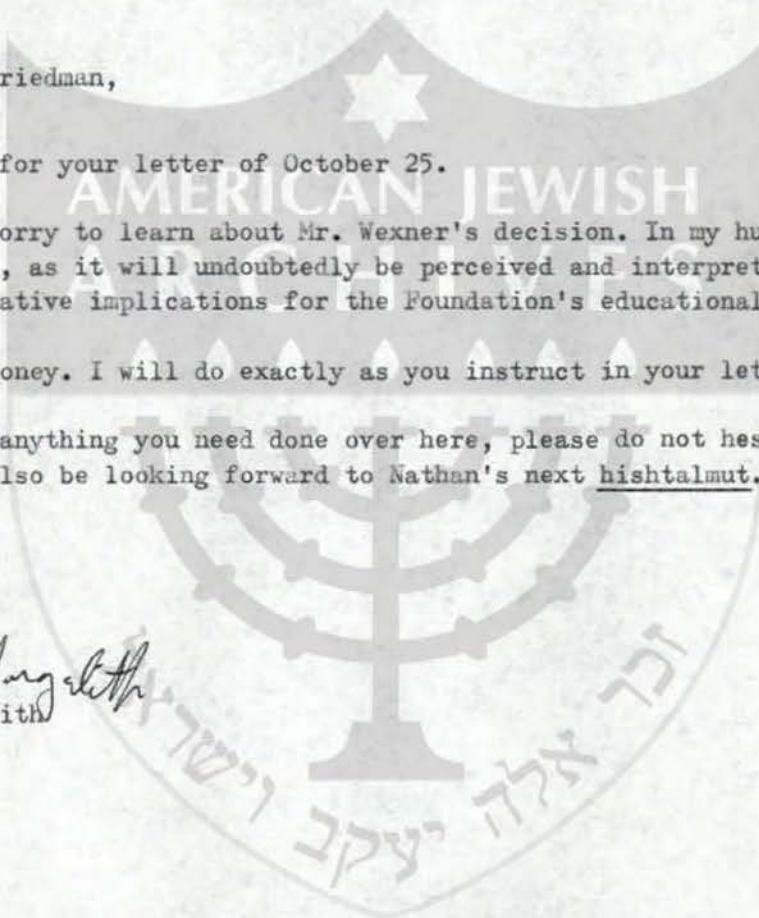
I was very sorry to learn about Mr. Wexner's decision. In my humble opinion, his decision, as it will undoubtedly be perceived and interpreted by others, may have negative implications for the Foundation's educational goals.

As for the money. I will do exactly as you instruct in your letter.

If there is anything you need done over here, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will also be looking forward to Nathan's next hishtalmut.

Best wishes,

  
Amira Margalith



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October 25, 1989

Ms. Amira Margalit  
5 Fichman Street  
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Tel Aviv 69027  
Israel

Dear Amira:

I am sorry to report that Mr. Wexner has decided not to have a Summer Institute 1990 in Israel, but instead to have it in the U.S. His decision is based on the following reasons:

1. All our students come to Israel anyhow on UJA missions or synagogue tours, etc.
2. It is a waste to spend so much time on travel for the sake of getting 6 days of study time.
3. There is not a proper conference center in Israel, and all the technical arrangements are based on compromise.

Nathan and I tried very hard to convince him, but we did not succeed. He said he will be in Israel for 2-3 days at the end of January 1990, and will look at the classrooms in The Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. If they look O.K., then he will reconsider the possibility for a Summer Institute in July 1991.

This brings us to the question of money you are holding. Please take for yourself 1000 shekels for the month of October, and that finishes your honorarium. Keep the balance (8,000 shekels) in the bank. We will use it to buy plane tickets for speakers we will bring from Israel to U.S. Whenever we decide to bring someone, we will ask you to give the necessary amount to that person.

It is a pleasure working with you, and even though we have an interruption now, I'm sure we will be working together again - if not on a Summer Institute, then on Nathan's next period of hishtalmut.

Best regards,

*Harv Friedman*

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October 25, 1989

Dear Amira:

I am mailing a letter today to your home address containing some information which is intended for you privately. I hope you receive it without too much delay.

NATHAN'S TRIPLETS WERE BORN OCTOBER 3  
TWO GIRLS ONE BOY ALL BABIES WELL  
MOTHER RECOVERING NICELY FATHER STILL  
SLIGHTLY MEVULBAL. REGARDS

Herb Friedman



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\* *Amira*  
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30 August 1989

Attention: Rabbai Herbert Friedman  
From: Amira Margalith

Re: Visit to Israel 8-15 September 1989.

Friday 8 September

- 0900 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Shlomo Belkin, Director General of Binyanai Ha-Uma (3rd floor, room 308. Tel. 02-222481)  
1030 ✓ Meeting with Prof. Yechezkel Dror (Boit Belgia, Givat Ram Campus. Tel. home 02- 781679)  
1230 ✓ Meeting with Yitzik Tenkin (coordinator, Sinai Tours of the Society for the Protection of Nature. The Egyptian Embassy is no good for what you need. (King David Hotel Lobby at the reception desk. Tel. office 02-249567, home 02-345533).

Sat - 11.30 - Walter Eytan ✓ 4 - Barry Shimmel ✓

Sunday 10 September

- 9.00 ✓ Tour of Jerusalem with Mr. Roy Brody. Mr. Brody will call you at the hotel to sum up details. Tel. home 02-699499.

Monday 11 September

- 0900 ✓ Meeting with Dr. Abraham Biran (Hebrew Union College, 13 King David St. Tel. office 02-203333).  
1200 ✓ Meeting with Minister Moshe Arens (at his office in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Tel. 02-303531, 303533).  
1430 ✓ Rabbai Shlomo Riskin (Efrat, Neve Shmuel High School Building at the Campus far end. Tel. office 02-931961, home 02-931272).  
8.00 pm. ✓ Chai mission of Museum - Yung Shlhaemnic (Russian ?)

Tuesday 12 September

- 0930 ✓ Meeting with Ms. Sara Cohen, Director of Sales at The Hyatt (at the reception). Tel. 02-821333.  
1030 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Elie Gonen of the Hebrew University (Mount Scopus Campus, Sherman Building, 2nd floor. Tel. 02-882908).  
1200 ✓ Meeting with Ms. Vera Golovensky at the King David Hotel.  
1500 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Carl Perkal (at the King David Lobby. Tel. office 380221, home 02-412546. New numbers!)  
1630 ✓ Coffee with MK Lova Eliav at the King David (meeting at the Lobby. Tel. home 03-293333, 294287). ✓ Back  
7.00 ✓ Scottie Morrison

Wednesday 13 September

- 0900 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Naftali Lavi (UJA office, 1 Ibn Gabirol St. 1st floor. Tel. 02-248446).  
1100 ✓ Meeting with Minister Rabin (at the PM office in Jerusalem. Tel. 03-205436).  
1500 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Herzog, Director General Hilton (Tel. 536151. The meeting is at the Hilton).  
1630 ✓ Meeting with Mr. Yaacov Hisdai (King David Hotel Lobby at the reception. Tel. office 02-244619, home 02-286356).

18.00 ✓ Remala Renaissance - "Days of Rego"

21.30 ✓ Light + sound - Qntadel

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Go to Discount Bank  
before 1 pm.  
re loan

St. Sunday

Mon.

he cancelled  
10.30 - Arens  
10.30 - Moshe Arens  
10.30 - Leibowitz

call Meirav Monday

secy Edie  
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call + delay  
9.0 to Bank first

✓ Roy Brody  
470 Shaleh  
+ maps

✓ Ophir - form for tax  
✓ Bank Leumi buy it

2 - Laromme

- 2 -

Minister Meridor will be out of the country till Sept. 12. I asked for a meeting on the 13 or 14. Still waiting for answer.

If anything else is needed, please let me know. I will be glad to meet you one afternoon in Jerusalem. Maybe we will decide when you are here.

