Egypt [and Jordan]

But then.... ISRAEL!!!!

"קוּם עֲבֹר אֶת-הַיַּּרְדּן הַזָּה, אַתָּה וְכָל-הָעֶם הַזֶּה, אֶל-הָאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי נֹתֵן לָהֶם לִּבְנֵי יִשְׂרְאֵל.

בְּל-מָקוֹם אֲשֶׁר תִּדְרֹךְ כַּף-רַגְלְכֶם בּוֹ-לְכֶם נְתִתִּיו... מֵהַמִּדְבָּר וְהַלְּבְנוֹן הַזֶּה וְעַד-הַנְּהָר הַגְּדוֹל בְּבֹוֹ הַתְּתִים, וְעַד-הַיָּהְ הַבְּלְכֶם" [יהושוע א, ב-ד]

"Go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you...

From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast" [Joshua I, 2-4]

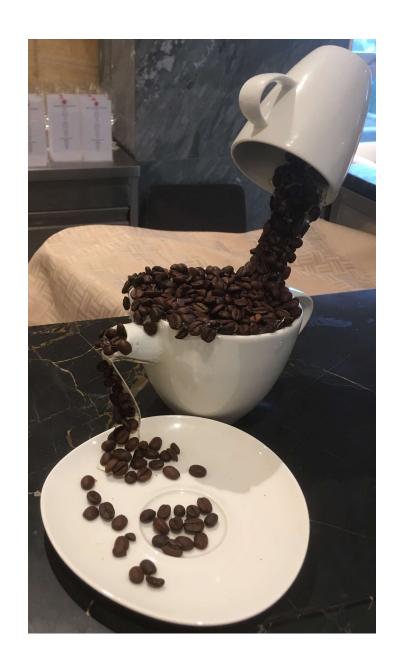
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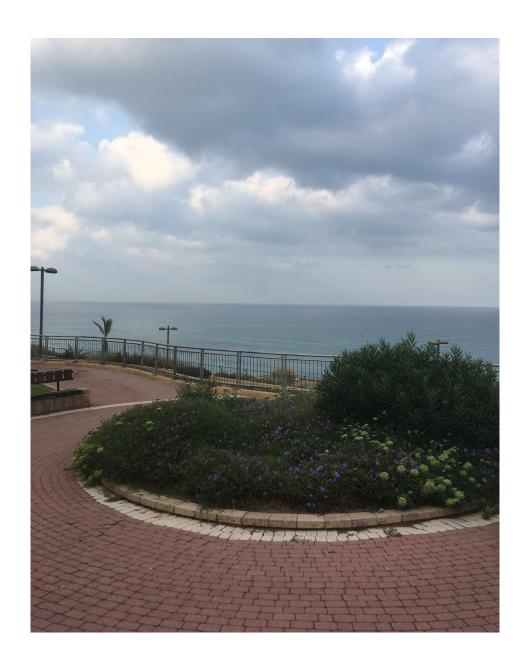
The bible and the holy land are not just historical curiosities but

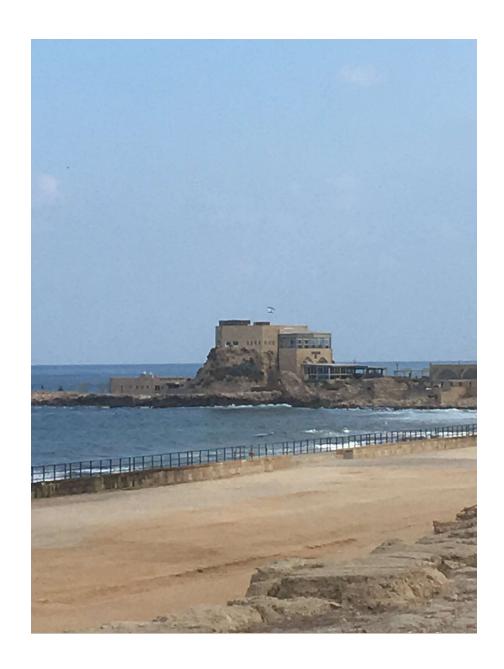
Vigorous ties and meaningful part of contemporary life

Made in israel

Born Bracha Brym in <u>Poland</u>, she moved to <u>Israel</u> in 1957, where she grew up and studied in <u>Tiberias</u>. She won her first art prize at age seven in Poland, and throughout her schooling in Tiberias was known as the class artist. In 1970, after graduation of <u>high school</u> and completion of <u>military service</u>, she enrolled in the Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem, where she met her future husband, Menachem Lavee, also a <u>designer</u> and artist and full partner in all of her projects. Producing felt <u>tapestries</u>, <u>prints</u>, and her own line of <u>wearable art</u> in the 80s and 90s, her themes focus on <u>Jerusalem</u>, <u>Israel</u>, and the <u>Bible</u>.



