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A joint workshop of the Institute of Archaeology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research. The workshop is organized by Igor Kreimerman, Michael Freikman, and James A. Fraser. Lectures on February 17th and 18th will take place in the Collections Room (5th Floor), Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Lectures on February 19th will take place at the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research.

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Day 1 (Tuesday, 17.2.26): Collections Room, 5th Floor, Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

8:30 – Gathering

9:00 – Greetings

9:15 – Introduction: What Do We Know—and What Do We Still Ask? Iron Age Households and Economic Life / *Igor Kreimerman and Michael Freikman*

Session 1: Households (Chair: Jeffrey A. Blakely)

9:45 – Use of Space and Symbolism in Building 101 at Tel 'Eton, and the “Four-Room House” Phenomenon / *Avraham Faust*

10:35 – The Structure and Organization of Household Activities: A View from Tell Halif / *James Hardin*

11:05 – Kneading the Economy: Gendered Foodways and Domestic Labour in Iron Age Israel and Judah / *Cynthia Shafer-Elliott*

11:35 – Coffee Break

Session 2: The Household, the City, and the State (Chair: James A. Fraser)

11:50 – Olive Presses and LMLK Impressions: The Intersection of Domestic and National Economies at Tell en-Naṣbeh / *Jeffrey R. Zorn*

12:20 – Housekeeping for King and Country? Theorizing and Contextualizing the Relationship between Domestic and Political Economies in Iron Age Israel and Judah / *Zachary Thomas* (Online)

12:50 – The Lower City of Tell Beit Mirsim: Preliminary Results of the Survey Project / *Ilana Marom*

13:20 – Discussion: Household Economies in Judah

13:50 – Lunch

Session 3: Storage and Consumption Practices in Domestic Contexts (Chair: Yosef Garfinkel)

15:00 – Animals and Society in Iron Age II Judah / *Lidar Sapir-Hen*

15:30 – Household Economics in Iron Age Judah: A Zooarchaeological Perspective from the Recent Excavations at Tell Beit Mirsim / *Haskel J. Greenfield*

16:00 – Seeds of Identity: Foodways and Economic Specialization in Iron Age II Judah, Israel, and Philistia / *Ehud Weiss and Suembikya Frumin*

16:30 – Silos or Cisterns? Reassessing the Function of Bottle-Shaped Rock-Cut Pits / *Norma Franklin*

17:00 – The importance Wine production, storage and consumption for Jerusalem's society and economy during the Late Iron Age / *Yuval Gadot*

17:30 – Coffee Break

Session 4: Olive Oil Production, Part A (Chair: Igor Kreimerman)

17:45 – The Invisible Archaeology of Olive Oil Production in Iron Age II: Industrial Versus Domestic Method, Equipment, and Capacity / *Jeffrey Chadwick* (Online)

18:15 – Olive Oil Production in a Cultic Context: Evidence from Canaanite Lachish / *Itamar Weissbein*

18:45 – Reception



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Day 2 (Wednesday, 18.2.26): Collections Room, 5th Floor, Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

8:30 – Gathering

Session 5: Olive Oil Production, Part B (Chair: Igor Kreimerman)

9:00 – The Cultivation of Olives and Grapes in Judah under Assyrian Rule / *Dafna Langgut and Yuval Gadot*

9:30 – Olive Oil and Wine production and Textile Manufacture in Judah Israel and Ekron: Household and Central industry / *David Eitam*
10:15 – The Economic and Social Structure of the Olive Oil Industry at the Fringes of Iron Age Judah – A View from Tell Beit Mirsim / *Michael Freikman*

10:45 – Coffee Break

Session 6: Textile Production (Chair: Pnina Torn Broers)

11:00 – In Her Hand She Holds the Distaff and Grasps the Spindle with her Fingers (Proverbs 31:19): Textile Production in Iron Age Judah / *Deborah Cassuto* (Online)

11:30 – Textile Production at Tell Beit Mirsim / *Itay Lubel*

12:00 – Tour of the Labs and Collections of the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University

13:00 – Lunch

Session 7: Cooking-Pots: Domestic Cooking or Urban Redistribution? (Chair: Sabina Millerová)

14:10 – The Cooking Pot Industry of the Kingdom of Judah / *David Ben-Shlomo*
14:40 – Impressed Cooking-Pot Handles from Tell Beit Mirsim / *Dara Ubani*

15:10 – Coffee Break

Session 8: Biomolecular Archaeology – Methodology and Case-studies (Chair: Tziona Ben-Gedalya)

15:25 – Paleogenomics and Proteomics as Tools for Exploring Iron Age Cuisine and Trade Networks / *Christina Warinner* (Online)

15:55 – Methodological Approaches in Identifying Organic Residues in Ceramic Vessels / *Cynthianne Spiteri* (Online)

16:25 – A Biomolecular Study of a Proposed Olive Oil Press Context in Tell Beit Mirsim / *Tziona Ben-Gedalya and Daniel Imas*

16:55 – From Household Space to Destruction Layers in Iron Age Judah: Geoarchaeological and Biomolecular Proxies from Tel Burna (Shephelah) / *Martin P. Janovský, Tziona Ben-Gedalya, Itzick Shai, Sabina Millerová, Chris McKinny and Oren Ackermann*

17:25 – Discussion



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Day 3 (Thursday, 19.2.26): Lectures Hall, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research

9:00 – Gathering

Session 9: The Organization of Administration and Regional Economies, Part A (Chair: Michael Freikman)

9:30 – The Changing Chronologies of the *lmlk* Jars / Yosef Garfinkel

10:00 – Changes in Economic Organization of Philistia During the Seventh Century BCE / Daniel Master

10:30 – When the Silver's Gone: Wealth, Hoards, and Crisis in the Iron Age II Southern Levant/ Igor Kreimerman

11:00 – Coffee Break

11:15 – Who is Coming Up from the Wilderness? Judah and the South-Arabian Trade in Light of Preliminary Results from the Mashabei Sade Burial Cluster / Avraham Mashiach

11:45 – Between Empire and Periphery: Egyptian Control, Power and Exchange in the Jordan Valley / Katja Soennecken

12:15 – Craftsmanship and Cult at the Transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age at Tall Zira'a (Gilead) / Dieter Vieweger

12:45 – Discussion: Future Directions in the Study of Iron Age Economies

13:15 – Lunch

Session 10: History of Research – Albright and His Era (Chair: Itamar Weissbein)

14:30 – The Albright Family Archive: Personal Papers and Scholarly Life at the Albright Institute in Jerusalem / James A. Fraser

15:00 – The Archives of Albright and Their Contribution to the Renewed Study of Tell Beit Mirsim / Michael Freikman

15:30 – Colonial Archaeology in Palestine: The First Expedition to Lachish / Yosef Garfinkel

16:00 – Coffee Break

16:15 – From Jebel Barkal/Kerma to Antioch-on-the-Orontes: The Archaeological Career of Reis Berberi Mahmoud Aisa of Qift (1909–1939) / Jeffrey R. Zorn

16:45 – The Crowfoot Family: An Archaeological Dynasty / Norma Franklin

17:15 – Closing Remarks (Kreimerman, Freikman, Fraser)

17:30 – Reception

Day 4 (Friday, 20.2.26): A Half Day Tour to Tell Beit Mirsim and Tel 'Eton



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