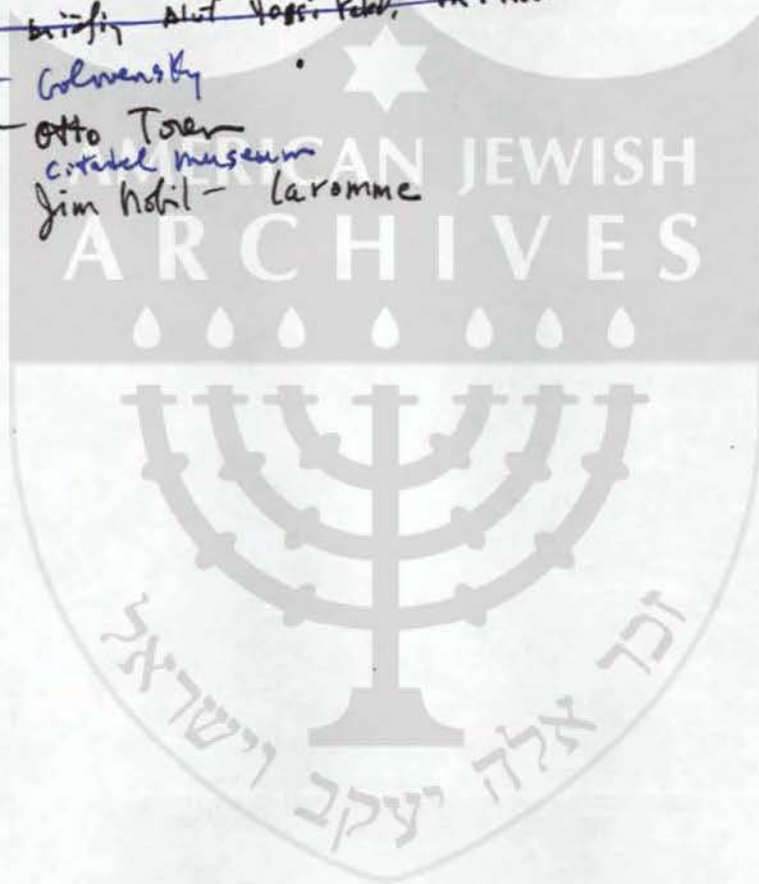
Best regards to Nathan and Iohitraot,

*Amira Margalit*  
Amira Margalit

Thurs.

14

- Baltimore at K.D. - incl. Daniel Friedman  
8 am. - briefing Aluf Yossi Pelt, re. Nathan  
10.00 - Colonsky  
12.30 - Otto Toen  
4.00 - citadel museum  
7.00 - Jim Hail - Laromme





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Basic , plus  
Biblical sites  
around Jerusalem





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SUMMER INSTITUTE - JULY 5-15, 1990

JERUSALEM

PROGRAM FOR YEAR 0

*BASIC JUDAISM*

BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA

- July 5 - Depart JFK
- 6 - Arrive Lod; transfer to hotel; rest  
Evening - Kabbalat Shabbat, dinner - early night
- 7 - Shabbat in Jerusalem; various services - all near  
hotel; Shiurim back at hotel - *optional walking tours*  
Evening - Havdalah, dinner, plus possibly a  
speaker
- 8-13 - FORMAT  
Breakfast at hotel - 7:00 - 8:00  
Classes at H.U.C. - 8:30-12:45  
Lunch at hotel - 1:00-1:45  
Rest, swim, etc. - 2:00-3:45  
Depart for afternoon class - 4:00-7:30  
Dinner - 8:00  
Evening programs - varied, some free

Exceptions:

*Tuesday*

~~Wednesday~~, July 10 - afternoon and evening free,  
from 12:45

Friday, July 13 - afternoon free - prepare depart  
to Efrat

July 14 -

Shabbat at Efrat, including Home Hospitality

Friday night, 13th.

Return to hotel after Shabbat is over. - *farewell party.*

July 15 -

Depart for Ben Gurion airport





Ezek Refaim

Middle Bronze I excavation

Abraham period

2000 1700 BCE

Ain Yael

enter TENNIS CENTER to left  
just after Tsomet Post (Katamon)  
follow dirt road

Roman Villa

~~God created world for aft. - had sack / stones -  
quickly dipped in.~~

~~Jesus had stones~~

Nahal Refaim -  
across the creek and RR track  
from Ain Yael

Jerusalem

Opheh

Hezekiah's 7m wall vs. the Assyrians

Lifta = Mai Niftach

Merneptah - 1200 - Stele "Israel is  
no more"

Biran available after Congress - July 1 end



③ <sup>Samuel + Saul</sup>  
one day - Nebi Samwil  
and Tel el Ful - Gibeah

② ✓ <sup>Joshua</sup>  
one day - Givon (El Jib) +  
Beth Horon - Ayalon

① ✓ <sup>Joshua</sup>  
one day - Gilgal, Jericho, Ai  
Beth-El (albright says this is Ai)

⑤ <sup>David</sup>  
one day - Wadi Etah

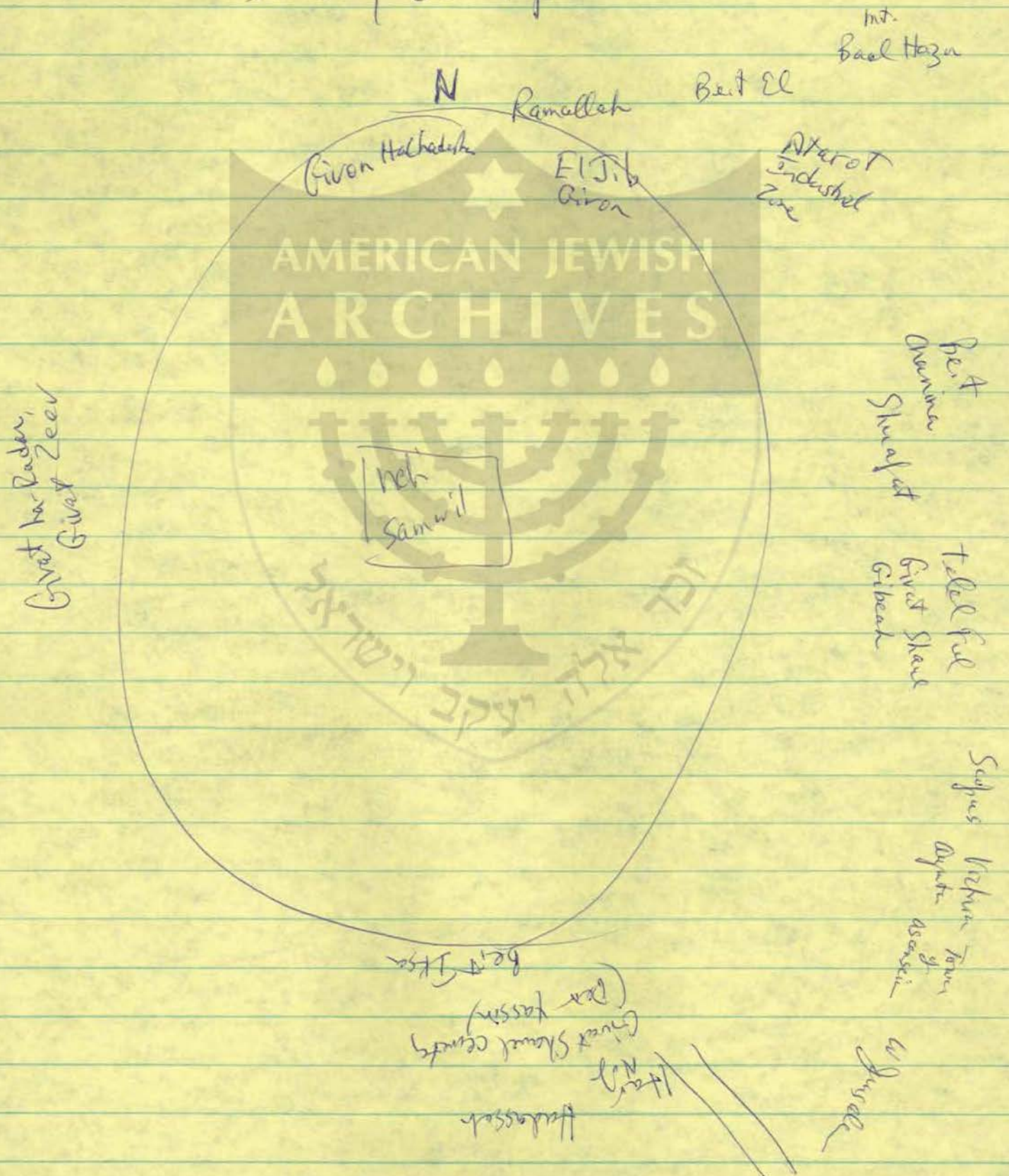
④ ✓ <sup>David's Ancestors - Ruth + Naomi</sup>  
one day - Mar Elias - overview of  
Boaz' fields + Hills of Moab  
Efrat  
+ Silwan

~~SAMSON~~  
~~SAMSON~~

Eshtar, Tzora, Beth Shean

①

From Shmuel Hanavi up to Nebi Samuil Throgh Ramot. Standing on top





② Two stops ~~El Jib~~ Giron + Beth Horon

Upper Beth Horon - road from Jerusalem, ~~turn left~~ <sup>to</sup> at  
Beth Uter El Foca El Jib, then on way out,  
west on Horn road, direction Latrun.