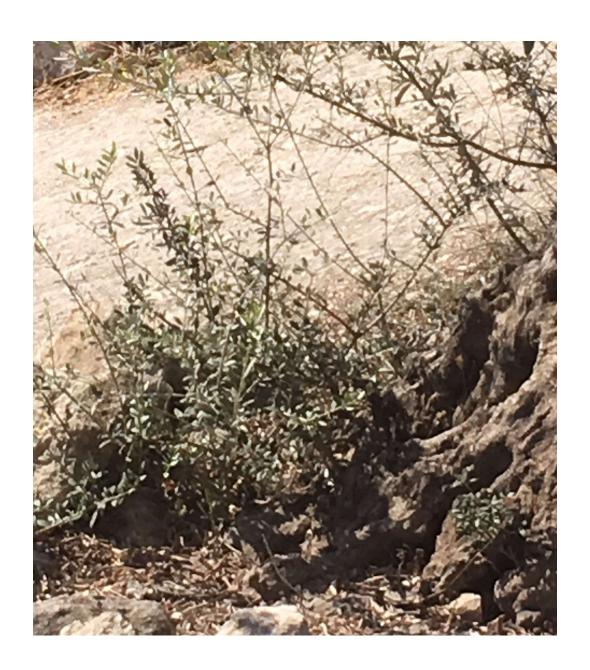




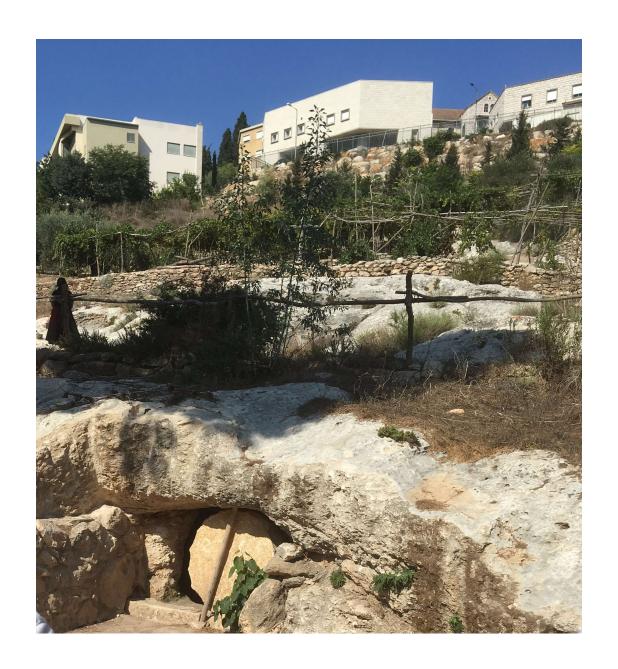






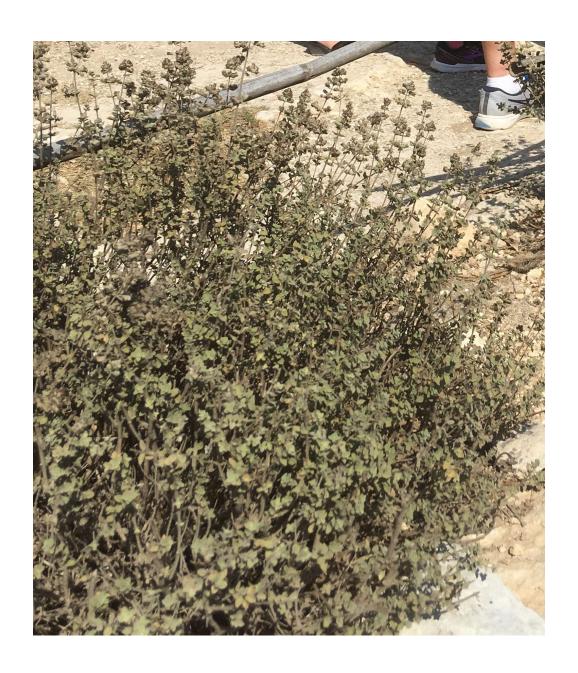


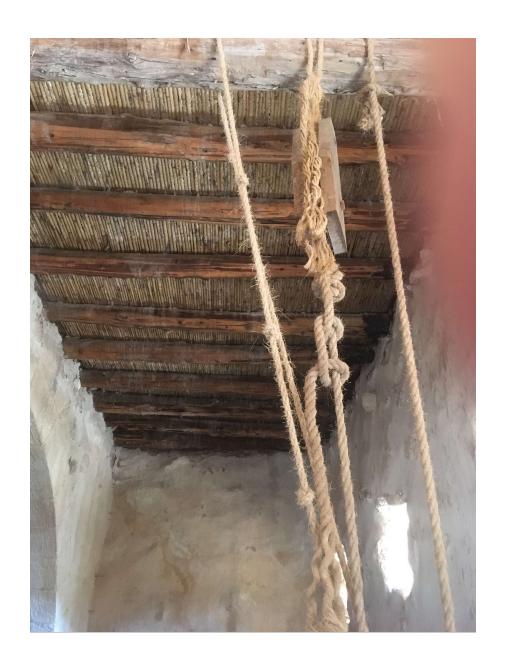


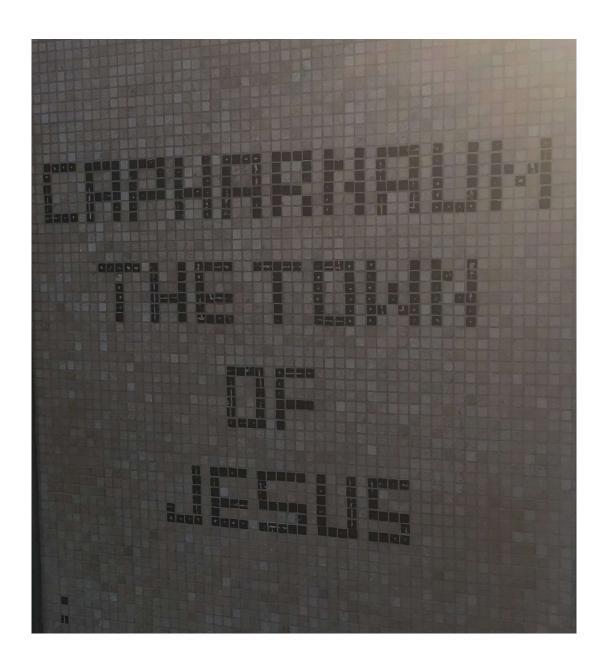














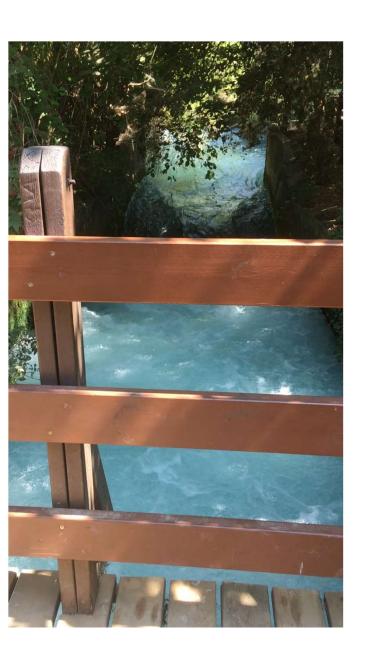














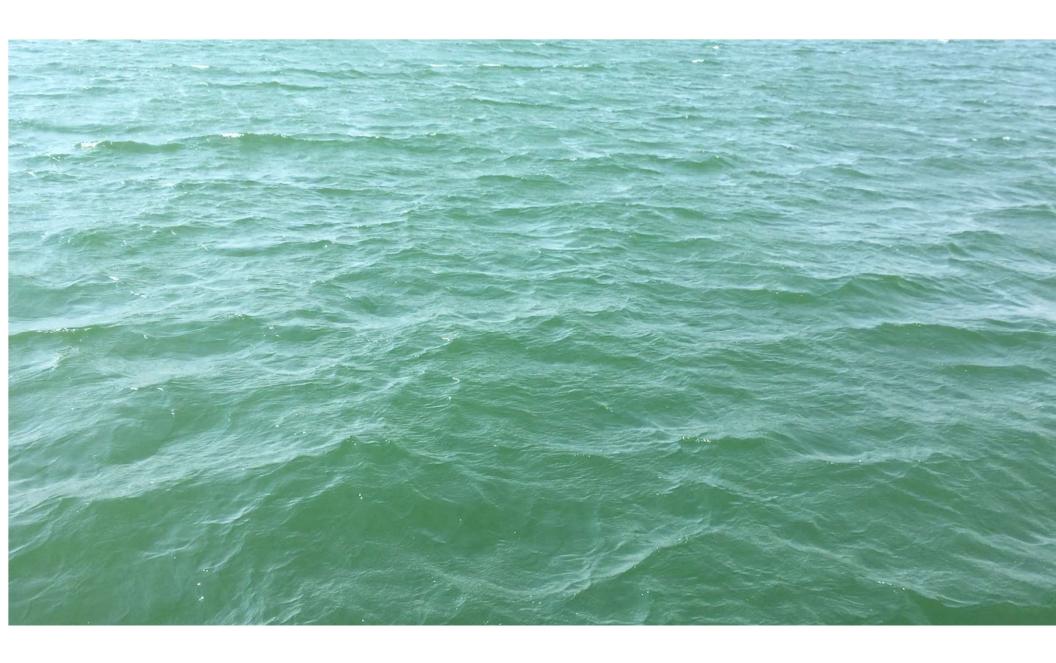
















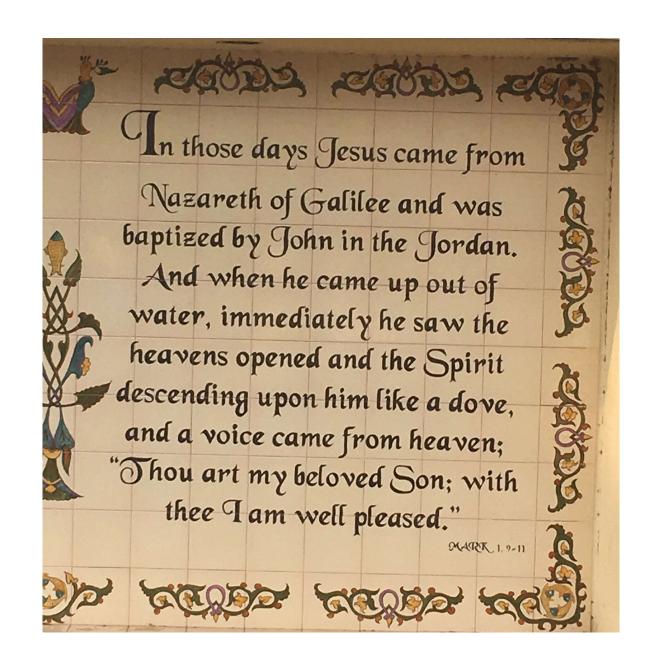




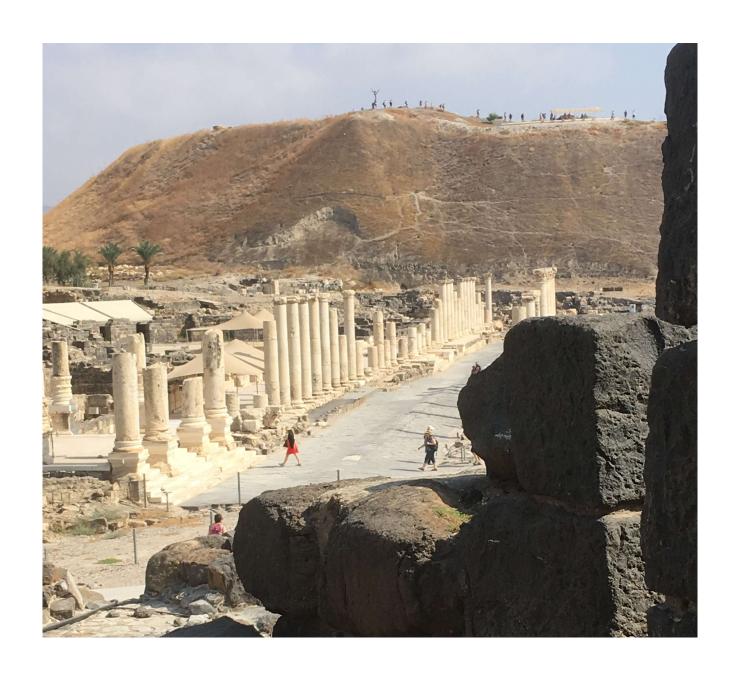


WELCOME TO YARDENIT BAPTISMAL SITE ON THE JORDAN RIVER

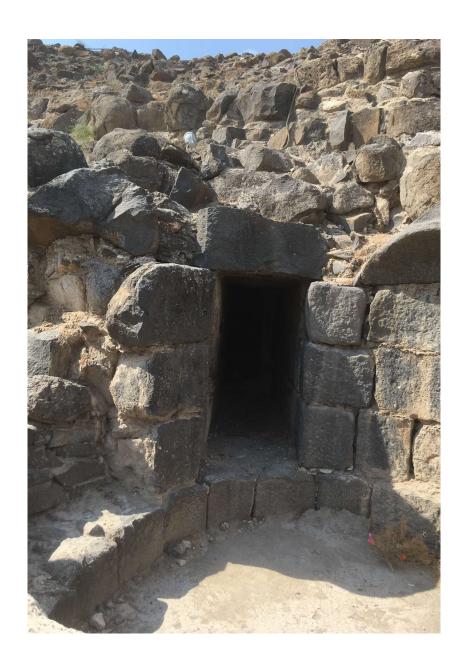




















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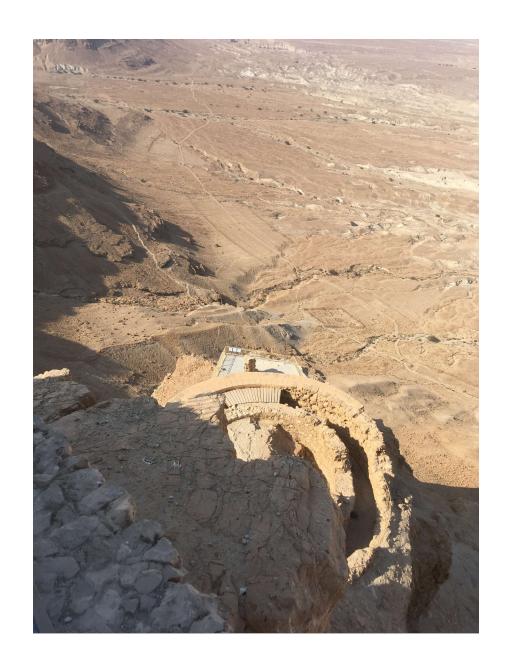
"BEHOLD, O MY PEOPLE; I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES, AND CAUSE YOU TO COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES AND I WILL BRING YOU INTO THE LAND OF ISRAEL." EZEKIEL CHAPTER 37,11

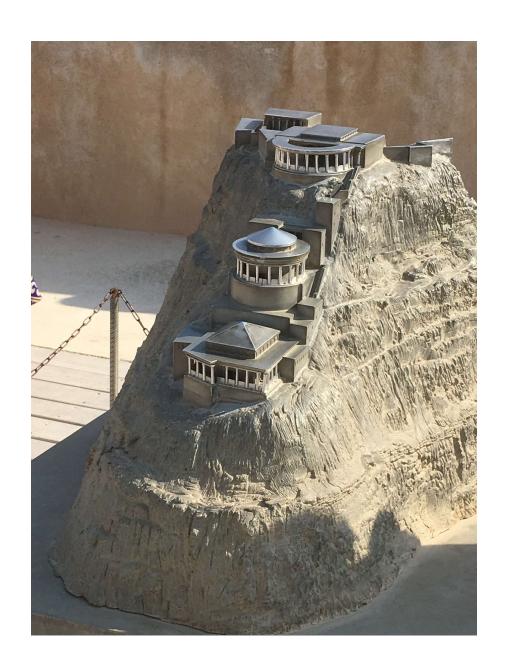
The prophecy, "The valley of dry bones" Ezekiel Chapter 37 Was found in the 1960s, during archeological excavations at Masada's ancient synagogue, and echoed fulfillment, with the rebirth of Israel Created by the Glass artist Gideon Fridman from Arad, using the letters written by the Scribe, Shimshon Israeli, on the plateau of Masada, 2017











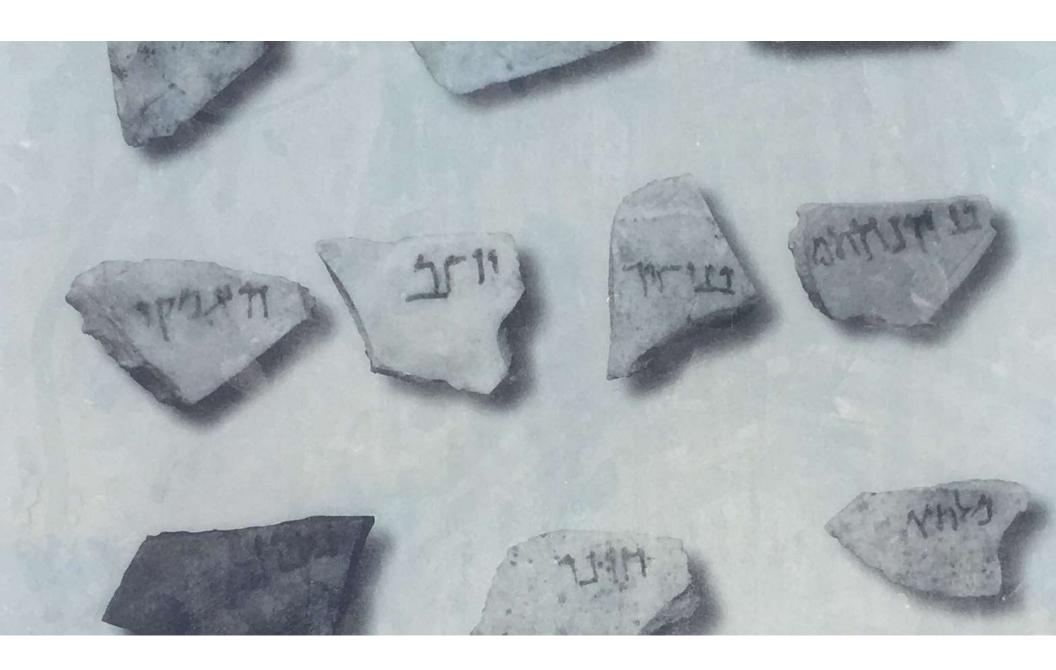


THE DISCOVERY LOCATION OF THE "LOTS"

"...then, having chosen by lot ten of their number to dispatch the rest... these, having unswervingly slaughtered all, ordained the same rule of the lot for one another, that he on whom it fell should slay first the nine and then himself last of all."

Josephus Flavius

Here several hundred inscribed pottery shards (ostraca) were found. Outstanding among them was a group consisting of names and nicknames, including the name "Ben Ya'ir." Yigael Yadin, the most distinguished of Masada's excavators, connected this group with Josephus Flavius' story of the drawing of lots on the last night of the revolt.





THE SYNAGOGUE

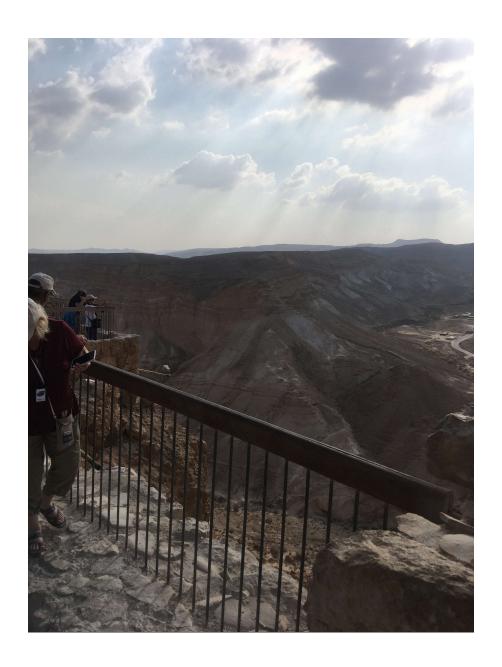
"Long since, my brave men, we determined neither to serve the Romans nor any other save God..."

The rebels' way of life on Masada required a building suitable for community meetings and Torah readings. This building, which became a synagogue during the revolt, was built in Herod's time, most likely as a stable.

The rebels changed its internal structure and even closed off a small room in the corner of the hall, which apparently served for storage of Torah scrolls and as a genizah (repository for damaged scrolls). Under its floor were found fragments of Biblical scrolls, including the "Vision of the Dry Bones" in the Book of Ezekiel. The synagogue at Temple period.

THE "CASEMATE OF THE SCROLLS"

A large and rare concentration of finds from the time of the revolt was found in a corner of the room of the wall in which we stand: inscribed sheets of papyrus, fragments of scrolls, silver shekel coins, textiles, sandals, and glass vessels and bone implements. Among the finds was the pay record of a Roman cavalryman in the Tenth Legion. The most interesting finds were the scroll fragments, some of which show that during the siege there were members of different sects on the mountain. The finds were gathered here by Roman soldiers collecting booty after the fall of Masada. On the floor of the room were found ballista balls and rolling stones, which came from the roof of the casemate and the nearby tower.



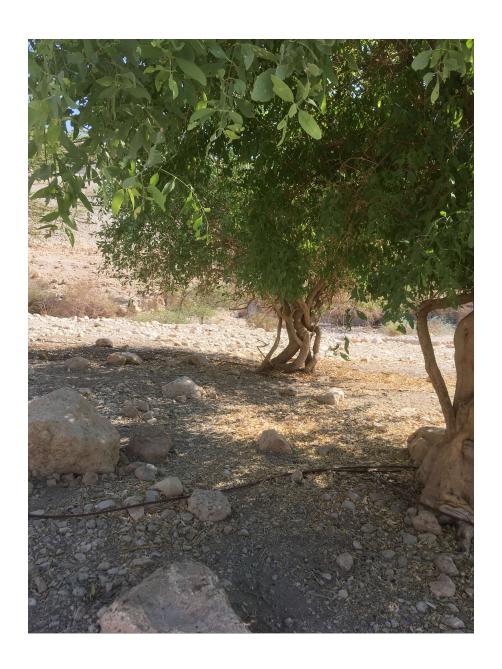






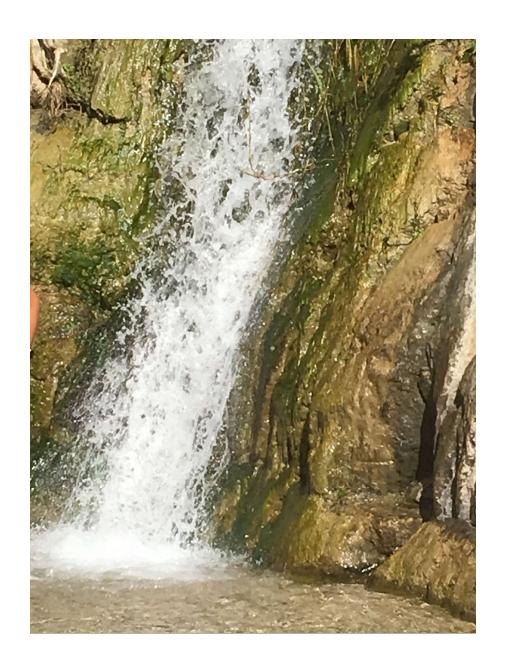






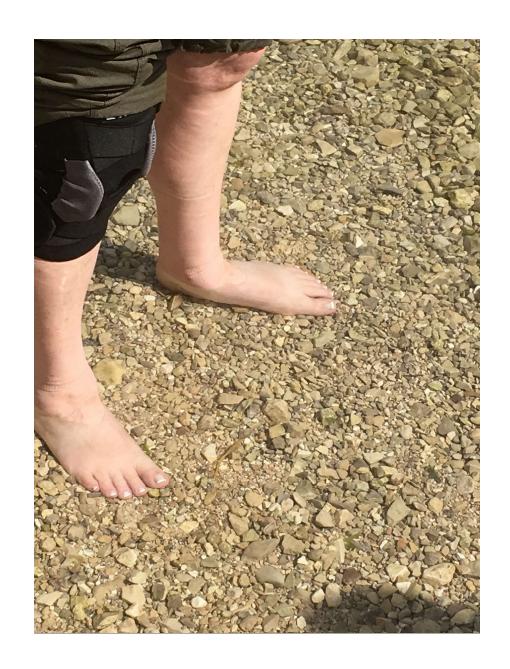














QUMRAN NATIONAL PARK

WRITING THE SCROLLS

ABOUT A DOZEN SCROLLS AS WELL AS MYRIAD FRAGMENTS OF SCROLLS OF ALL THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE (EXCEPT THE BOOK OF ESTHER), SECTARIAN TEXTS AND OTHER JEWISH LITERATURE OF THAT PERIOD, WERE FOUND IN CAYES NEAR QUMRAN.

