



Prehistoric excavation at el-Wad Terrace, Mt. Carmel

February 6–17, 2022

Registration is now open for the el-Wad Terrace excavation, one of the most important archaeological sites from the prehistoric Natufian Culture (15,000–11,700 years before present). The excavation is located in the Nahal Me'arot (Mt Carmel Caves) National Park, and will take place in the last two weeks of the semester break, on Sunday through Thursday.

The Natufian hunter-gatherers founded the earliest permanent settlements in the Levant, at the end of the last Ice Age. Ongoing excavations, directed by Dr. Reuven Yeshurun, Prof. Mina Weinstein-Evron and Prof. Daniel Kaufman on behalf of the Zinman Institute of Archaeology (University of Haifa), have exposed numerous architectural remains, graves and features, and large collections of ornaments, minerals, bone and stone tools and fossil animal bones.

- For inexperienced excavators, registration for at least 3 straight days is mandatory, and a full week (Sunday to Thursday) is strongly advised.
- The site is roofed and protected from the elements – we will dig at any weather.
- We dig from 7 am to 4:30 pm, including washing and sorting the finds.
- No lodging at the site (it is located ca. 20 minutes' drive from Haifa). We can provide transportation from Haifa and back.

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