Cemetery, Roman steps, area of trees overlooking

Valley of Ayalon

Two texts

1) Joshua - sun stand still

2) Maccabees - <sup>second</sup> battle

After El Jib

pass Great Zeev on left  
come to T-junction  
large green sign - left to Beth Horon + Latrun



③

Neve Yaacov extends to Pisgat Ze'ev.  
at end of P.Z., road runs to ~~Anata~~. Hisma

One must get to Anata from main Shuafat road.

from Pisgat Ze'ev, one can see back  
of Tel el Foul (Husseins' palace). Is there  
a road up the back way? Or must you  
come in from Shuafat road?

We drove up toward Water Tank on hardened dirt  
road, which may be asphalted by July 90 - or not.  
If not - come in from Shuafat. Walk from place  
where buses can stop in 15 minutes to skeleton palace  
on top.

\* From Shuafat road, bus can turn right at  
SEAT - proceed 200 meters to asphalt road, <sup>turn left</sup> and  
climb up to water tank



# Ruth - Bethlehem - Mar Elias

④ Come from Gilo, turn <sup>north</sup> ~~south~~, enter grove on south side of Mar Elias - park buses - walk to top of hill (Jordanian ruins & trenches)

Test - Ruth, fields of Boaz & mountains of Moab

Facing north - panorama of Jerusalem

Facing south and west Gilo (look for reference in David story)

#4 looks best

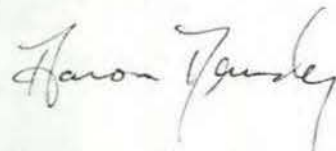
August 14, 1989

Dear Rabbi Laufer,

I hereby submit four programs of study and field trips for your consideration. I am prepared to lead the trips as well as teach the course material. Within the framework of the 5 four hour sessions, I have chosen sites located in Jerusalem or within an hour and 15 minute drive from the home base. Alternate sites are suggested if security problems should arise. Driving time and short stops would be utilized for general orientation. We would need an armed escort cum medic on each bus. Entrance fees have been noted for various sites. When one of the programs is approved, I will submit a detailed bibliography for student preparation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr Aaron Damsky



## Program #1

Jerusalem Forever1) The Religious and Political Antecedents: Shiloh & Giv'at Shaul

Texts: I Sam 1-4 ; Exod 25-27 (Tabernacle)

I Sam 9-14

Field Trip: Tel Shilo (45 mins from Jerusalem)  
alternative: Tel el Ful (Giv'at Shaul) (15 mins fr. Jerusalem).

2) The City of David and the Temple of Solomon

Texts: II Sam 5-7 ; I Kings 1-11

Field Trip: Excavations of City of David  
Walk through the Tunnel of Hezekiah  
(optional)  
Model of First Temple Jerusalem (Yad Ben Zvi).

3) The Kingdom of Judah

Texts: I Sam 16-31 ; II Sam 1-4

Field Trip: Bethlehem, Efrat, Hebron  
alternative: Elah Valley - Socoh, Adulam  
(40 min)  
Tel Eqrone at Kibbutz Revadim  
Museum (ent. fee).

4) The Walls of Nehemiah

Text: Neh 2-6

Field Trip: Excavations at Ketef Hinnom (near Railroad Station)

5) The Legacy of the Second TempleText: Selections from Rabbinic sources  
e.g. Mishnah Middot, Succah 5:5Field Trip: Model at Holyland Hotel (ent. fee)  
Excavations at Southern and Western walls.Program # 2 In the Footsteps of David1) David's AncestorsText: Bk. of Ruth  
I Chron 3 ("Understanding Biblical Genealogies")Field Trip: Bethlehem, Rachel's Tomb, Efrat  
opt. 1) Kfar Etzion - sound and light show  
(ent. fee)  
2) Herodion (ent. fee).2) The Early Years: Wanderings

Text: I Sam 16-31

Field Trip: Valley of Elah to Kibbutz Revadim (Eqron)  
alt: Tel Mareshah and Tel Lakish  
opt: Caves of Hazan (ent. fee).

3) The Kingdom at Hebron

Text: II Sam 1-6

Field Trip: Hebron, Machpelah Cave (1 hr fr Jerusalem)  
alt: Tel Mareshah and Tel Lakish4) Jerusalem

Text: II Sam 5-7

Field Trip: Excavations of City of David, Gihon Spring  
Model of First Temple (Yad Ben Zvi).5) David's LegacyText: Selected Passages in II Sam , I and II Kings,  
PsalmsField Trip: Excavations at Southern and Western walls  
Second Temple Model (Holyland Hotel) ent.  
fee.Program # 3 The Books of Samuel & Their Realia  
(Archeology & Historical Geography)1) The Excavations at Tel Shilo

Text: I Sam 1-4 ; Exod 25-27

Field Trip: Tel Shilo (45 mins)  
alt: Neot Kedumim - Biblical Agriculture  
at Be'er Sheva (50 min) (ent. fee)



2) Saul's Monarchy

Text: I Sam 9-15

Field Trip: Tel el Fûl (Giv'at Shaul) 15 mins  
Overview of Land of Benjamin  
Gibeon alt: Nebi Samuel.

3) David: The Early Days

Text: I Sam 16-31

Field Trip: Valley of Elah to Kibbutz Revadim.

4) Excavating Jerusalem

Text: II Sam 7-24

Field Trip: City of David  
Ongoing Excavation at Ketef Hinnom  
(Railroad Station)

5) Methods of Archeology

Selected Readings

Field Trip: Israel Museum: Dept of Restorations  
(ent. fee).

Program #4      Famous Biblical Battles:  
Historic Background, Strategy and Outcome

1) The Conquest of Canaan

Text: Josh 1-11

Field Trip: Jericho via Maale Adumim (1 hr)

Return via Ophra and Bethel (security permitting).

2) The Concubine of Gibeah - A Civil War

Text: Judges 19-21

Field Trip: Tel el Fûl

Gibeon alt: Nebi Samuel.

3) David and Goliath: The Philistine Challenge

Text: I Sam 16-31

Field Trip: Valley of Elah to Museum at Kibbutz Revadim  
(ent. fee).

4) David captures Jerusalem

Text: II Sam 5-7

Field Trip: City of David, Gihon Spring

opt. Hezekiah's Tunnel

Model of First Temple Jerusalem (Yad Ben Zvi).