TEXTS WERE APPARENTLY WRITTEN AND COPIED IN A SCRIBES' ROOM, WHICH WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A STRUCTURE UNCOVERED AT THE EXCAVATION.

THE SCRIBES WROTE WITH SHARPENED REED PENS AND INK ON PARCHMENT SHEETS THAT WERE SEWN TOGETHER INTO SCROLLS. WHEN A SCROLL WAS COMPLETED, IT WAS ROLLED UP AND TIED WITH LEATHER STRAPS.

מלאכת המגילה

במערות הסמוכות לקומראן התגלו כתריסר מגילות שלמות ורבבות קטעי מגילות הכוללים את כל ספרי המקרא (למעט מגילת אסתר), ספרים כיתתיים ואחרים,

מלאכת כתיבת המגילות והעתקתן נעשתה כנראה בחדר סופרים, ששכן בקומתו השניה של מבנה שהתגלה באתר. הסופרים כתבו על יריעות קלף שנתפרו למגילות. הם השתמשו בקולמוסים ובקסתות דיו, כמותן התגלו בקומראן. בתום הכתיבה נגללו המגילות ונקשרו ברצועות עור, וכך נשמרו.





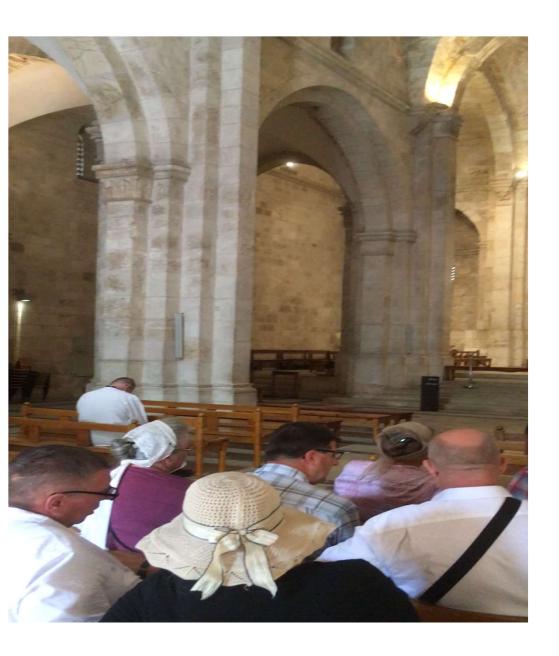








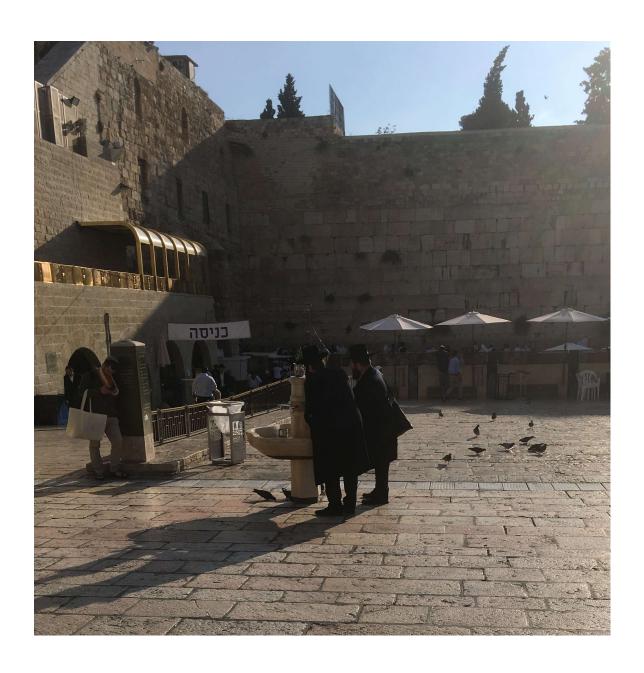








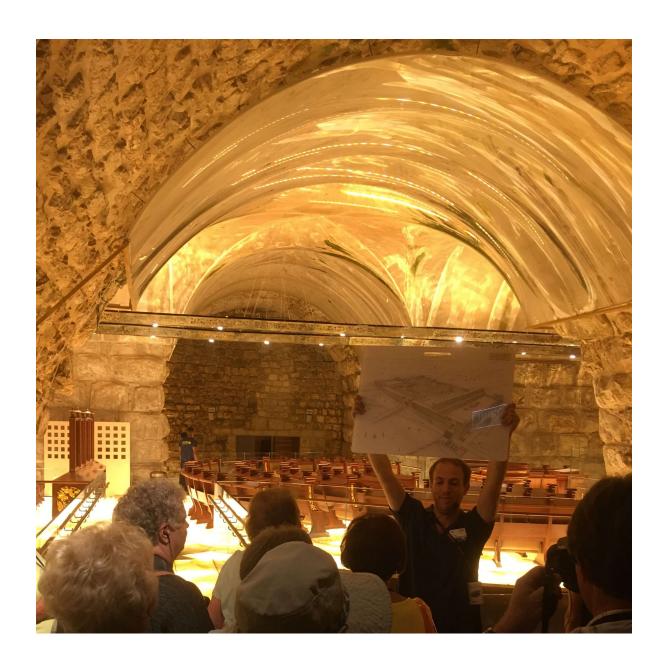


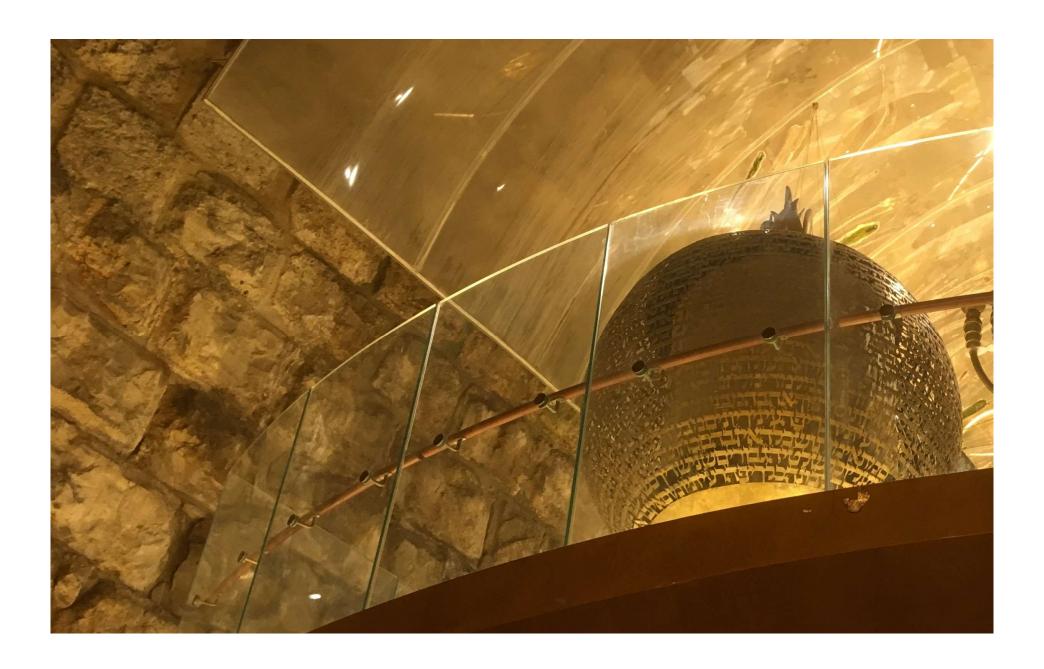




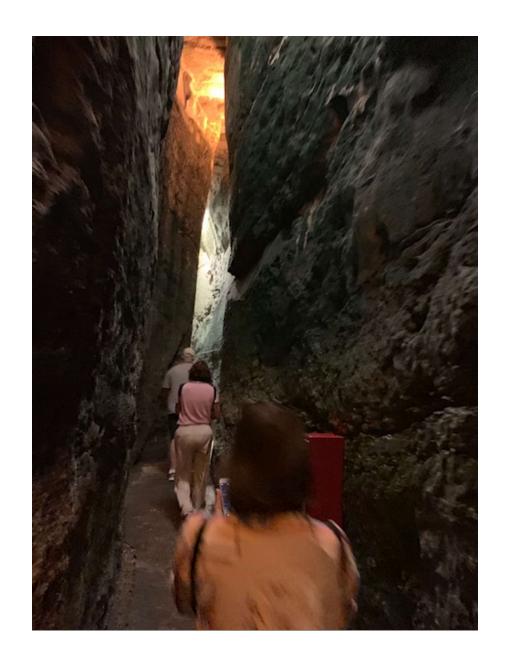








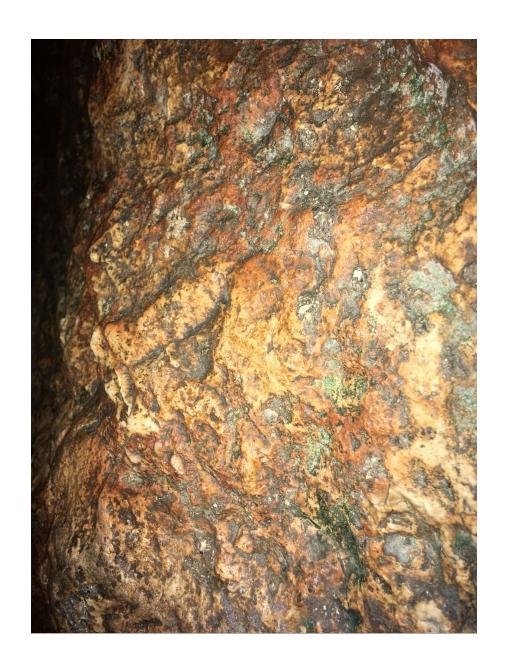


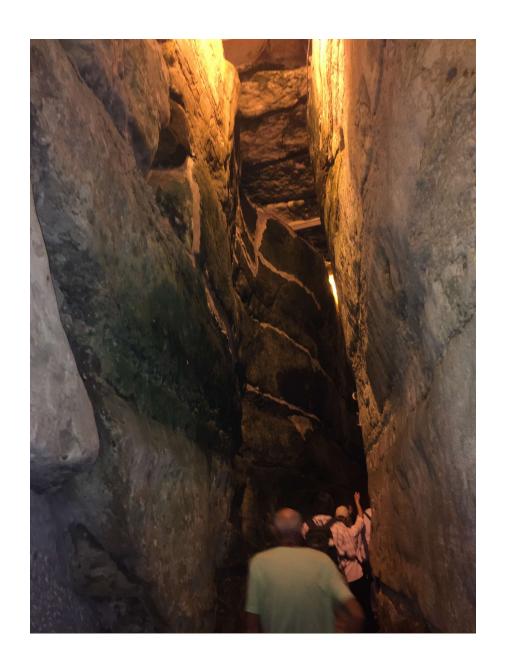








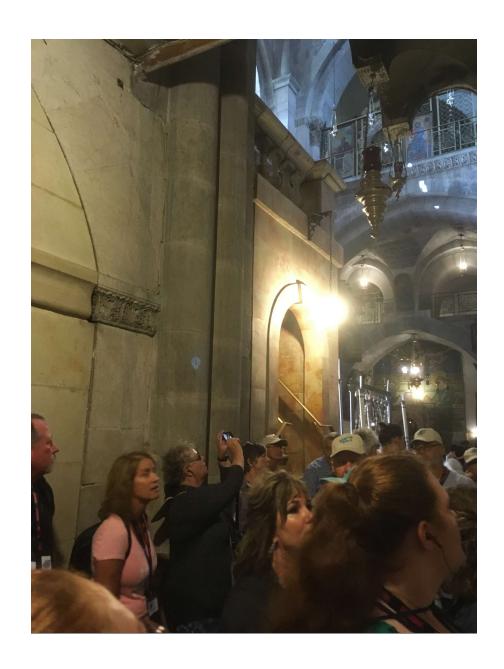




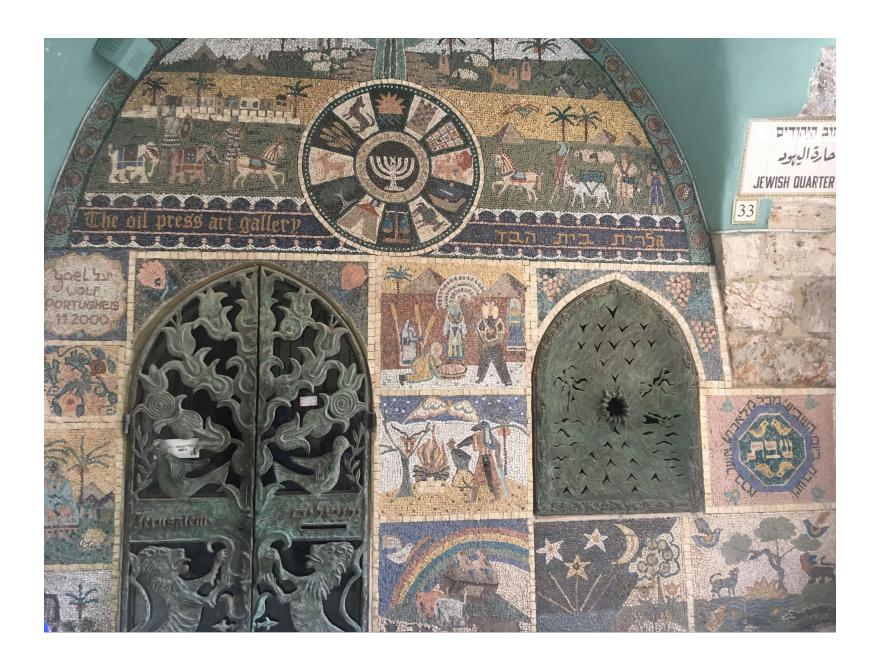










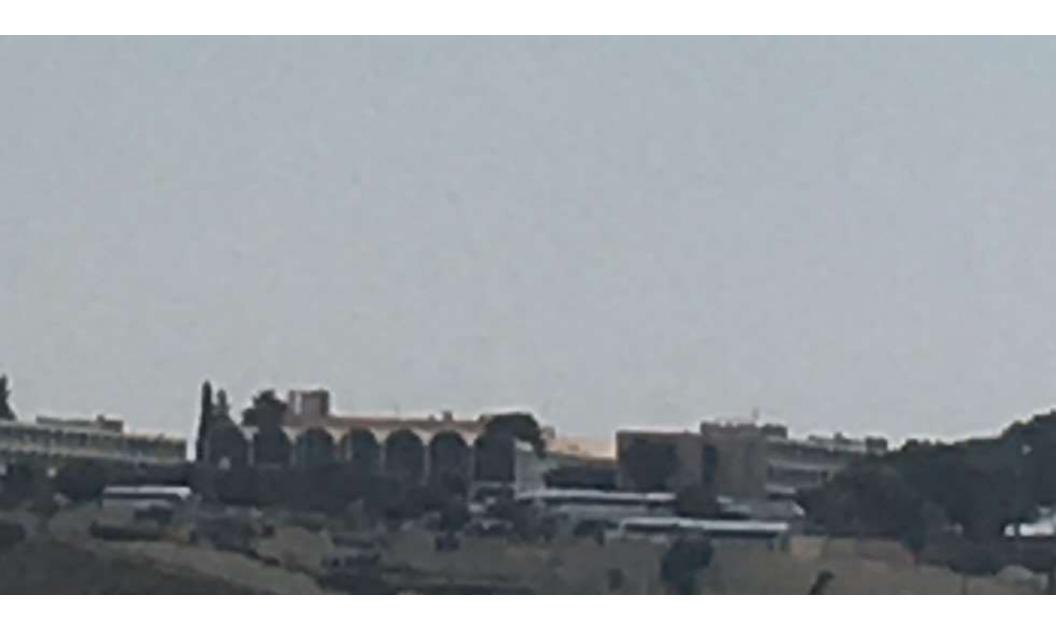










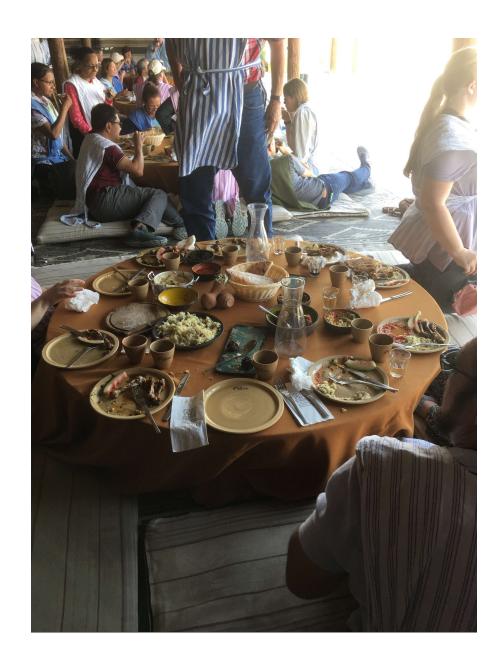












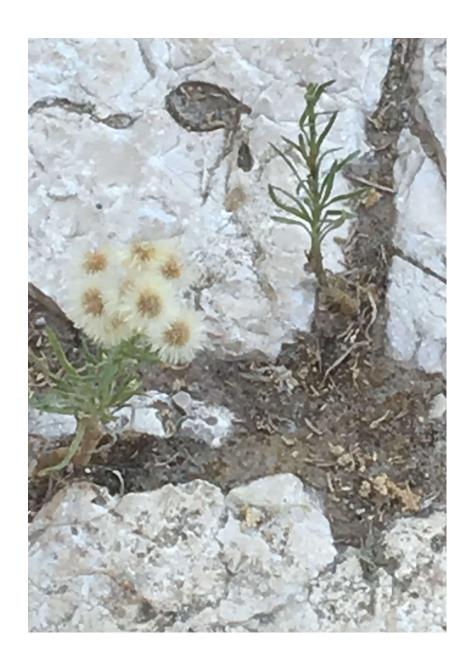


הגן הארכאולוגי ירושלים

The Jerusalem Archaeological Park

גן העופל, חפירות הכותל, קשת רובינסון, שערי חולדה

The Ophel Archaeological Park,





