

NGSBA Activities - 2017-2018 Academic Year

Dr. David Ilan, director

Publications

- *NGSBA Archaeology* Vol. 4. (264 pages) Final Reports on our excavations at Ramle and Nahal Hava. Edited by D. Ilan.
- R. Ben-Dov. 2018. Tradition and Continuity in Craft Workshops at Tel Dan. Pp. 455-478 in *Mining for Ancient Copper – Essays in Memory of Beno Rothenberg*. Ed. E. Ben-Yosef. Tel Aviv University – Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology Monography Series 37. (Ben-Dov is now emeritus)
- D. Ilan. 2018. The “Conquest” of the Highlands in the Iron Age I, Pp. 283-309 in: *The Social Archaeology of the Levant: From Prehistory to the Present*, (eds. A. Yasur-Landau, E.H. Cline and Y.M. Rowan), Cambridge University Press.
- D. Ilan. 2018. Chapter 5: Iron Age Mortuary Practices and Beliefs in the Southern Levant, Pp. 51-66 in: *“Engaging with the Dead”: Exploring Changing Human Beliefs about Death, Mortality and the Human Body* (eds. J. Bradbury and C. Scarre). Oxford: Oxbow Press.
- D. Ilan. 2018. A Middle Bronze Age Migdal Temple at Tel Dan? *Eretz-Israel* 33: 25-37. (Hebrew with English abstract).
- Y. Thareani. 2017. Empires and Allies: A *longue durée* View from the Negev Desert Frontier. In: Lipschits, O., Gadot, Y. and Adams, M.J. (eds.). *Rethinking Israel: Studies in the History and Archaeology of Ancient Israel in Honor of Israel Finkelstein*. Winona Lake: 409-428.
- Y. Thareani. 2018. The Empire in the Marshlands: In Search of the Structure of Assyrian Rule in the Hula Valley. *Eretz-Israel* 33: 141-152 (Hebrew, English Summary)
- Y. Thareani. 2018. The Archaeological Character of an Imperial Frontier: Assyrian Control Policy in the Hula Valley. In: Masetti-Rouault, M.G. and Rouault, O. (eds.). *Archaeology and History of Empires: Models, Projects and Works in Progress in Northern Mesopotamia. New programs in Iraqi Kurdistan*. (Etudes Mésopotamiennes – Mesopotamian Studies). Paris: 304-329.
- Y. Thareani. 2018. Revenge of the Conquered: Paths of Resistance in the Assyrian City of Dan. *Semitica* 60: 473-492.

- Kaniewski, N. Marriner, D. Ilan, C. Morhange, Y. Thareani, and E. Van Campo. 2017. Climate change and water management in the biblical city of Dan. *Science Advances*: <http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/3/11/e1700954>.

Papers delivered at academic meetings

D. Ilan

- November 2018 (with Yorke Rowan) *The Wild and the Tame: The Perception and Image of Animals in the Chalcolithic of the Southern Levant*. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Denver
- November 2018 *How Israel Began – the View from Tel Dan*. The 20th Annual Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies, University of Nebraska, Omaha.
- November 2017 (with Yorke Rowan) *Reconstructing the Stages of Dying, Death and Rebirth in the Chalcolithic of the Southern Levant*. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston
- September 2017 *A New Look at Scale Weight Identification and the Implications of Scale Weights for Reconstructing Commercial Exchange Systems*. 3rd Meeting of the Association for Ground Stone Tools Research, Mainz.
- September 2017 *“I Will Make the Place of My Feet Glorious” Standing Stone Typology and Ritual Context at the Iron Age Cult Center of Tel Dan, Israel ca. 900 - 731 BC*. Annual Conference of the European Archaeological Association, Maasstricht.

Y. Thareani

- November 2018 École Pratique des Hautes Études (EPHE), Sorbonne V, Paris (by invitation), *La vie et la mort d'une enclave impériale: Tel Dan à l'époque néo-assyrienne*

Scholarly projects

1. We completed our 6th one-month season of excavations at Tel Dan in the summer of 2018, with our partners from UCLA, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. This was a very successful season with some sensational finds.
2. This year we sponsored excavations at Tel Maresha (educational), Tel Beth Shemesh (salvage), Tel Beth Saidah (research), and Yehud (salvage). This entails supervising excavation and facilitating analysis of finds and final publication.

Service to the College-Institute

1. Teaching: Year in Israel course: Biblical History (D. Ilan)
2. Coordinating and teaching for the School of Graduate Studies summer program in Israel (D. Ilan, L. Zias and Y. Thareani)
3. Dissertation advisor for two PhD students, Michael Lyons and Gregory Snyder (D. Ilan)
4. Initiating, coordinating and oversight of contract archaeology and community projects (generates income) (D. Ilan)
5. Editing of professional journal *NGSBA Archaeology* (annual issue) which reports on our excavation projects. Forthcoming issue is no. 5. (D. Ilan; Y. Thareani serves on editorial board)

6. Website administration (D. Ilan and L. Zias with the assistance of A. Hayat)

Service to the Reform Movement

1. Resource correspondence with rabbis, educators and congregants on matters of archaeology and Biblical history.
2. We continue to provide our successful one-day archaeology course for the Sci-Tech Shoreshim summer program for gifted high school students. The day starts with excavation at Tel Maresha with Archaeological Seminars (under our academic sponsorship) and transitions to our facility in Jerusalem for a pottery analysis workshop and a tour of the Skirball Museum.
3. Guiding specialty tours with our community activists and donors.

Service to the general community

1. Administration of our monthly public lecture series. "News in Antiquity"
2. Public lectures, D. Ilan
 - November 2018 *The Economics (and Politics) of Archaeology in Israel*. Biblical Archaeology Seminar, Boulder, Colorado Jewish Community Center.
 - November 2018 *What's New at Ancient Tel Dan*. Biblical Archaeology Seminar, Boulder, Colorado Jewish Community Center.
 - August 2018 *The Urban Fabric in Ancient Israel*, lecture in concert with the photography exhibition *Interrupted Textures-Urban Fabrics* by Lilach Peled-Charny, sponsored by The Düsseldorf Department of Cultural Affairs, Düsseldorf, Germany.
 - May 2018 *Tel Abel Beth Maacah: the View from Tel Dan*, Yad Ben-Tsvi, Jerusalem.
 - November 2017 *How Ancient Israel Began: A New Archaeological Perspective*, UCLA Center for Jewish Studies. *Perceiving and Creating Terrestrial Dialogues with the Cosmos in the Protohistoric Levant*, Skirball Center, Los Angeles. *The Bible and Archaeology – Where They Meet, Where They Don't and Why*. JCC, Boulder, Colorado
3. Public lectures, Y. Thareani
 - May 2018, Tagliot, Public Lectures Series at the Tel Aviv Museum, *Chronicle of an Assyrian Destruction and Peace: The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in the Eighth-Seventh Centuries BCE* (Hebrew)
 - December 2017, Yad Ben-Zvi Jerusalem – Archaeological Public Lectures. *Because We are Brothers: On the Multiculturalism of the Northern Kingdom during the First Temple Period* (Hebrew)
 - December 2017, Yad Ben-Zvi Jerusalem – Archaeological Public Lectures. *Pluralistic Against their Will: The Kingdom of Judah between Rise and Destruction* (Hebrew)
4. D. Ilan conducted lectures, field trips and consultancy with the Bible studies department of the University High School, Jerusalem
5. With funding from the Friends of Heritage Preservation of Los Angeles, and the good services of the Archo Archaeological Conservation, we completed the restoration of the Aegean sanctuary and the Iron Age metallurgy industry at Tel Dan.