5) Sennacherib's Campaign to Judah

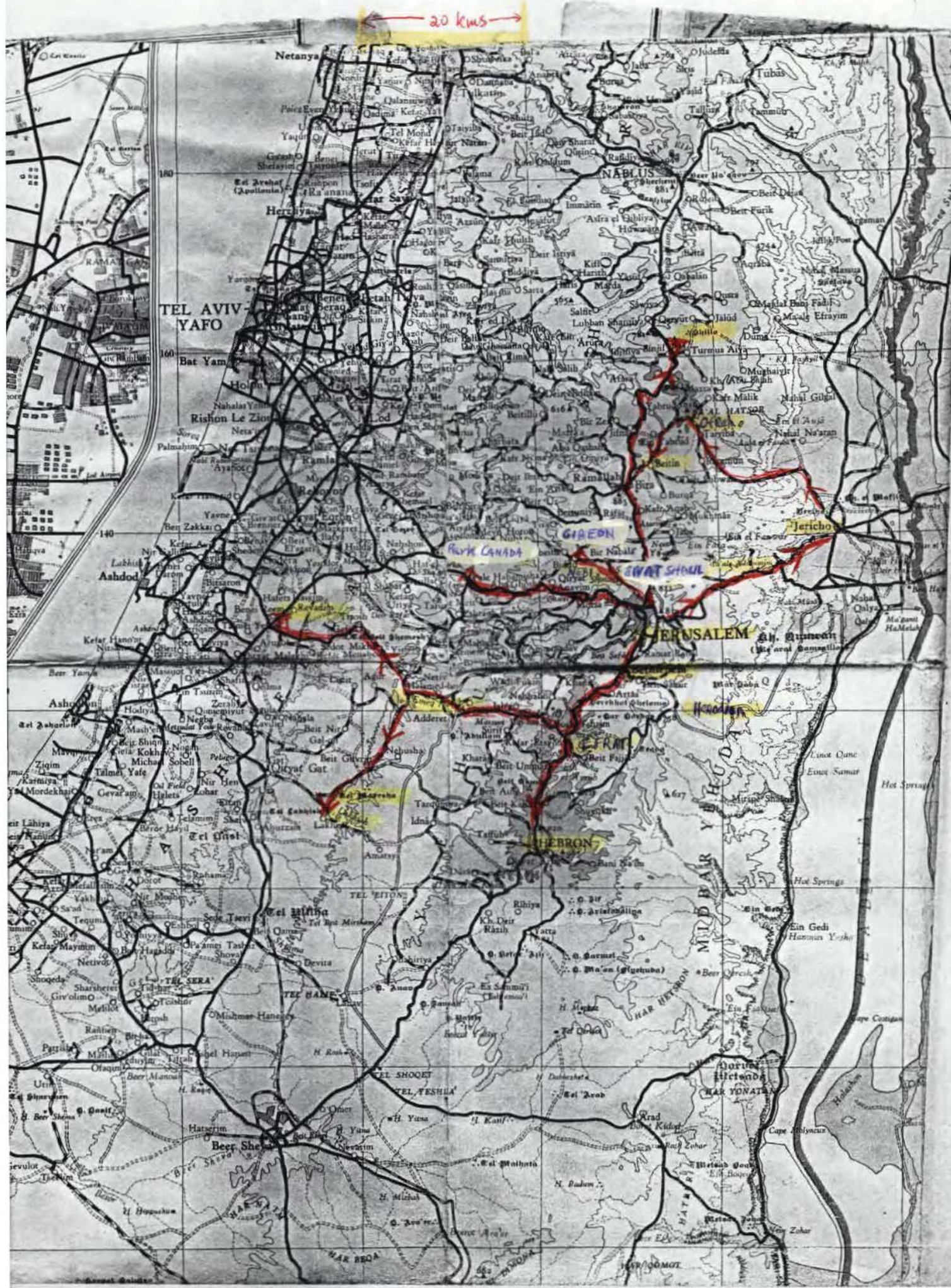
Text: II Kings 18-20 ; Micah 1:10-15

Field Trip: Tel Mareshah and Tel Lakish

opt: Caves of Hazan (ent. fee).



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# BASIC

## 1. Build 5-day program around two elements:

Classroom study

Visitation to Biblical sites

## 2. Suggestions:

8:00-10:00 - Class-basic subject (same as Snowmass 1989 or revised and improved.)

10:15-11:00 - Explain geography of day's trip with maps, and Biblical readings.

11:30-4:30 - (with box lunches) - travel to Biblical site.

5:30-7:00 - swim, rest back at hotel.

One evening, possibly two - lecture on holidays, as at Aspen.

## 3. Biblical sites: consult with Avram Biran (former director of Antiquities Department, one of oldest and most prominent Biblical archeologists), on a specific location for one each of the following list:

- a) Patriarchs
- b) Moses (Kadesh-Barnea or Mt. Sinai): (visas? - fly down? - walk up at night, view from top at dawn, descend - fly back?)
- c) Joshua (Gilgal - ?) Karantal - ? Ai - ?
- d) Judges
- e) Saul; Beth Shean; David Wadi Elah; or Solomon

- f) Jeremiah - Anata, Anatoth (Arab village right near Jerusalem)
- g) Elijah - Prophets of Baal, Mt. Carmel
- h) Amos - Tekoah

4. Evenings - keep loose, for the moment.

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Note: Make appointments with Biran and Dick Hirsch re using his H.U.C. building for classrooms.



July 26, 1989

Rabbi Nathan Laufer  
Yamit Towers  
Tel Aviv

Dear Rabbi Laufer,

Following our telephone conversation on July 23rd, I am forwarding my CV, bio sketch and various news clippings. I would be prepared to give programs in Bible, Archaeology in the Light of Jewish Tradition and The Territorial Dimension in the Jewish Experience.

For references in the States you may call the following Rabbis in whose congregations I have lectured:

Rabbi Saul Berman, Lincoln Square Synagogue, NYC  
Rabbi Simha Krauss, Young Israel of Hillcrest, NY,  
tel. (718)380-2809  
Rabbi Willian Lebeau, formally of Highland Park, Ill  
tel. (212) 678-8000  
Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, Great Neck, NY  
tel. (516) 482-7800  
Rabbi Max Lipschitz, North Miami Beach, Fla.  
tel. (305) 947-7528  
Rabbi Melvin Glatt, Cherry Hill, N.J.  
tel. (609)667-6597.

I am looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

*Aaron Demsky*  
Dr Aaron Demsky



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Personal Status

Born: December 23, 1938  
Married: 7 children

### Academic Training

B.S.	1961	Columbia University
B.R.E.	1961	Jewish Theological Seminary of America
M.H.L.	1963	Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Rabbi	1965	Jewish Theological Seminary of America
M.A.	1965	Columbia University
Ph.D.	1977	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Thesis title:	"Literacy in Israel and Among Neighboring Peoples in the Biblical Period" (Hebrew)	

### Academic Experience

1962-1965	Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Preceptor)
1967-	Histadrut Hamorim, Ben Saruq 8, Tel Aviv (under the academic supervision of The Hebrew University)
1968-	Bar-Ilan University: Ramat Gan (Instructor: 1968; Lecturer: 1977; Senior Lecturer: 1979)
1981-1984	Staff member and Epigraphist, Bar-Ilan Archaeological Excavation at Tel Shiloh
1981-1983	Editorial Advisory Board, <u>The Jerusalem Cathedra</u> , Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem

### Grants and Honors

1965	Lena Sokolow Memorial Prize, New York
1966-67	Memorial Foundation, New York
1968-70	Moritz and Charlotte Warburg Scholarship for Doctoral Candidates, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1978	National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.
1978	Memorial Foundation, New York
1985	Louis Ginzberg Fellow, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
1985	The Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, New York