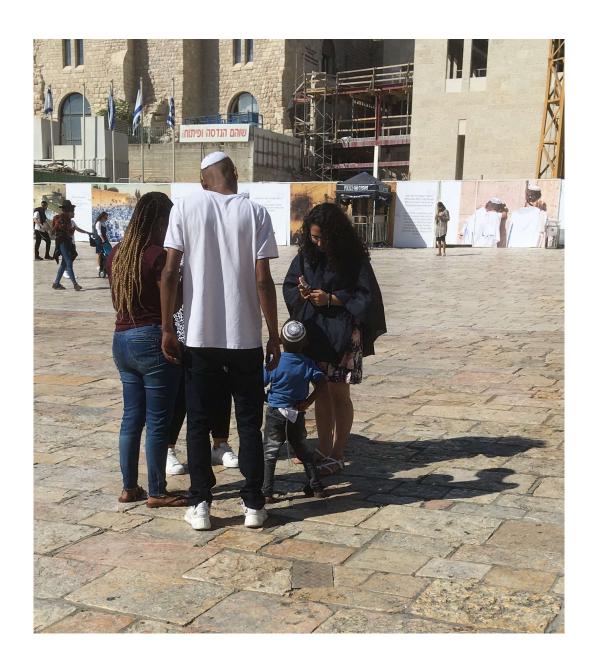






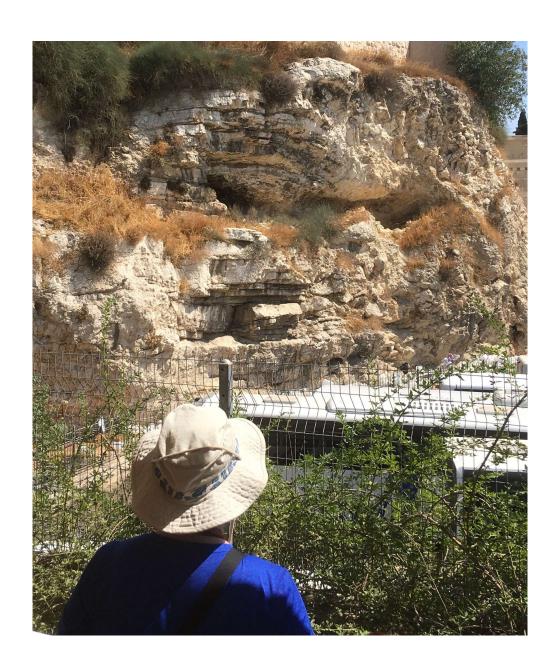








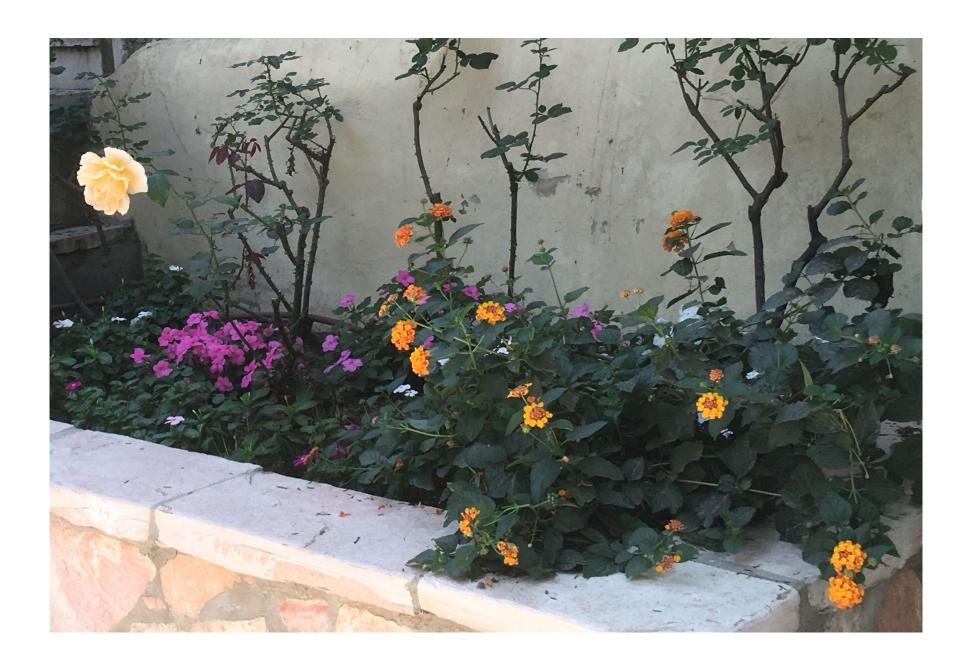


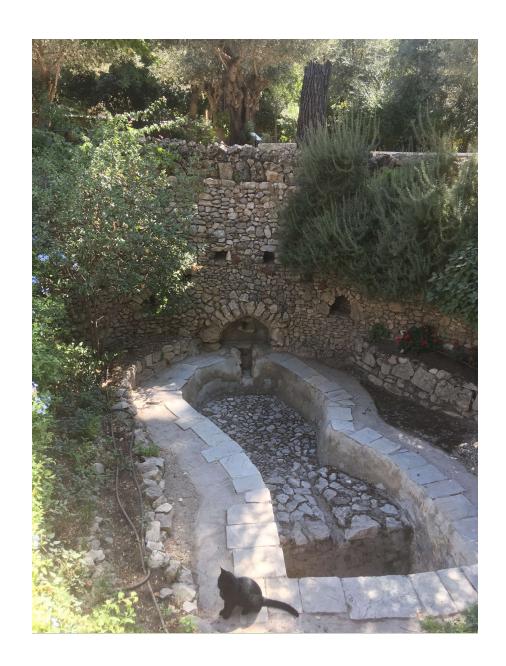


























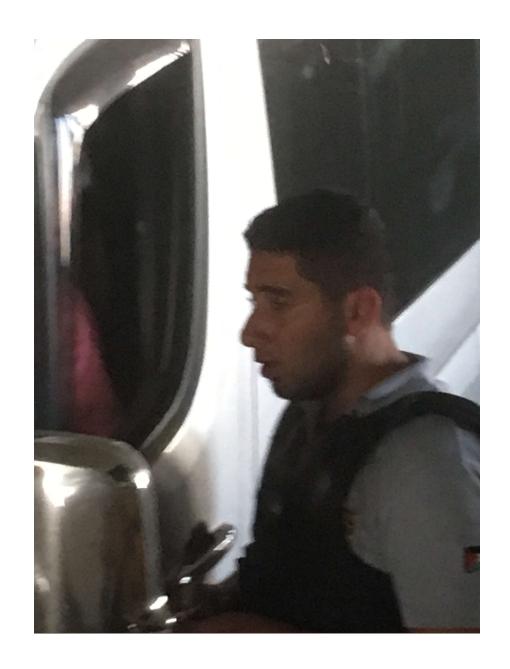


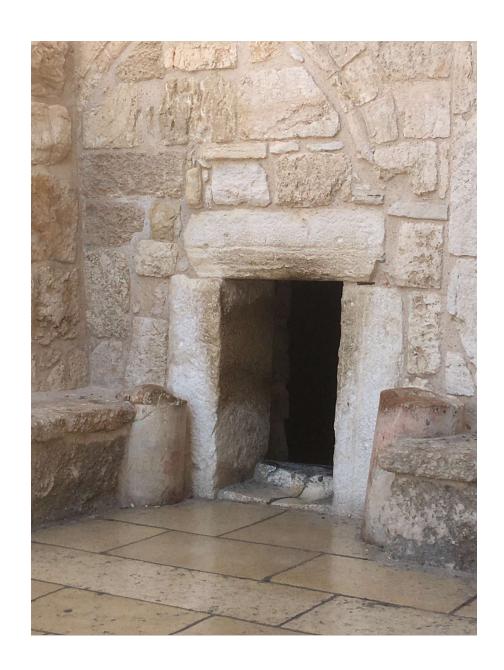




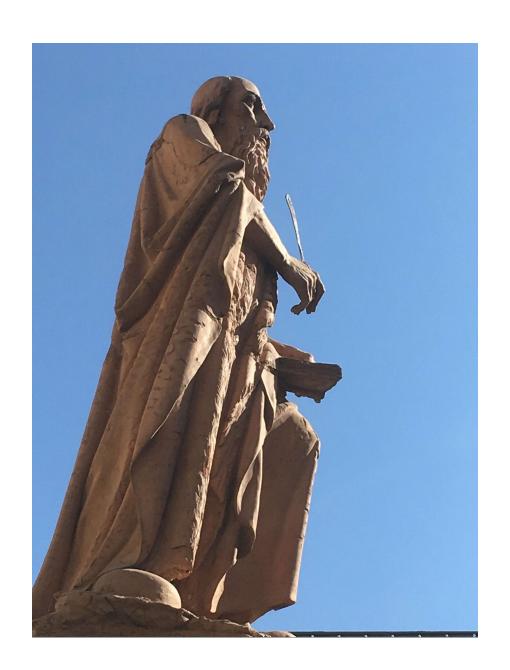


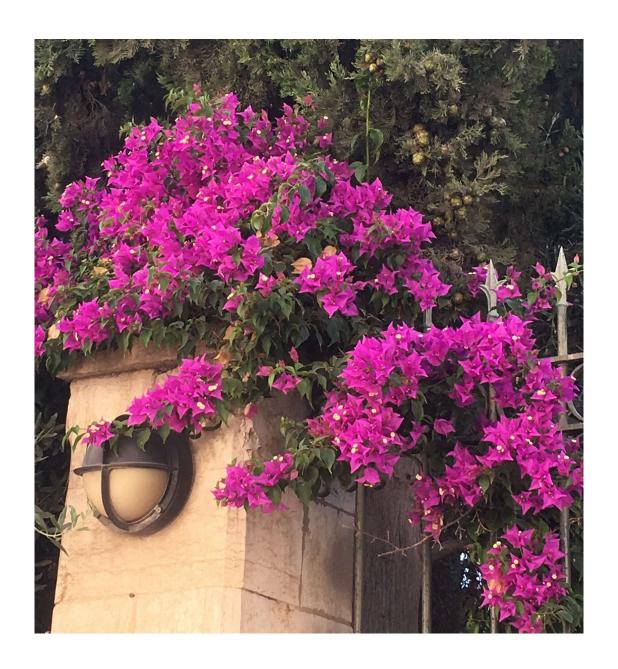






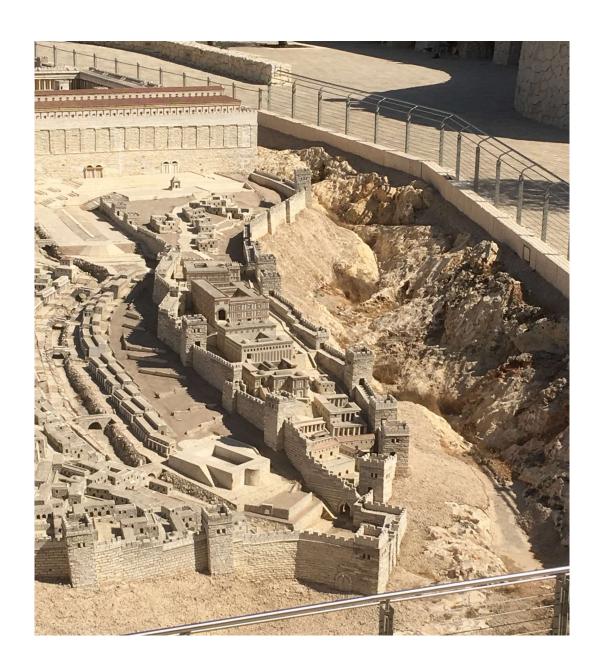






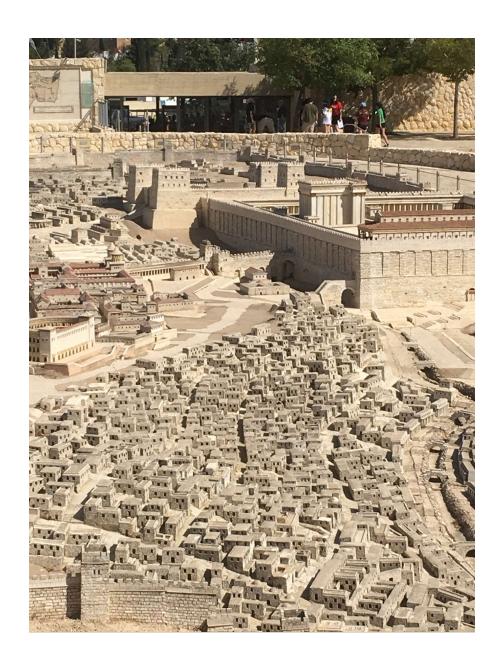


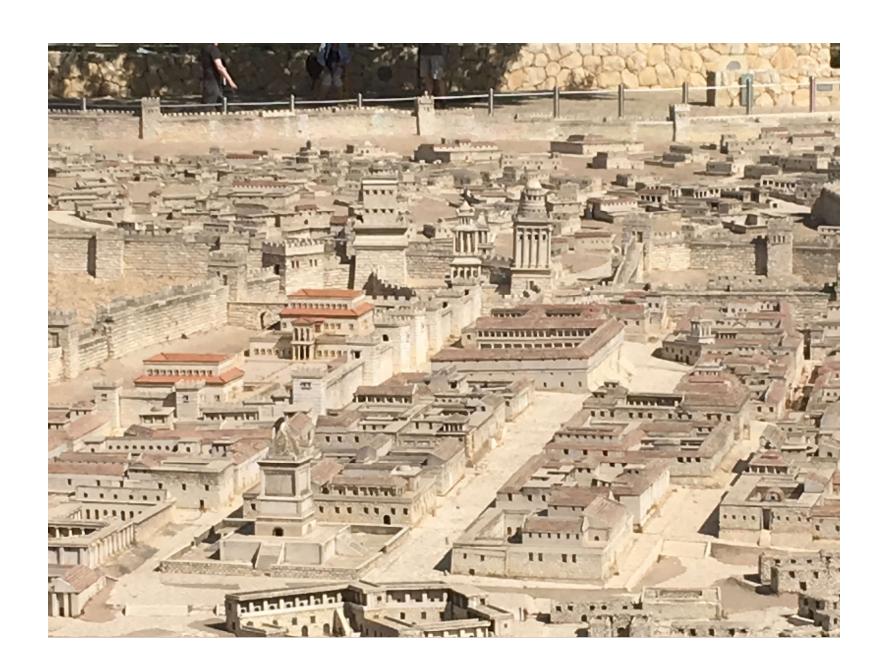


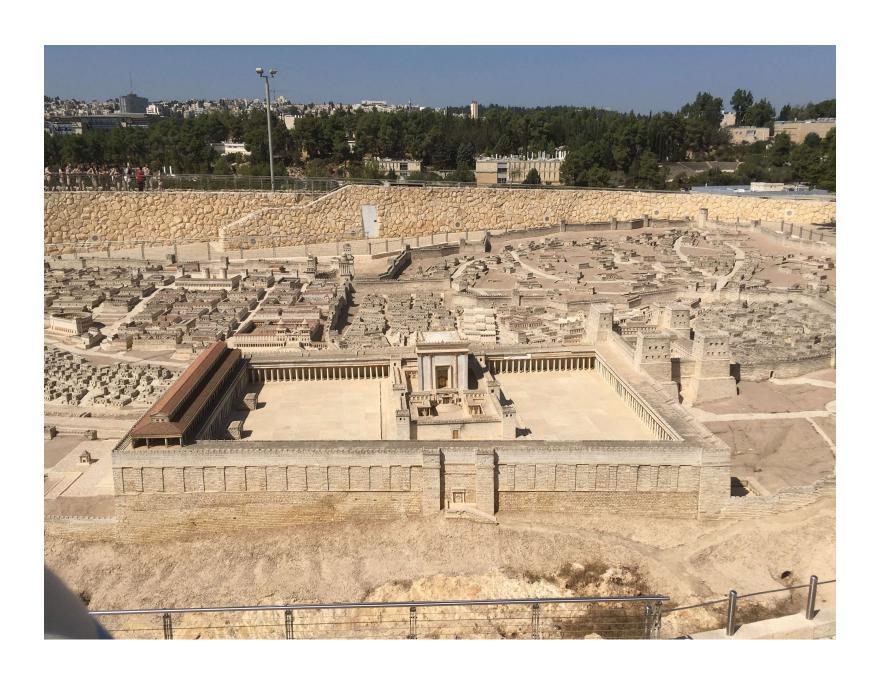








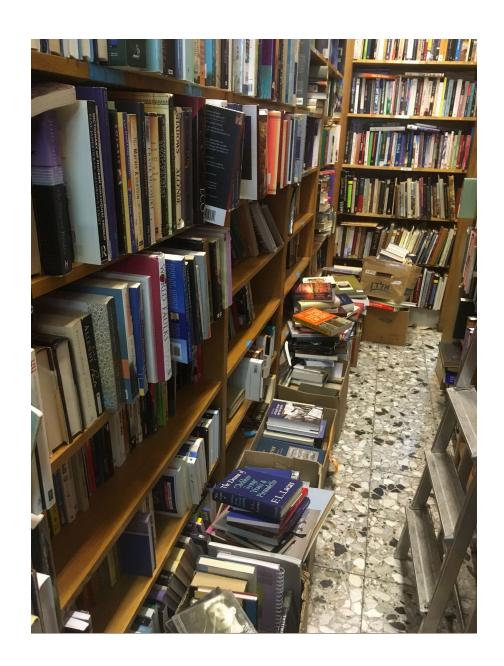










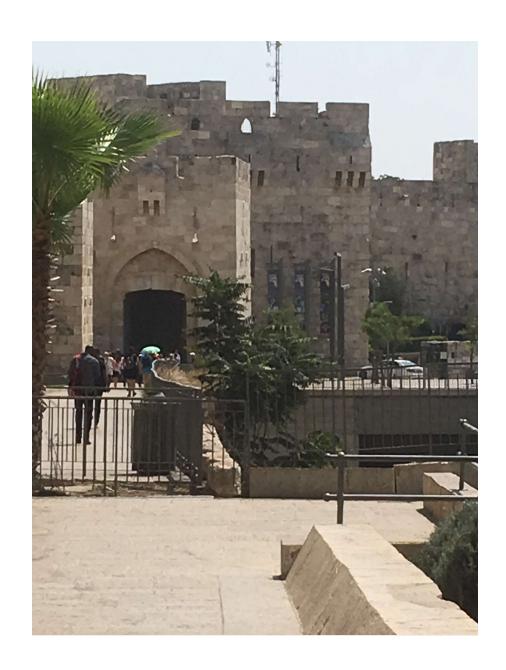














לצפות לשכונות ירושלים, ההרים שסביב לה, הר-הצופים, הר הזיתים והר-ציון ולעבר האתרים החובקים אותה סביב.

Jaffa Gate is the western most of the gates in the walls of Jerusalem. It was so named as the starting point of the road to Jaffa port. Its Arabic name, Bab al-Khalil, meaning "Hebron Gate," indicates that the road to Hebron, the ancient city of the Patriarchs, also started there. An Arabic inscription in the gate



structure commemorates its construction: "In the name of Allah, the the compassionate, our lord the great sultan, monarch of the Byzantin Persians, Suleyman son of Selim Khan, may Allah perpetuate his kingdon that this blessed wall be constructed. In the year 945" (in the Muslir calendar, that is, 1538 in the Gregorian calendar).

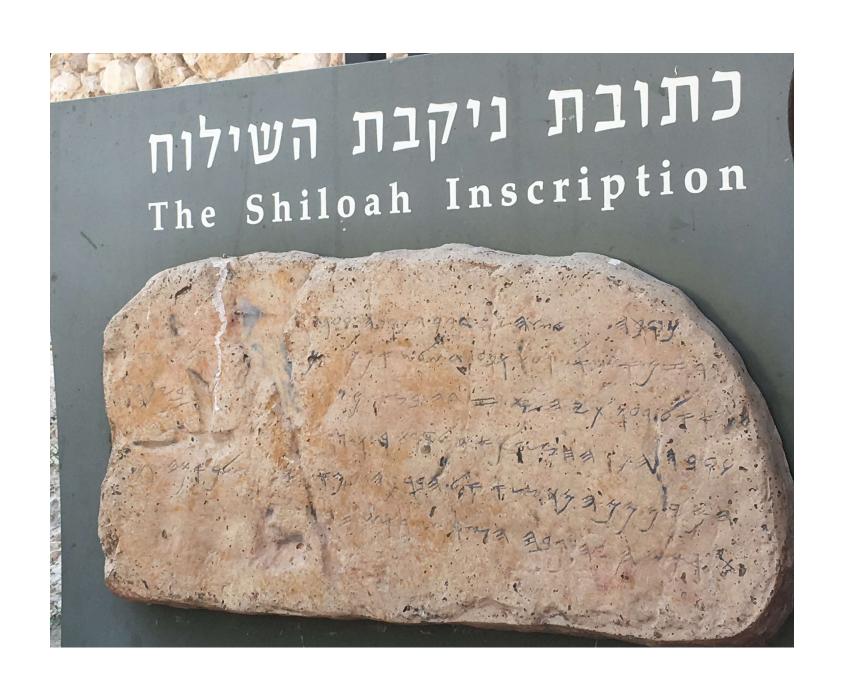




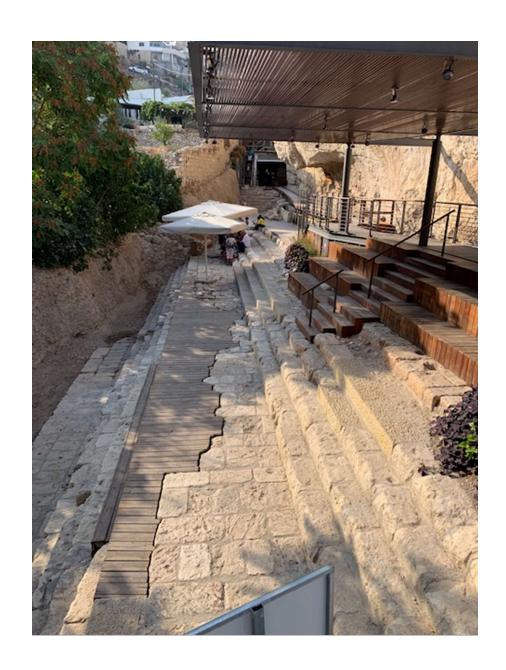


