

RESEARCHERS' SYMPOSIUM
GALILEAN ARCHAEOLOGY – RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND RELIGION
Hosted by Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology
Sunday, July 24–Monday, July 25, 2016

PROGRAM
Sunday July 24

09:30–10:00 WELCOME

10:00–12:00 SESSION 1
GALILEAN SITES AND THEIR SCIENTIFIC EXCAVATIONS
AS DATA BASE FOR THE STUDY OF SECOND TEMPLE, MISHNAIC AND
TALMUDIC JUDAISM AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Jim Strange, University of South Florida *Forty years of digging and teaching in Galilee*

Rami Arav, University of Omaha *Bethsaida and the Historical Jesus Quest*

Ziona Grosmark, Tel Hai College *The excavations at H. Omrit and its educational impact*

James Riley Strange and Penny Long Marler, Samford University *The American Archaeological Field School in Galilee: Pedagogical goals, educational outcomes and participant impact*

12:00–12:30 LUNCH

12:30–14:00 SESSION 2
DIGGING, DEVELOPING AND MARKETING ANCIENT GALILEAN SITES

Father John Solana, Director of the Magdala Project of the Legionaries of Christ *Unearthing and creating a new archaeological and religious site at Magdala*

Architect Eran Mordohovich, Israel Antiquities Authority *On the planning of both sides of the Magdala excavations*

Architect Zeev Margalit, Nature and Parks Authority *Hamat Tiberias synagogue, Kursi Church, Khorvat Manim Muslim Palace – managing archaeological sites and national parks around the Sea of Galilee*

14:00–14:30 COFFEE BREAK

14:30–16:30 SESSION 3
SEA OF GALILEE AND NAZARETH – RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND TOURISM

Maha Darawsha, University of Connecticut *Another Byzantine church at Nazareth*

The excavation was directed with the help of Shalom Yanklevitz Haifa University, the Recanati Institute for Maritime Studies, in collaboration with Richard Freund, University of Hartford

Jacob Ashkenazi, Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology *Unearthing Theological Jesus in the Christian Sacred Landscape around the Sea of Galilee: A View from the Classroom*

Yiska Harani *The role of the Sea of Galilee sites in Christian tourism*

Amos S. Ron, Ashkelon Academic College and Dallen J. Timothy, Arizona State University *Archaeology and Contemporary Christian Travel: The Challenge and the Potential*

17:00 TOUR OF THE ZEMAH TRAIN STATION COMPOUND

19:00 DINNER



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IS IT DIFFERENT WITH JEWISH SITES?
THE TEST CASE OF GALILEAN SYNAGOGUES AND THEIR VILLAGES

Chaim Ben David, Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology *Galilean and Golan synagogues: Digging, teaching and guiding in ancient synagogues*

Zvi Gal, Institute for Galilean Archaeology *Preparing Galilean synagogues for registering as UNESCO World Heritage Sites*

Dafna Meir, Golan Regional Council *The synagogue at Umm el-Qanatir: from debris to a visitors' site (Hebrew lecture with translated handouts).*

10:30–11:00 COFFE BREAK

11:00–12:30 SESSION 5
THE ESSENCE OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECT
IN A GALILEAN DIG

Mordechai Aviam, Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology *Yodefat: A Jewish village of the Second Temple Period*

Marc Turnage, The Center for Holy Land Studies *Our archaeological aspirations: Special lecture*
Ahuva Zaken, Senior Deputy Director-General-Standardization, Operation & Service Quality, Israel Government Tourist Corporation and David Mingelrin, Deputy Director General, Israel Government Tourist Corporation *Dilemmas in developing archeological sites for a religious tourist*

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13:00–14:30 SESSION 6
PANEL – SELF EXPERIENCE OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND DIGGING

Gunnar Johnstad, NLA University College, Bergen
Jim Joiner, Church educator, Spartanburg, South Carolina
Miri Frenkel, An alumnus of the University of Miami

14:30–16:30 FIELD TOUR: The synagogues at Hamath–Tiberias and Magdala

17:00–19:00 SESSION 7
CONCLUDING SESSION

Leading: Jens Schröter, Department of Theology, Humboldt University

19:30 FAREWELL DINNER