## Publications

- 1966 "The Houses of Achzib (A Critical Note on Micah 1:14b)," Israel Exploration Journal 16, pp. 211-215.
- 1970 "The Cultural Continuum of a Canaanite Curse," Leshonenu 35, pp. 185-186 (Hebrew).
- A Study Guide to the Extra Biblical Inscriptions from the Period of the Israelite Kingdom and the Return to Zion (Hebrew), Bar Urien, Ramat Gan (first edition 1970, second edition 1972, expanded third edition 1981).
- 1971 "The Genealogy of Gibeon: Biblical and Epigraphic Considerations," Bulletin of the American Society of Oriental Research 202, pp. 16-23.
- "Education in the Biblical Period," Encyclopaedia Judaica vol. 6, cols. 381-398.
- "Scribes," Encyclopaedia Judaica vol. 14, cols. 1041-43.
- "Writing and Writing Materials in the Biblical Period," Encyclopaedia Judaica vol. 16, cols. 654-665.
- 1972 "'Dark Wine' from Judah," IEJ 22, pp. 233-234.
- Encyclopaedia Biblica (Hebrew) vol. 6, articles "Suf", "Sur", "Seror".
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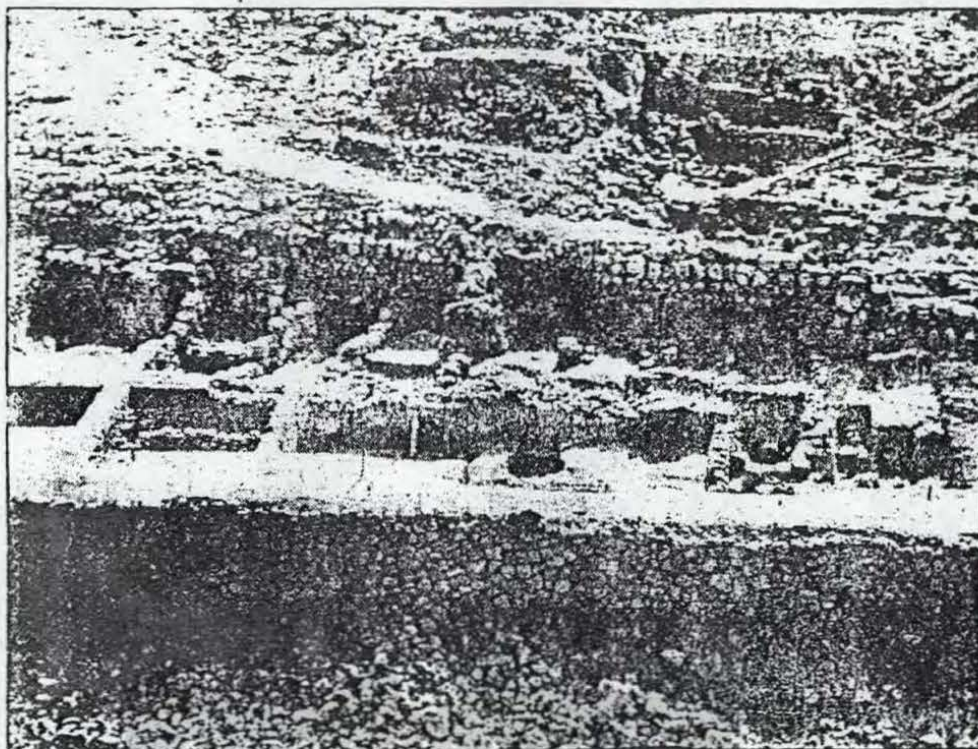
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The excavation site in Samaria, about 20 miles north of Jerusalem.

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## Road map to the past

### Ancient temple site linked to Ark of Covenant

By William Dunn  
News Staff Writer

Using the Bible as a road map and inventory checklist, an American-born Israeli archeologist says he has found the location of an ancient Israelite temple that once held the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark, according to Judeo-Christian beliefs, was the golden chest in which the Hebrews kept the tablets of the 10 Commandments. And if the Ark exists today, it is still up for grabs.

But Aaron Demsky, a senior lecturer in biblical history at Bar-Ilan University in Israel, is happy with his discovery of the temple. He says it is the "earliest monotheistic place of worship."

"There is a sense of excitement (over the discovery)," said Demsky, who is in the United States on a three-week lecture and fund-raising tour for his university. He spoke Wednesday at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

"It gives me a sense of closeness, coming back to the period of Samuel, being able to touch material he held ...

"As a Jew, one cannot distance oneself from the fact that in a sense we are excavating and researching our own roots. What we are doing is finding a bit of our past."

Demsky and his team excavated in a fertile area of Samaria, about 20 miles north of Jerusalem.

"WE KNOW from the biblical

sources that the tabernacle (which housed the Ark of the Covenant) was located here at Shiloh," Demsky said.

The Old Testament records that, after wandering the desert, Israelites established their first religious and political center at Shiloh and built a tabernacle, or temple, to house the Ark. The Ark remained in the temple from 1300 B.C. until the settlement's conquest by the Philistines in 1050 B.C.

According to the Bible, the Ark of the Covenant was seized by the Philistines. Then, it was reclaimed by David, who took it to Jerusalem, where he intended Judaism's permanent home to be.

The Ark since has been lost and may never be found. Some believe it was destroyed in one of the various battles down through the ages.

**DESPITE THE** mystery over the Ark, Demsky said his team's excavation is still significant, because it suggests where the Ark had been and reveals much about early Jewish life. He said his dig is significant for Christians as well as Jews, inasmuch as the temple was a predecessor to modern houses of worship.

His team began its exploration in 1981. "In opening up (a ruin), we found two floors of storage," Demsky recalled. "We realized almost immediately what this was."

It was the remains of a storage building, measuring about 60 feet by 78 feet.

Demsky believes it is the earliest public building in Israelite history.

**BECAUSE THE** building's dimensions, contents and location on the highest hill in Shiloh corresponded with details in the Bible, Demsky

and his colleagues say they found the storage building to the tabernacle. And while the tabernacle no longer exists, the Israelis were able to surmise from the Bible where it had been.

The Bible has been quite good as a road map," Demsky said. "When one studies the biblical period and one is excavating biblical artifacts, the Bible is obviously of primary importance."

The tabernacle, which measured 75 feet by 150 feet, adjoined the storage building. The Ark of the Covenant would have been kept in a holy area of the tabernacle, where only priests could go. There would have been a larger area, where worshippers entered to make their sacrifices.

About 400 people lived in Shiloh itself, most of them functionaries of the tabernacle. The town was surrounded by 20 villages. Villagers and functionaries worshipped twice a day at the tabernacle.

**EXCAVATING ONLY** during the summer, the Israeli archeologists completed their dig in the summer of 1984. Demsky's team found 20 large clay jars used in worship ceremonies and a few thousand smaller items, mostly pottery. Most of the artifacts are in storage at Bar-Ilan University, and some pieces are on loan to the Jerusalem Museum.

Demsky is not the first to have excavated Shiloh. Danish archeologists dug there in the 1920s and 1960s. They unearthed remnants of several buildings, exposing a few feet of one important one.

But Demsky said, "They didn't understand what they had found."





# Oldest Hebrew<sup>Jan, 1977</sup> alphabet believed found in Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) — A 3,000-year-old piece of pottery almost discarded as worthless has been found to carry the oldest Hebrew alphabet ever unearthed, says an Israeli archaeologist.

The find, a sensation to scholars of ancient civilizations, might have been overlooked but for the sharp eyes of an archaeology student.

"The young man saw writing that others had missed," said Dr. Aaron Demsky, who helped decipher the script.

The meaning of the inscription is barely intelligible, but scholars said it is nonetheless a treasure because of the last line of writing, which contains an almost complete Hebrew alphabet.

Judging by the site where it was found and the form of the letters, the tablet is at least 200 years older than the previously oldest known Hebrew script, a calendar inscribed in 900 B.C.

The pottery fragment was excavated from an ancient storage pit at Izbet Sarta, about 10 miles east of Tel Aviv. The site is suggested by some to be Even Ha'ezer, mentioned in the book of Samuel 1 as the city where the Israelites fought the Philistines and Samuel's two sons were killed.

"The writing seems to be the scribbles of a student scribe," Demsky in an interview Wednesday. "We know it is Hebrew, and resembles an acrostic" — like the biblical poems in which the first letters of the lines, read downward, form a word.

**Judging by the site where it was found and the form of the letters, the alphabet is believed to be about 3,000 years old. It was found on a piece of pottery that was almost discarded**

"But we don't find that the writing makes any sense in this case," Demsky added.

The real importance of the potsherd is that it was written as man's script was going through a major change, from letters resembling images to the stylized alphabets used today.

"It is a kind of missing link in the history of writ-

ing," said Demsky, a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv.

The inscription was written from left to right, indicating it was done before Semitic languages settled on a uniform right-to-left system. It was written at least 1,000 years before the Dead Sea scrolls; the earliest known Bible manuscript.





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A BRIEF REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS

### AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES

#### A MINI - U.N. AT BAR-ILAN

Close to 100 women from the International Woman's Club are continuing the tradition of the past few years and attend a weekly lecture at Bar-Ilan University on Jewish History, the Bible and the Jewish Heritage. The lectures are given alternately by two of the University's top lecturers, Prof. Aaron Demsky of the Jewish History Department and Prof. Charles Liebman of Political Studies. The former discusses the Book of Genesis while the latter centers his talks on "Aspects of Israel Culture and Society".

The lectures, which are given in the morning, have achieved an unexpected amount of popularity among the women and the number of participants has grown from year to year. The women - most of whom are short or long-term guests in Israel - demonstrate a real hunger for, and interest in, the roots and culture of the Jewish people, as presented by these two lecturers.