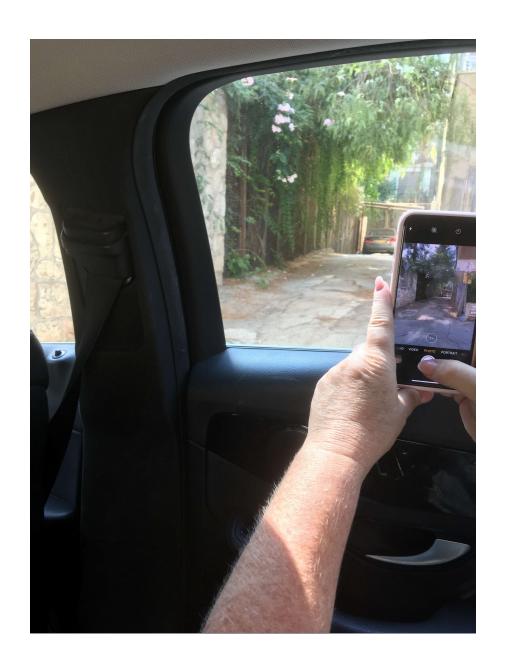












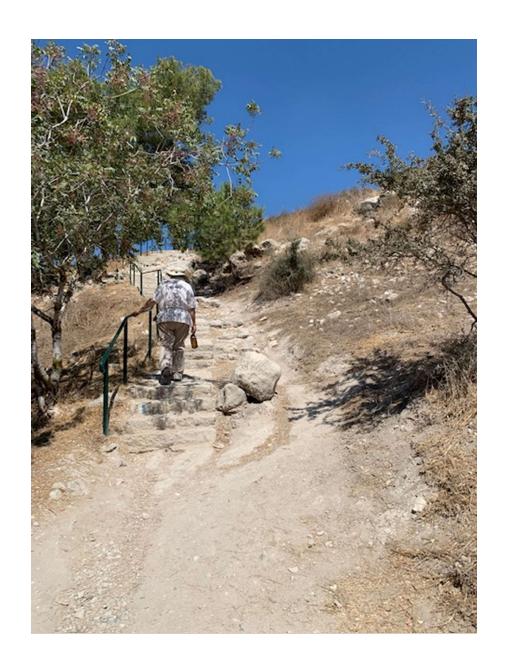
















TEL AZEKA

Ancient Azeka, an important fortified city in the geographical Jurisdiction of the Tribe of Judah, dominated one of the routes from the lowlands to the Judean Mountains. It is mentioned in the scriptures in relation to Joshua's wars against the five Amorite kings and to the war between Israel and the Philistines, in which

David slew Goliath: "Now the Plishtim gathered together their camps to battle and were gathered together at Sokho, which belongs to Yehuda

Azeka is one of the cities fortified by Jeroboam, king of northern Israel. It is also referred to in an Assyrian clay tablet recounting the city's conquest by Sennacherib and, later, in Jeremiah's description of the trail of destruction left

Upon the Jewish return to Zion from Babylonian exile, several families from the Tribe of Judah resettled at Azeka, with settlement there continuing through the

The name Azeka does not appear in the 6th-Century Madaba map; instead, the site is referred to by its Byzantine designation, Beit Zacharia, preserved to thi day in the name of Moshav Zekharia, not far from the archaeological mound. At an elevation of 347 meters above sea level, Tel Azeka affords a panoramic view of the Eila Valley, the lowlands and the mountains. A network of hidden, underground chambers was discovered on its slopes, apparently dating from the Bar Kokhba revolt.

KKL-JNF restored the site for the public. Please keep the area clean and mind the signs on the tel. KKL-JNF Coast and Lowlands District 1800-350-550



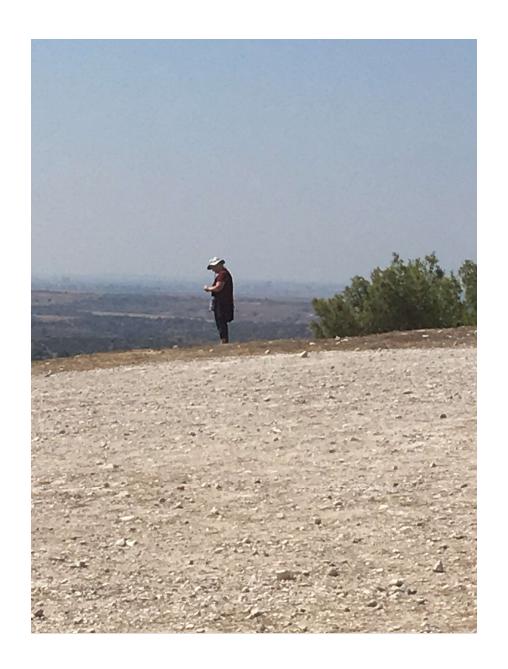


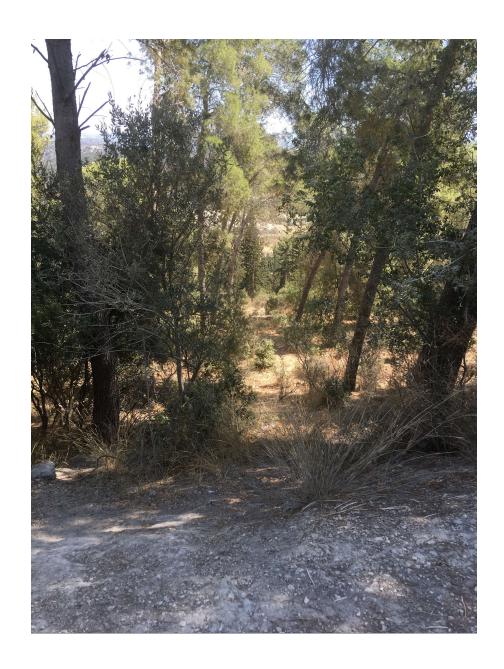




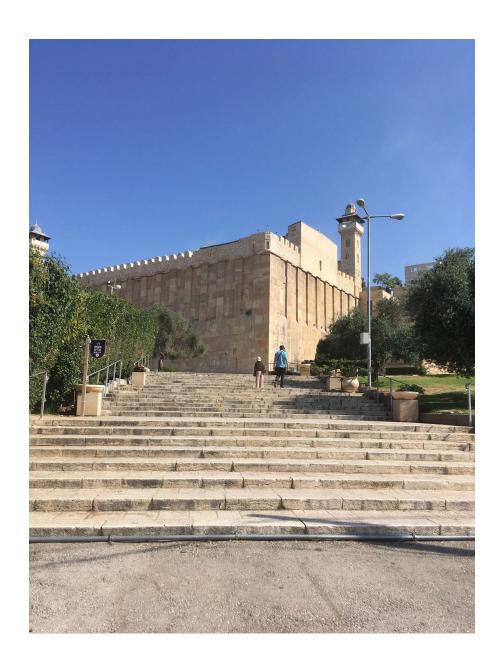




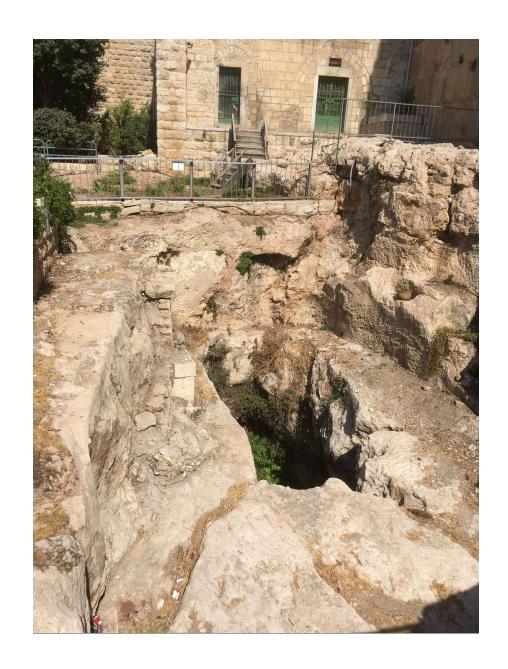






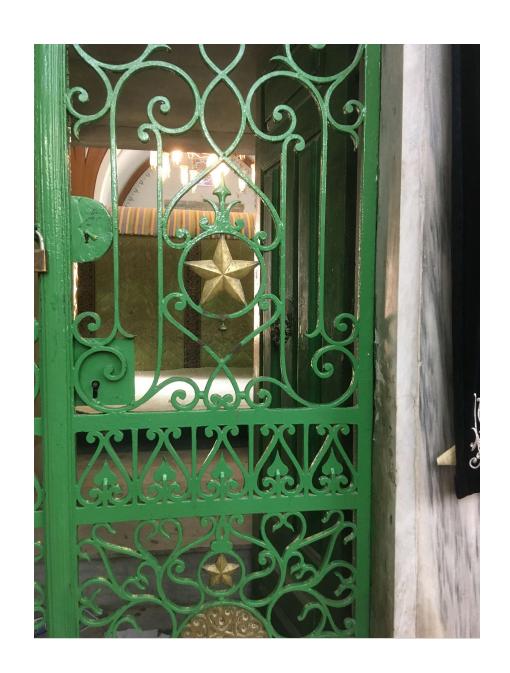






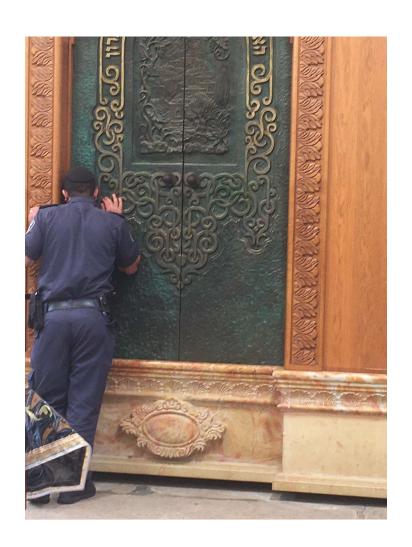
















ENTERING THE CAVE OF THE MACHPELA by Noam Arnon

Following the return to Hebron, Jews desired to reach the actual caves of Machpela, buried deep beneath the huge Herodian structure.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, an amateur archeologist, tried to seek information concerning the underground caverns. Within the large hall, (1) called "the Yitzhak Hall," under a (2) brown monument, there is a hole in the floor (3). This was rumored to be an entrance into the Caves of the Machpelah themselves. However, the diameter of the hole was extremely narrow - 26 centimeters. No adult could possibly fit through this opening, but underground room.

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Michal found herself in a round room, whose floor was covered with coins, candles, and written notes. Looking around, she saw a (5) narrow, dark corridor, to the east. The brave girl entered this hallway and after 17 meters discovered a (6) stairwell. In total darkness she climbed the steps. After 15 steps she found a wall blocking her way. A large stone prevented her from continuing. She tried to move the stone, but it wouldn't budge. She turned out of the room back into the Yitzhak Hall. Dayan wrote out the findings and sketched the underground caves as mystery and were not discovered.

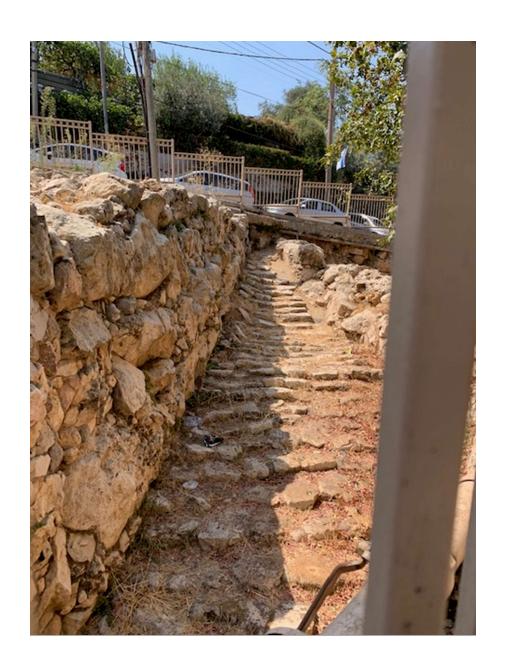
A group of men, from Hebron and Kiryat Arba, and in particular the staff of "Midreshet Hebron" decided to further investigate. We measured the distance she had spoken of and revealed that the stone was on the other side of preventing further access.

We found the answer during the month of Elul, in 1981. We began saying special prayers of repentance every evening at midnight. The Arab guards, employed by the Waqf, the Muslim religious trust, left and went to sleep. Seeing this, we brought with us a big chisel to the midnight prayer service. In the middle of the service, we began to sing and dance. During the dancing, some of us made our way to the Arab pray-rugs, lifted them, and revealed the stone. It was held in place by metal bars, attached to surrounding stones. We began hammering on the rock with the chisel, and after a while it began to move. Finally, the stone moved, and under it, a small hole in the floor. We entered, our hearts pounding with excitement. We found (6) stairs that led down into the darkness. We down, using flashlights to guide our way. We reached the circular room and looked around. It was round and dark.

ve of rock, leading into the

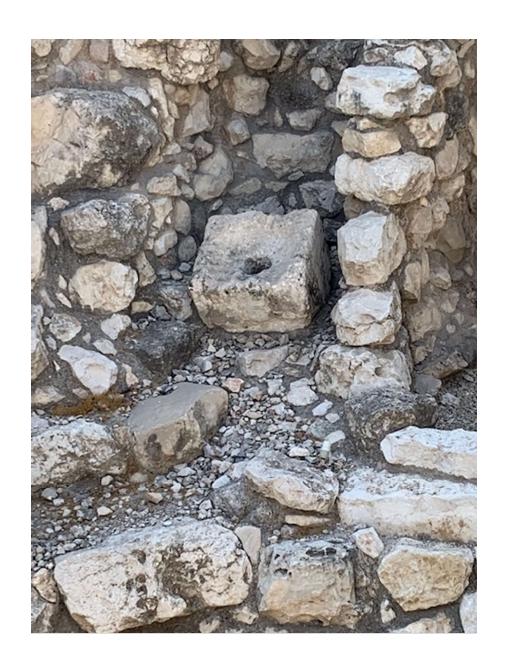
We crawled in a very narrow opening into a circular cave, carved in the stone, deep in the earth. The cave was filled with dust, to its very edge. It was impossible to stand or sit, only to crawl. We continued inside until it widened, and then, a second cave. This cave was smaller than the first, but here awaited us another surprise. It was also filled with earth, but among the dirt were bones and remnants of (9) pottery scattered around, some of which were in good condition. This pottery was later dated at about 2,900 years old, from the era of King Solomon

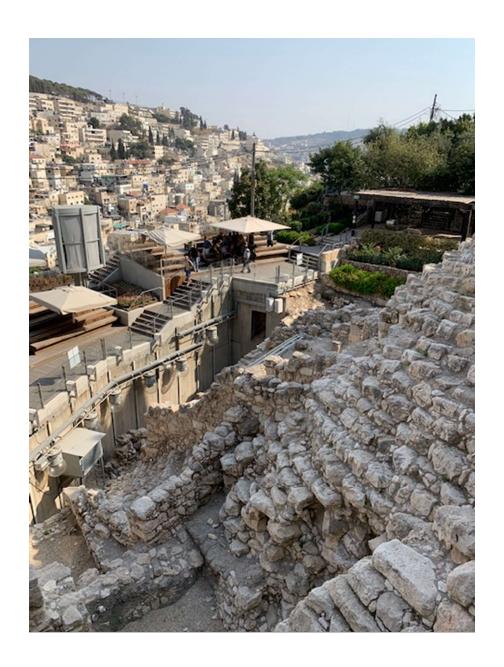
Wind blew in the caves, but the sounds of our hearts pounding was audible. No living being had been this close to the Patriarchs in thousands of years. Each one of us spent some time considering the significance of being in the Caves of the Patriarchs, and of prayer here, adjacent to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah, and even to the tombs of Adam and Eve, by the entrance to the Garden of Eden, where souls and prayers