During the intermission, too, a mini U.N. get-together takes place, cementing a close social camaraderie between members of the group. There is little doubt that this Jewish spiritual experience that they carry with them when departing Israel and Bar-Ilan University will contribute in some small way towards making them excellent ambassadors of goodwill for Israel in the future.





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Dr. Demsky is prepared to lecture on **recent archaeological finds in the light of Jewish tradition**, either in the form of a series or as individual lectures. Additional topics on Biblical themes or Jewish liturgy can be arranged.

### Topics:

The Origin of our Alphabet in the Light of the Oldest Hebrew Inscription  
(with slides or handouts for Sabbath lecture)

Leaving No Stone Unturned: The Excavations in Jerusalem (with slides)

What is Holy about the Holyland? — Jewish and Christian Attitudes (illustrated)

Looking for the Tabernacle at Shiloh (with slides)

How Literate were the Ancient Israelites?

### Availability:

Late January-February-early March; June-October.

Please contact regarding other dates.

## Organizations and People

## Partnership with God, unique literacy

## Ancient Israel artifacts underscore distinctions

By  
DAVID BIRKAN

## TORONTO —

Ancient Israel was unique among neighboring Middle East peoples, according to archeological finds discussed here recently by Aron Demsky, senior lecturer of biblical history at Bar-Ilan University.

A child's alphabet slate circa 1200 BCE — the oldest Hebrew writing discovered — shows that the language's forerunner was in its final stages of development during the time of the Judges. It also suggests significant literacy at that time, Demsky said, in a public address at Beth Tzedec Congregation sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

Evidence of widespread reading and writing made Israel "a uniquely literate society" in late monarchy years (700-550 BCE), he told an advanced Bible studies class at York University. By comparison, in the "great civilizations" of Egypt and Mesopotamia, only professional scribes appeared to be literate — some 5% of the populace.

The 6th century CE Mosaic church map of the Holy Land and a contemporary Beit Shean synagogue mosaic present fundamental contrasts in their approach to the land of Israel, he told a faculty meeting at the University of Toronto.

The map depicts biblical sites, the historical framework of Christianity. The Beit Shean mosaic, a halachic guide, emphasizes the sanctification of the land through the agricultural commandments," said Demsky. "For Jews, the land of Israel represents an ongoing partnership with God."

The inscription on a broken Second Temple 8-ft.-long heraldic stone that he deciphered originally read "L'Havdil ben kedesh l'chol," Demsky told an assembly of day school teachers during a recent professional development day.

The phrase, which means to divide the holy from the mundane, is used

in the Saturday night havdalah service dividing the Shabbat from the rest of the week. The stone marked the station from which Temple trumpeters announced the onset of Shabbat, a custom paralleled in modern Israel.

Demsky outlined his talks in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News. He also disclosed plans to raise funds here and in the U.S. for an Institute of Jewish Genealogies and Names at Bar-Ilan.

The alphabet slate, found some 10 years ago outside present day Petach Tikva, depicts all 22 letters of the proto-Canaanite system in its final stages.

Proto-Canaanite, said Demsky, is regarded as the forefather of early Hebrew, Phoenician and Greek. It is distinguished from early Hebrew because its development is estimated to have begun in 1700 BCE, before continuous Jewish settlements began in what was then Canaan.

Demsky said he could only speculate why in this alphabet the *peh* precedes the *ayin* and why it was read from left to right. (Most other forms of Hebrew are read right to left.)

Changes in the Hebrew alphabet are discussed in the Talmud, Demsky told The C.J.N. Rabbis argued whether old Hebrew was the original form. Some maintained that the square Jewish script, used continuously from about 500 BCE, predated and changed into old Hebrew, and then changed back again into Jewish script at the time of Ezra, said Demsky.

The rabbis drew a moral lesson from an instance of the *peh* preceding the *ayin* found in heading chapters of Lamentations," said Demsky. Lamentations is read during Tisha B'Av, a day commemorating many catastrophes that befell the Jewish people over thousands of years.

They said that the letter order emphasizes the slander employed by the biblical scoundrels when they reported back to Moses and the Jews waiting in

the desert," said Demsky. "The scoundrels put their *peh* — mouth — ahead of their *ayin*, eye, when they said the Holy Land's inhabitants were unconquerable."

According to tradition, God vowed to make the anniversary of their report, the 9th of Av, a day of true grief for subsequent generations.

A genealogical institute would create "a framework for the academic study" of the topic from biblical through modern times, said Demsky.

"Second Temple names indicate tribal affiliations and changing historical and social conditions," he said. "Medieval names carry the

chain of tradition. Modern names suggest their bearers' personal roots in relation to Old World communities."

The long saga of the Jews is reflected in their names, he said. "The east European *Yentl* comes from the Spanish name *Gentile*, which means noble or refined. *Shprintze* comes from *Esperanza*,

Spanish for hope. *Shneur Zalman* came from *Senor Suleiman*.

A name like *Shraga Feivel* goes back much further. *Shraga* is the Aramaic word for candle or candle flame. *Feivel* is a corruption of *Phoebus*, the Greek god of light and sun," he said.

Demsky was hosted by University of Toronto Near

Eastern studies Prof. Allan Lazaroff and by York University Humanities and Hebrew Prof. Michael Brown.

Demsky, who moved to Israel 20 years ago, is a graduate of New York City's Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He earned his PhD at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

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ADVANCED

Option 1      Use the Hartman workbook of two years ago.  
None of the present cities had it.

Option 2      or  
New Theme

ZION AND ISRAEL: DREAM AND REALITY

1. WHAT WAS THE DREAM?

FIVE MORNINGS

to be used for  
these sub-topics:

Plenary: 1 1/2 hours  
30 minute break.

Workshops:  
8:30-12:30

Readings

Shabtai Tevet - "Ben Gurion"

Paul Mendes Flohr - "Martin Buber"

Arthur Hertzberg - "Zionist Reader"

a) Speech to plenary by one of these

b) Readings to be discussed in small  
workshops.

2. WHERE (HOW) DID IT GO WRONG?

Readings; speech by both

Shlomo Avineri - New Zionism

Alfred Gottschalk - Ahad Ha-am

3. WHAT NEED BE DONE TO FIX IT?

Readings; speech by both

Lova Eliav - "New Heart, New Spirit"  
(Jeremiah - 4:4 - Circumcise your Hearts  
in a New Covenant)

Steff Wertheimer - he can suggest  
readings

4. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES FOR THE FUTURE?

Readings; speech by both

Optimist - David Grossman (? new book - not Yellow Wind)

Pessimist - A.B. Yehoshua - he should choose from one or more of his books.

5. HOW SHOULD DIASPORA ACT IN THIS TRANSITION PERIOD?

No Readings.

Simcha Dinitz - give party line

Herbert Friedman - give post-modern line

a) Speeches to be given to plenary

b) Text distributed for discussion in workshops.

AFTERNOONS

Option 1

or

Option 2

Scenarios

Travel to learn Israel's infrastructure

1. Water

2. Power

3. Defense

4. High-tech industry

5. Economics

EVENINGS

1. Les Wexner

2. Moshe Arens

3. Yitzhak Rabin



✓	Resp.	PROJECT	Comment
	2	DAYS on TERRITORIES	
	1	" " SYRIAN - IRAQI THREAT	
	1	" " ECONOMICS - ravaged development from - model " "	
	1	" " GEOGRAPHIC / DEMOG of ISRAELI ARABS Triangle & Galilee	
	1	" " ISRAELI POLITICAL SYSTEM	

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בית אברהם "עקב" ו"שמואל"

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WEXNER HERITAGE FOUNDATION

SUMMER INSTITUTE - JULY 5-15, 1990

JERUSALEM

PROGRAM FOR YEARS 1 AND 2

MIAMI, HOUSTON, BOCA RATON, ATLANTA, WASHINGTON

- July 5 - Depart JFK
- 6 - Arrive Lod; transfer to hotel; rest  
Evening - Kabbalah Shabbat, dinner - early night
- 7 - Shabbat in Jerusalem; various services, all near hotel;  
Shiurim back at hotel. - *optional walking tours, afternoon*  
Evening - Havdalah, dinner, plus possibly a speaker

(Above three days spent jointly with year 0 groups)

(Following days spent separately, except for evenings)

FORMAT

- 8-13\* Breakfast at hotel - 7:00-8:00
- Classes at H.U.C. - 8:30 to various times, depending  
upon course selected\*\*



Afternoons - travel, times and destinations also varied, depending on course.