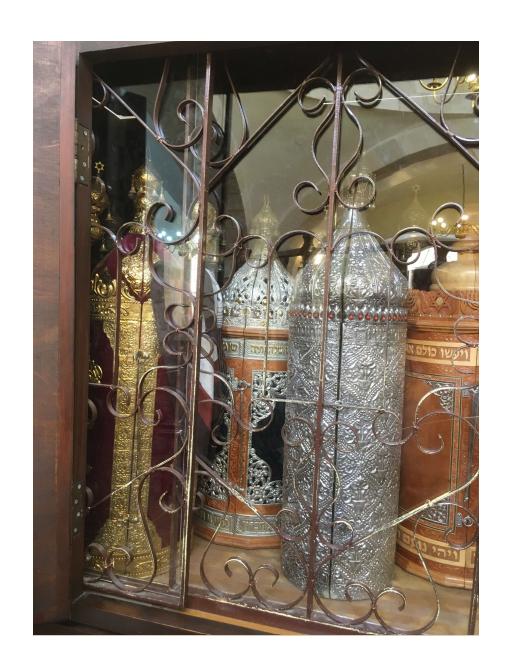


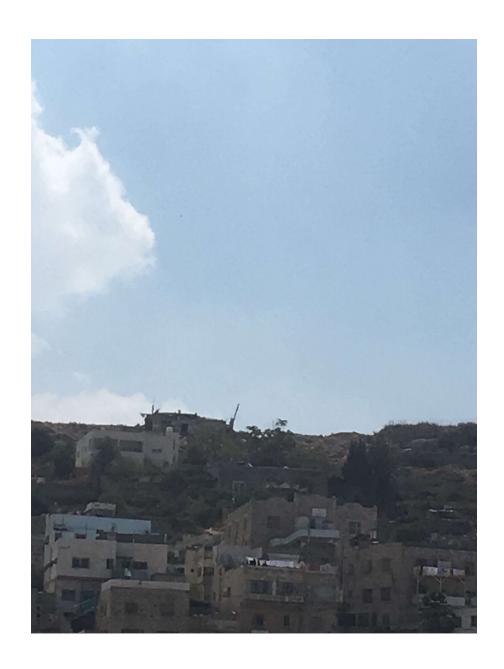






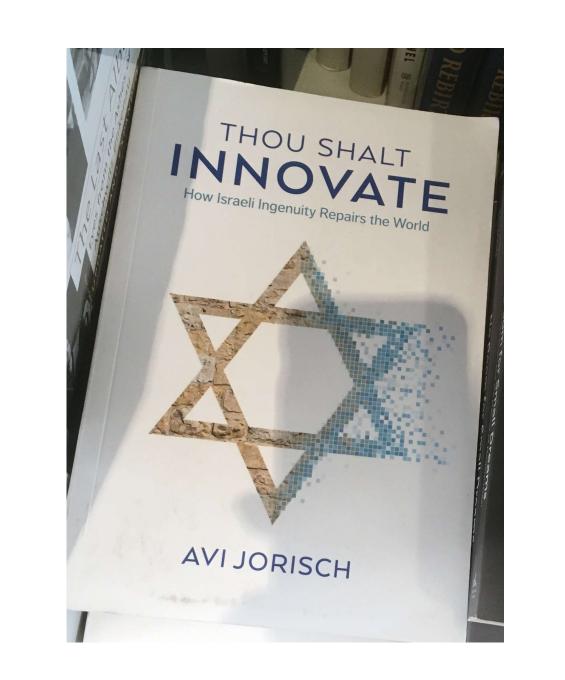




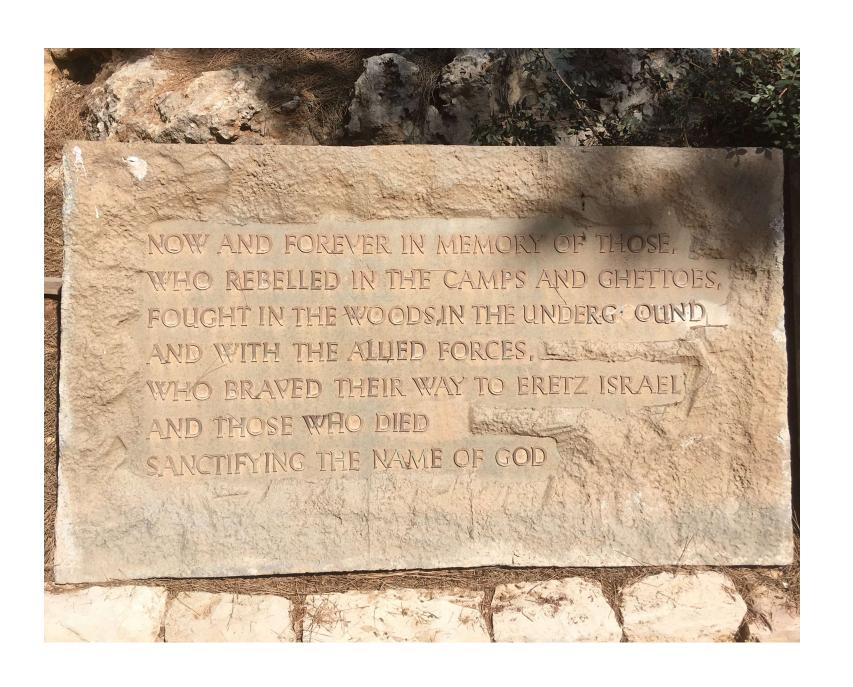


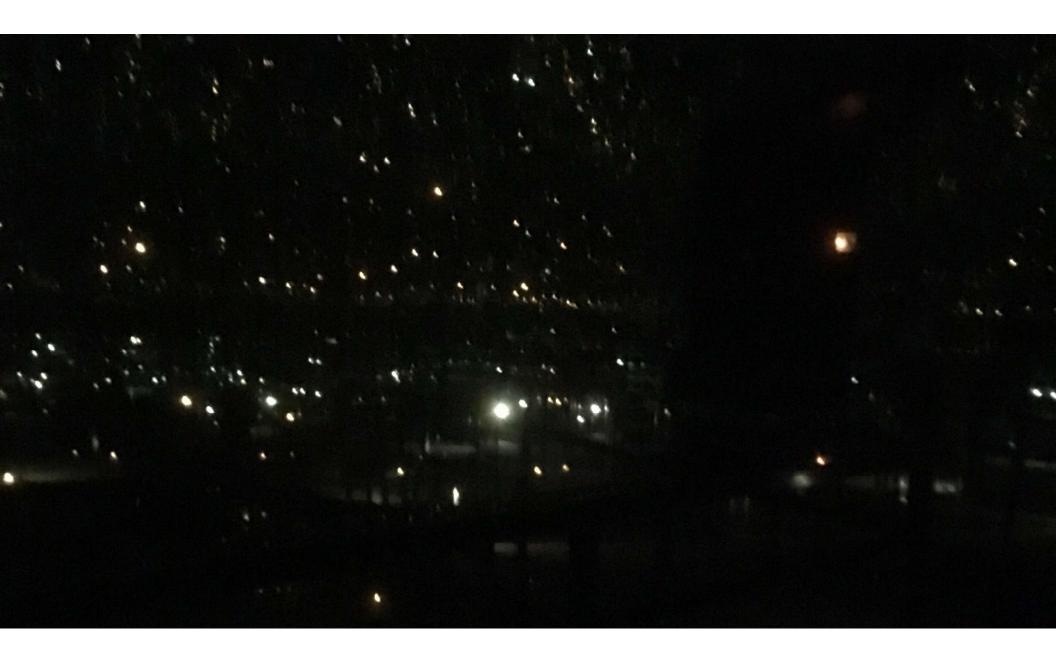








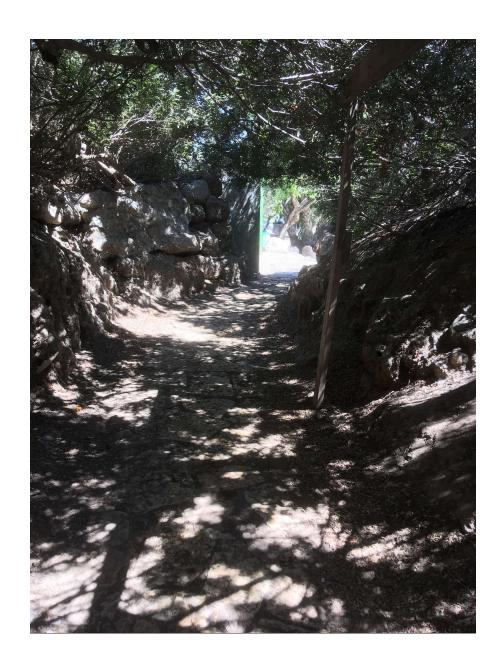


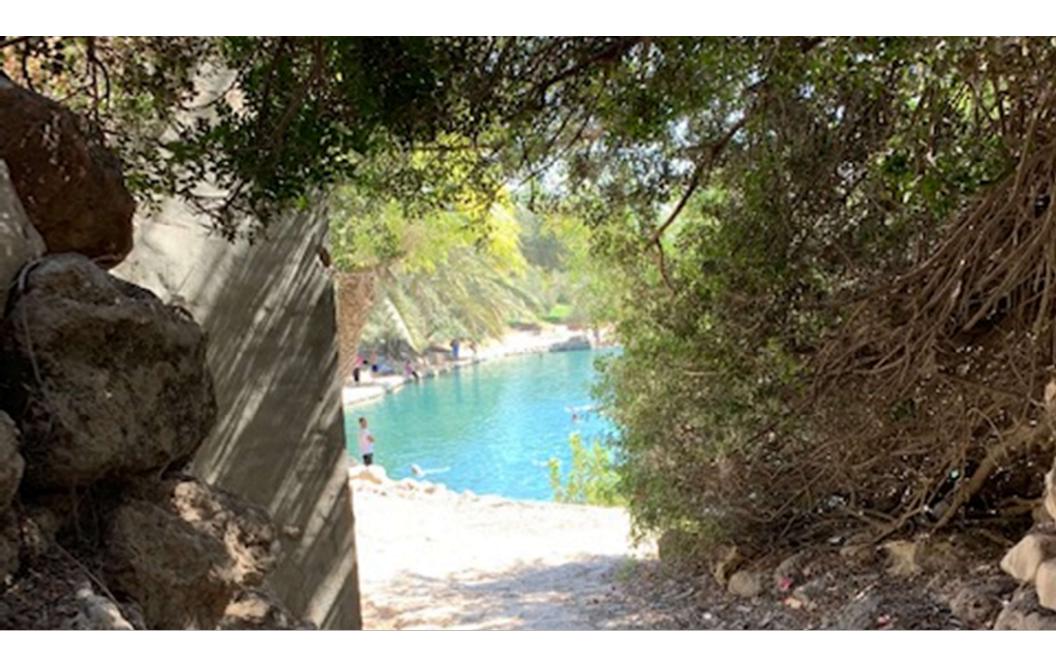




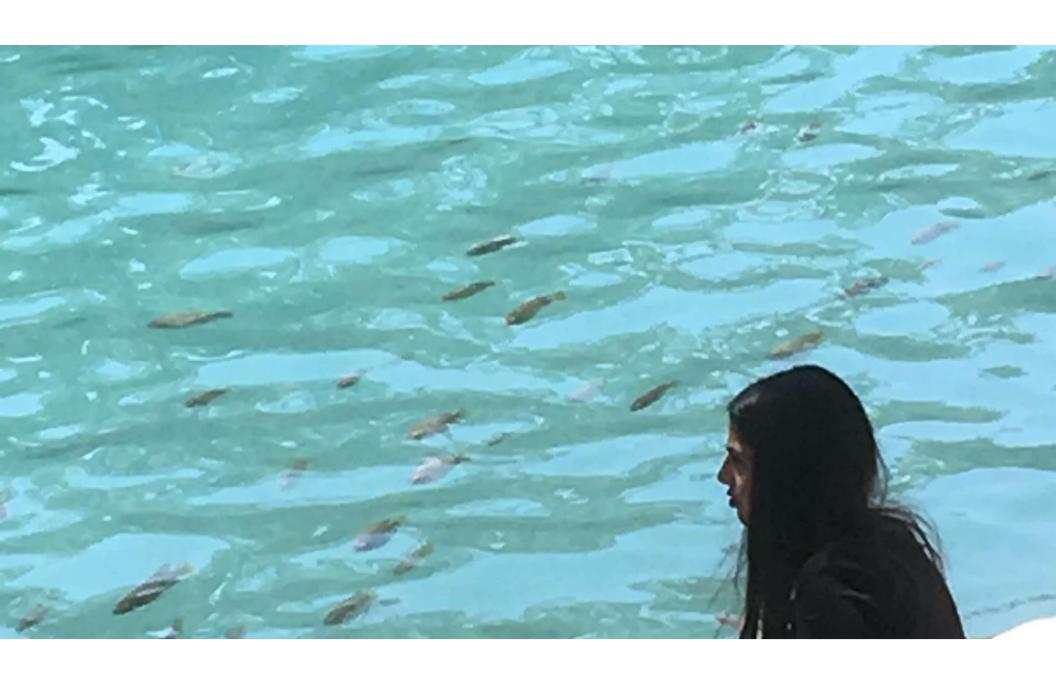






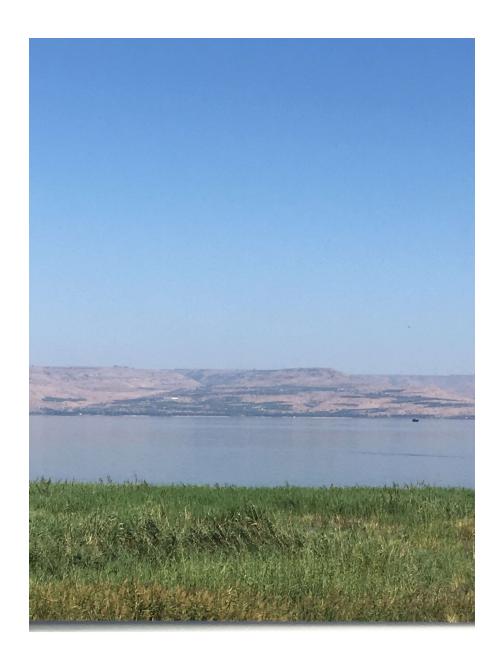






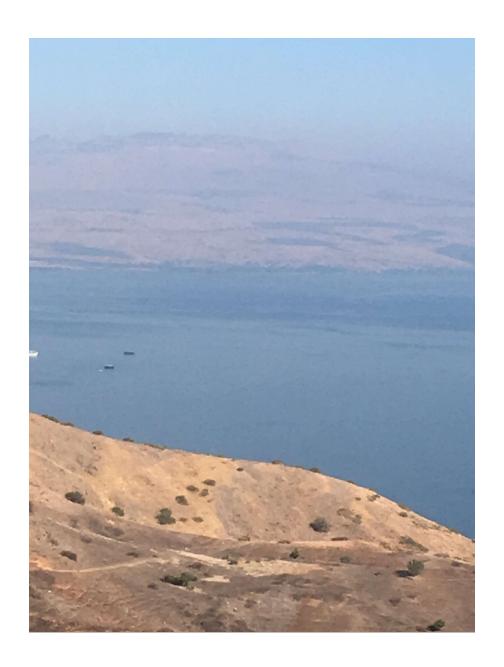


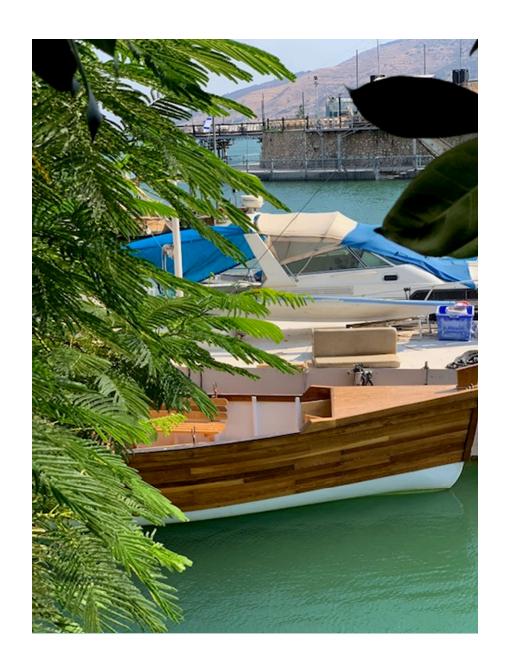


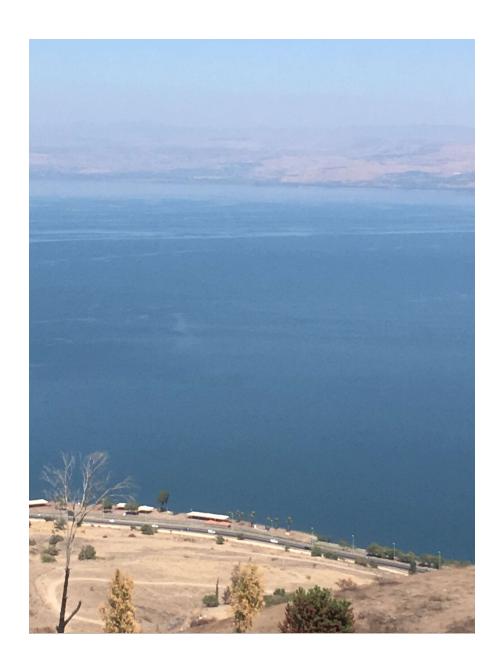