Evenings - jointly again with year 0

*Tuesday*  
\*Exception- ~~Wednesday~~ July 1<sup>st</sup> - afternoon and evening free

\*\*Five courses will be offered, on different themes.

Students will select according to personal interest.

Whichever course is selected, the student remains with it for the full 5 days of the course. There is no switching back and forth. Classes each morning, and visits in the afternoon will be co-ordinated, as to content.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#I.

##### Israel's Security into the 21st Century

- A. Tanks and artillery - Golan Heights
- B. Navy missile boats - Haifa and at sea
- C. Air force - factories, airfields, missile batteries
- D. Infantry, scouts - Intifada, border fences and patrols

- E. Strategic overview - General Staff HQ, and Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

#II. Israel's Infrastructure

- A. Water  
B. Power  
C. High-tech Industries  
D. Defense  
E. Economics

#III. WHAT SHOULD ISRAEL DO WITH THE TERRITORIES?

- A. All the options - study day at the JCCS  
B. The Security Argument - Gazit vs. Levrant; Travel through Samaria - *roads + ridges*  
C. The Religious Argument - Ravitsky vs. Harari; God's Land is Holy  
D. The Demography + Jewish Nature of the State Arguments - Yuval Ne'eman vs. Haim Ramon; visits to Elkaneh and Beit-El  
E. Three Special Cases - Jerusalem, Gaza and Golan.

#IV. The Problematics of Nationhood

- A. Identity - Who is a Jew? - and all the auxiliary issues:  
Coalition politics; conversions; Supreme Court vs. Ministry of the Interior; religious pluralism; religious vs. secular, etc.  
B. Israeli Arabs



- C. Constitution - *Electoral Reform*
- D. Settlements, territories and the Intifada:  
War or Peace
- E. The Mission: Withered Idealism vs. Pragmatic  
Statism

#V.

Judaism Throughout the Ages

- A. Second Temple Period - visit to Holyland Model,  
then to Southern Wall
- B. Early Rabbinic Period - Yavneh and Beit She'arim  
(near Haifa)
- C. Medieval Period - Tiberias (Rambam); Safed (Ari)  
(Sleep somewhere in Galilee)
- D. Modern Period - Bnai Brak (Hasidut)
- E. Contemporary Period

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ISRAEL PORTION OF REUNION MISSION

I. THE PURPOSE;

To investigate in depth the major problem on the agenda of Israel today, touching as many of the aspects as possible, through a combination of classroom study, travel, and questioning of political leaders.

II. THE MAJOR PROBLEM:

JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND GAZA

or: WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE WEST BANK?

III: THE ASPECTS:

A. Geographic

1. Does status quo (military administration, i.e. occupation) mean perpetual intifada, even war?
2. Is outright legal annexation by the Knesset a better solution?
  - a. If annexation, do Arabs become Israel citizens?
  - b. If so, does Israel cease to be a Jewish state, as its declaration of independence maintains?



3. Is unilateral withdrawal better - i.e. leaving the territories to the autonomous administration of the inhabitants, after declaring an inviable demilitarization?
4. Is a gradual turnover preferable?
5. Is outright partition the best solution, even if it leads eventually to a Palestinian State?  
Drawing fixed and final borders might be advantageous to Israel as well as the Arabs.

B. Jewish Settlements

1. Should they be further encouraged and money spent on their development?
2. Do they have a viable economic future, or are they simply ex-urban commuter communities?
3. What are the future possibilities in the event of a political solution which resulted in an IDF withdrawal?

C. The Nationalist-Religious Right Wing

1. Are there dangers of racism in this political tendency, with specific reference to Kahane Moledet and Tehiya, and their attitudes toward Arabs?
2. Is it possible to separate religion from state, so that all the questions of "who is a Jew", conversion, marriage, etc., can be settled outside of coalition politics?

3. How important is electoral reform, as a means of reducing the coalition of coalition paralysis?
4. Does Israel need a constitution, in order to guarantee equal and civil rights for all citizens, including women.

D. The Army

1. Has the IDF suffered in any way as a result of its role in suppressing the intifada, with specific reference to morale, regular training for combat, budget, and tension with the settlers?
2. What is the present balance of forces, including manpower and equipment,
  - a) between Israel and the whole Arab world
  - b) between Israel and the confrontational states
3. Is penetration of borders by infiltrators or rockets, increasing or is it under control?

E. World Public Opinion

1. U.S. attitude - ambassador Brown
2. European community - Head of European Desk at F.M.
3. Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee - Ben Elissar, Chairman.

F. ISRAELI ARABS

1. They have an identity problem. They are Israelis by citizenship and Palestinians by nationality.
2. ~~How~~ Do they support the intifada, ~~if at~~?
3. If there were a Palestinian state in the West Bank, would they move there?
4. Is their objective to append the Arab areas inside the Green Line to the future Palestinian entity beyond the Green Line?



#### IV. THE ITINERARY

- (Notes: 1. Accumulate reading material, and send to participants in advance.
2. The itinerary is outlined in general terms - i.e. Day, etc., - might have to be juggled, to accommodate to Shabbat)

##### Day 1 - Arrival; Rest; Dinner

After dinner chairman of Mission plus Chief Guide give briefing, using maps and printed itinerary, to explain how and where all the questions listed in ASPECTS will be addressed.

##### Day 2 - Breakfast - 8 a.m.

9:30 - Study day at Center for Strategic Studies at T.A. University. Ask Head of Center, Gen. (res.) Aharon Yaraiv, to plan the day's work (until 4:30) to cover ASPECTS:A. There should be a <sup>Combination</sup> coordination of plenaries and small workshops (each under guidance of Center staff person), with full use of maps in hands of each participant, dividing up the topics in ASPECTS:A so that everything gets covered. Make a summation at end.

Dinner - At hotel, followed by film on West Bank.

Day 3 - Breakfast - 8 a.m.

9-11 a.m. Two speakers in hotel to discuss

ASPECTS:B They should hold opposite  
opinions - speak 30 minutes each, and  
answer questions 30 minutes each.

Bibi Neanyahu and ?

11:15 Leave for field trip through Samaria  
(take box lunches)

a) Cover two roads: N-S and E-W; maps  
for everyone.

b) Select one place for two-hour visit -  
not Ariel - how about ?

c) One speech at that place by either  
Moshe Shamir or Benny Katzover

Dinner and Evening - free

Day 4 - Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.

Day at Knesset Building

9-10:30 Eliezer Waldman - ASPECTS:D, 1 and 2

10:45-12:00 Uriel Reichman - ASPECTS:C, 4

12:15-12:45 Reception on Terrace

1:00-2:45 Lunch in Knesset with Gad Yaacobi -  
ASPECTS:C, 3

3:00-4:00 Ben Ellisar - ASPECTS:E, 3

Afternoon 4 - 7 Free for shopping and sightseeing  
and Dinner

Evening Concert or Theater or Khan

*add - workshop*



Day 5 - Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.

9:00 Day with IDF on Golan Heights (lunch  
either at army base or take box lunch)

1. Cover all questions in ASPECTS: D
2. Meet with D.C. Northern Command or his  
representative.
3. See new Merkava tank, Mark III, if possible
4. See army firing exercise, if possible
5. Discuss Syrian threat, in detail

Dinner at hotel - followed by informal discussion,  
Q & A, to digest what they've heard so  
far.

No outside speaker necessary - just a  
strong chairperson to guide and control  
and sum up.

Day 6 - Jerusalem Day - light schedule

*workshop  
re day before*

shopping; sightseeing

4:00 p.m. - Reception by Teddy Kollek at new  
museum.

Day 7 - Breakfast - 8 p.m.

9:00-11:00 - Shimon Peres, to cover:

- 1) ASPECTS:B, 2
- 2) General financial conditions of Israel
- 3) Recession - unemployment, if still exists

April 1990

- 4) Privatization

11:30-1:00 - Head of European Desk at Foreign  
Ministry, to cover ASPECTS:E, 2

Lunch: Ambassador Brown, to cover ASPECTS:E, 1





## ISRAEL PROGRAM

### I. Pick one subject and concentrate on it - do it thoroughly.

1. West Bank - Arabs, Territories, Settlements, etc.

Partition or Continuous War

2. Religious-Secular - Who is a Jew

Conversions

Marriages

Diaspora - mostly non-orthodox

3. Political System - Proportional representation -

Coalition paralysis

Electoral reform

Constitution

Civil rights of Israeli Arabs

Civil marriage and divorce

### II. COVER A MISCELLANY

1. Condition of IDF - machinery  
morale  
control of borders  
terrorism

2. Status of electoral reform bill

3. Golan - Hammat Gader

4. New museum in Jerusalem

5. New young political stars:

Justice Minister Meridor - Likud

Uzi Baram, ex S.G. - Labor

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Dear Herb:

As of this date I received two telephone calls: one from a relatively young man and one from a slightly older man; namely, Bill Novick and Joe Breman, both of whom were still on "Cloud Nine" after a week in Aspen with the Wexner Institute.

It must be a constant source of sustenance for you to see the looks on the faces of the young men and women who participate in your program. Kol Hakavod.

You may recall that I chair the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, a political think tank based in Israel.

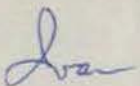
As you will see from the enclosed activities review, the Heritage Foundation has been very supportive of our activities. The most important publication to date is the enclosed economic report edited by Alvin Rabushka and Steve Hanke which have achieved critical acclaim throughout the world including the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal--even Israeli Knesset.

The reason I am sharing this information with you is to inquire as to whether economic involvement in Israel has any place in your program. It has been an interesting hobby.

Mary and I have not spent any time in New York the past few months, otherwise you and Francine would have heard from us.

Hopefully we will be in the same geographical area in the near future and find an opportunity to spend some time together.

Cordially,



Ivan J. Novick

IJN:mw  
Enclosures



## ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

### seminars:

- US Heritage Foundation/IASPS joint sponsorship  
25 July 1988. Subject: IASPS research in  
progress, DEPR. Participants listed in TG,  
pp. xi-xii.
- Heritage Foundation/IASPS joint sponsorship  
12 March 1989, DSPR. Participants include  
Levrant, Kemp, Harkavy, and 15 others from  
DC (Hill and staff people)
- Heritage Foundation/IASPS joint sponsorship  
25 April 1989. DSPR. Participants include  
Levrant, Dan Pipes, Max Singer, Harvey  
Mansfield, Jr., others from Hill and Heri-  
tage staff
- National Committee on American Foreign Policy  
14 March 1989, DSPR
- CATO Institute, Washington, DC, 5 December  
1988. Participants, RL, Hanke, Rabushka and  
Washington economics policy community concerned  
with Israel, including Herb Stein, Meiselman,  
Fand and Hill staffers.
- Manhattan Institute, New York (Lehrman House)  
2 February 1989. RL, Rabushka, members of NY and  
Jewish press corp: Peter Passell, John L. O'-  
Sullivan, Forbes
- ISR 28-30 June 1988: Three day task force seminar  
DEPR, Hanke presiding (simultaneous translation).  
Participants in TG, p., xi.
- 6 February 1989, DSPR, Richard Perle presiding.  
Levrant, Harkavy, Shlomo Gazit other IDF active  
and retired senior officers, largely from the  
fields of intelligence.
- 12 April 1989, DSPR, Second review of DSPR  
research with different group of IDF active and  
reserve senior officers
- (Not listed here are the monthly seminars  
and tours conducted by the Institute.)

### Lectures

Rabushka: To Finance Ministry, April 1989

Rabushka: Economics Faculty, Hebrew University  
April 1989

Rabushka/Hanke: CATO Institute 5 December 1988

Rabushka: Knesset "Growth Caucus" , April  
1989

IASPS in the press. Coverage of DEPR activities has been  
extensive. A sampling is attached

The Wall Street Journal, editorialized  
on TOWARD GROWTH three separate times  
and excerpted from Chapter 1 of TG, refer-  
ring to it as a "major" study. See too  
John Chamberlin's syndicated columns, one  
calling IASPS Israel's "most eminent free  
market think tank".  
Chapter 1 of TG has been reprinted in Hebrew  
in the journal NATIV for last month

Several articles, authored by Hanke or  
Rabushka or both have appeared in the  
general press and in the Jewish press.  
RL's piece in the LA Times was also  
printed in the International Herald  
Tribune

#### Publications

July 1988, with The Israel Institute  
of Applied Social Research, Poll, designed  
by IASPS prior to election. Findings  
mentioned in NY Times and in Israeli Press.  
RL article in Jerusalem Post

Eugene V. Rostow, RESOLUTION 242 AT  
TWENTY (pamphlet) Intro by RL. Read into  
Knesset records by MK B. Begin

The Israeli Fate of Jewish Liberalism, eds.  
Edward Alexander, RL. Reviewed March NATIV,  
where Institute's work called "blessed"

TOWARD GROWTH: A BLUEPRINT FOR ECONOMIC  
REBIRTH IN ISRAEL (English December 1988,  
Hebrew, January 1989), Rabushka and Hanke.



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Economic Policy Division -- 1989 Research Agenda  
Prepared by Alvin Rabushka

### 1. Annual scorecard on progress towards reforming the Israeli economy.

The objective of this exercise is to monitor trends in the Israeli economy and assign grades to the performance of Israeli officials in their decisions on and management of public spending, taxation, privatization, monetary policy, credit policy, labor, etc., using the Blueprint volume as the baseline.

### 2. A series of monthly policy analyses. Each would consist of a 15-20 page paper that would cover a relatively narrow topic in depth. These would represent the equivalent of microeconomic studies of industries, sectors, or specific policies. They would be printed in a relatively inexpensive format in English for the international community of scholars, donors and public policy makers, and jointly in English and Hebrew for the Israeli policy community.

#### OUTLINE OF MONTHLY POLICY STUDIES

Introductory overview: statement of the problem  
Background and origins of the problem  
Costs to overall economy and individuals (groups, persons)  
    Analysis (applicable theory, model, data collection)  
    Results (quantitative, qualitative)  
Recommendations for reform  
    Economic gains  
    Individual freedom  
    Legislation, executive action (if needed)



## POLICY STUDIES IN PREPARATION

1. An Evaluation of the Israel Electric Company
2. Reforming Public and Private Pensions
3. The Establishment of an Offshore Free Financial Zone
4. The Sale of Public Lands
5. Day Care Centers and Working Mothers

## OTHER TOPICS

Agricultural Marketing Boards  
Agricultural subsidies  
The Kibbutzim  
Rent controls (residential, commercial premises)  
Price controls (overall or specific consumer goods)  
Consumer subsidies  
Price controls on transportation (bus, taxi)  
Tariffs and Protectionism (specific sectors and industries)  
Industrial subsidies  
Franchise monopolies  
Government enterprises--Privatization and/or Reform:  
    Railroads  
    Airlines  
    Waterworks  
    Telephone  
    Refineries  
    Trucking  
    Shipping  
    Radio/television  
    Energy  
    Postal Service  
    Insurance industry  
Monetary system reform  
Labor:  
    Wage determination  
    Licensure  
    Minimum wage  
    Unions  
    Safety regulations  
    Government directed job training  
Education reform:  
    Primary and secondary  
    Higher education  
Health services:  
    Delivery  
    Financing  
    Drugs  
Securities regulation  
(The Institute will consider suggestions for topics not listed above)

## ECONOMIC POLICY PAPERS

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Adam Klug

Israel Electric Company

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Dan Galai

Free Financial Zone

Paul Rivlin

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Irit Malka

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Naftali Greenwood

The Small Business Nightmare

Moshe Glazman

Public Transportation in Israel

Daniel Brod

Kibbutzim

Richard Wimberly

Analysis for Reform: Bezek, the Israel Telephone Company

Adi Schnytzer

Agricultural Marketing Board (Milk Board)

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Privatization: The Case of El-Al

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Best wishes to you and your family.

Bivvacha,



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Spoke with Dick. He was happy that we would use the Center. He said he has 4 seminar rooms + 8 classrooms + other spaces for small groups.





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