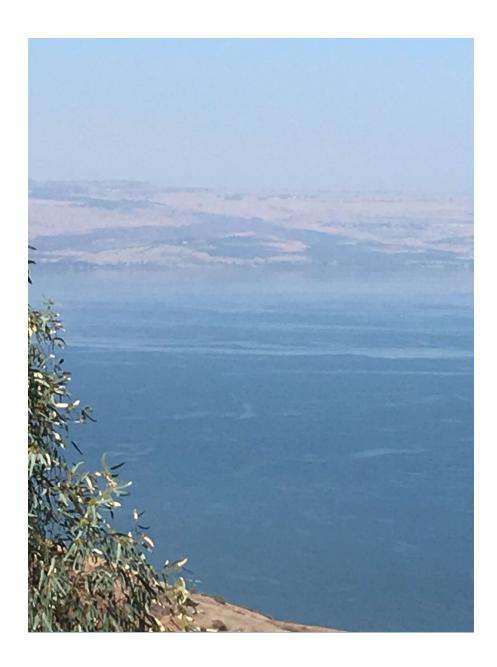


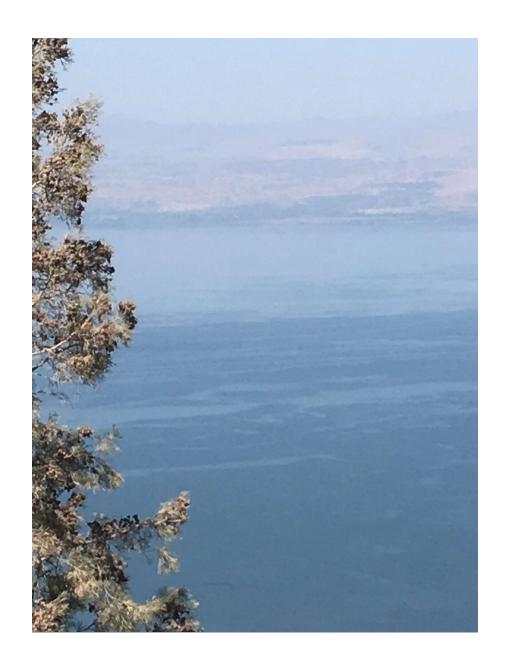












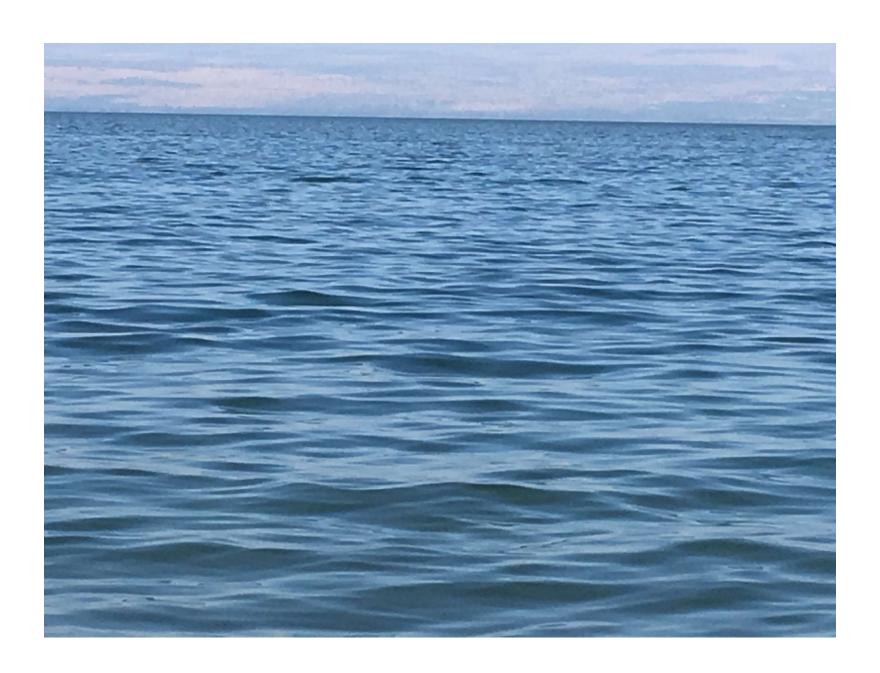


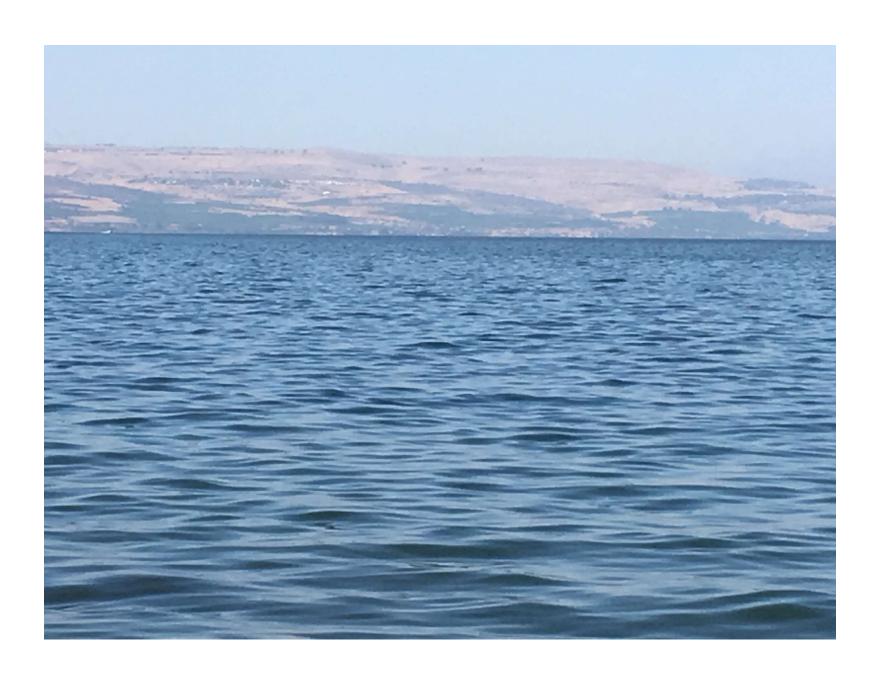


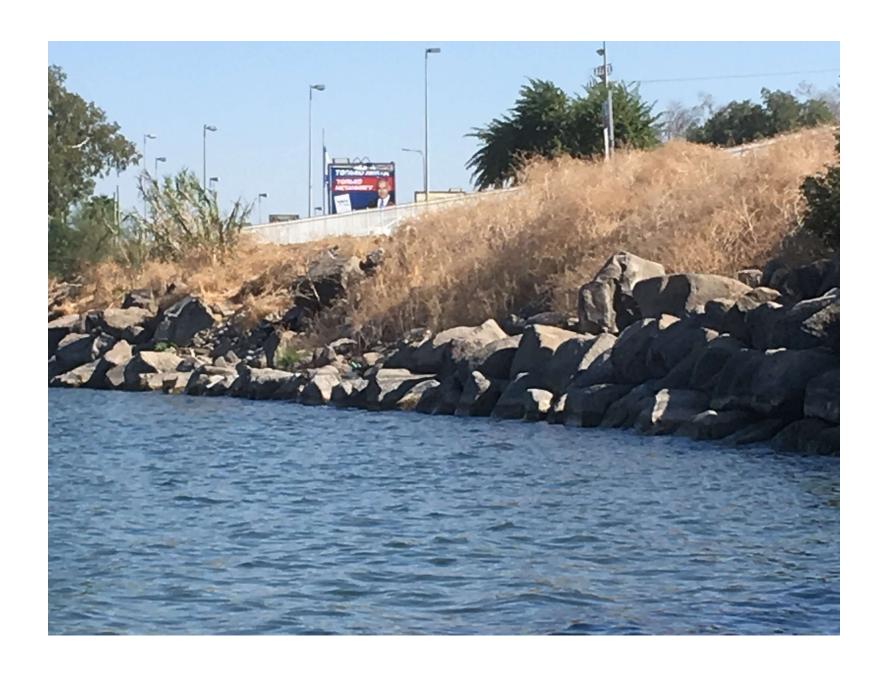








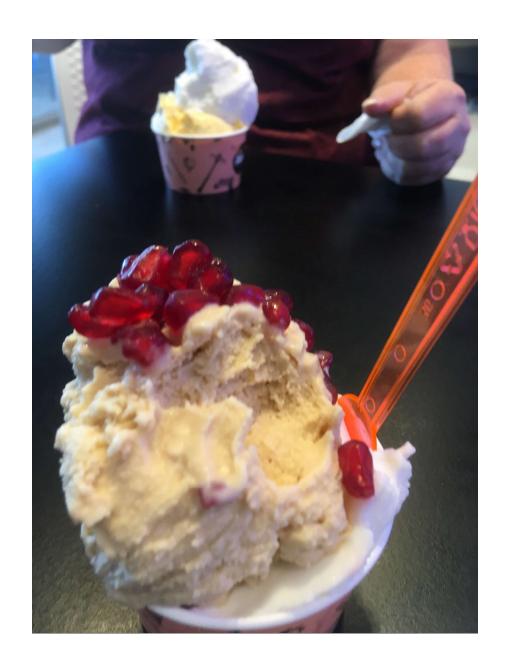


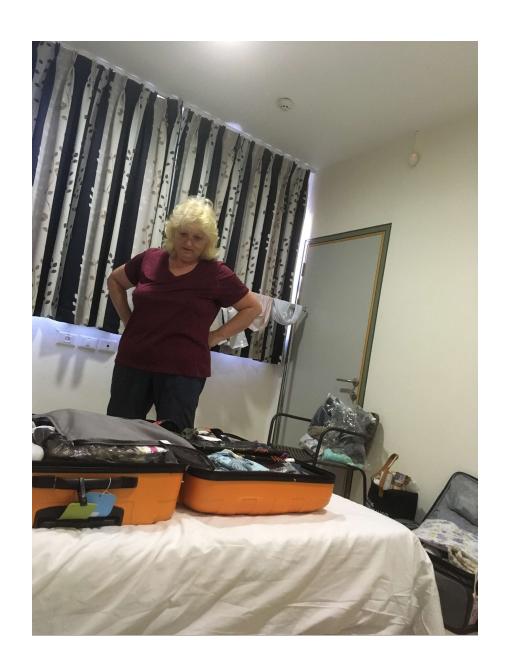


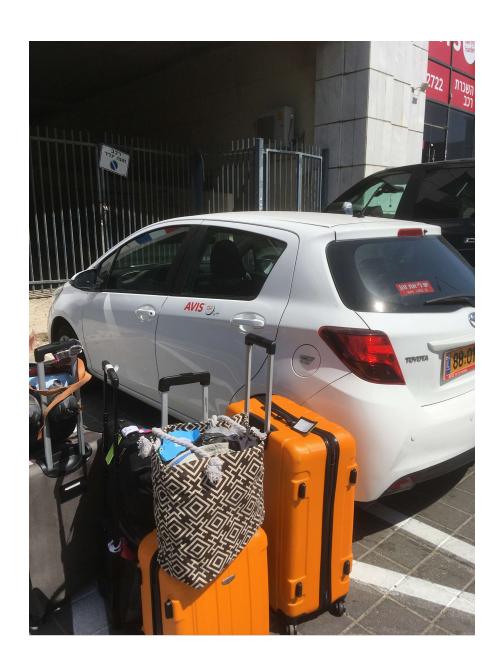


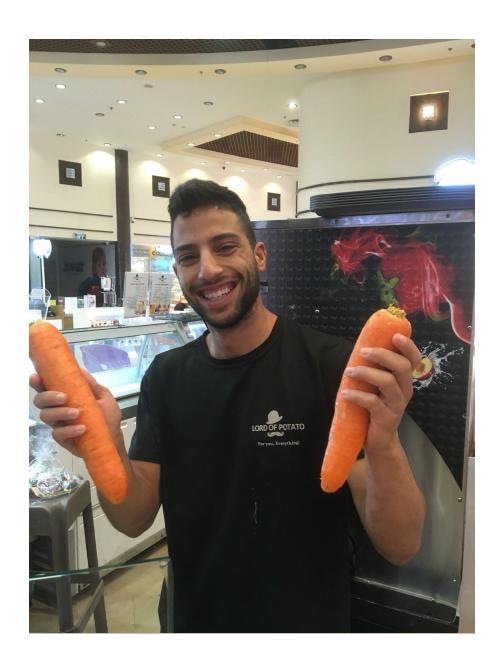




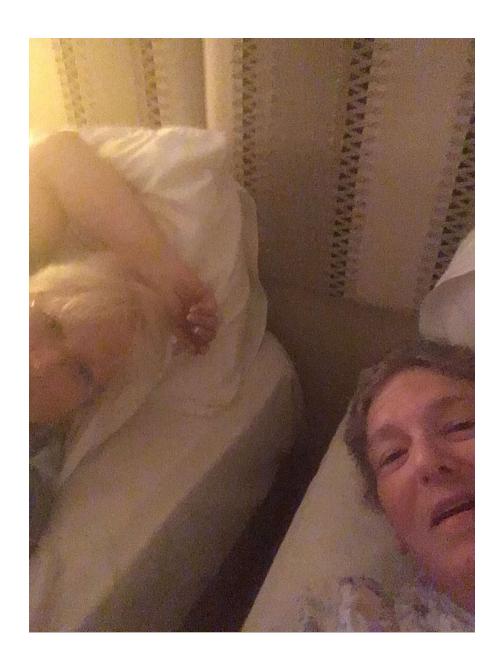








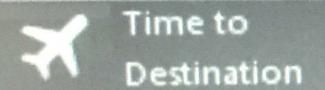






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