

# Reconsidering the Role of Nomads in Ancient Israel and Its World

June 17th, 2021 | 15:00-20:00

Live on Zoom, Physical Location to Be Announced

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15:30 Welcome and Introductory Remarks  
**Prof. Oded Lipschits** | Director of the Institute of Archaeology,  
Tel Aviv University

**Session 1** - New Archaeological Research on Ancient Nomadic Society  
and Its Context

15:40 The Archaeology of Nomads in the Aravah: A New Paradigm  
for the Place of Nomads in the World of Ancient Israel  
**Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef** | Tel Aviv University

16:00 Purple-Dyed Textiles from Timna: Long-Distance Trade in a  
Nomadic Society  
**Dr. Naama Sukenik** | Israel Antiquities Authority

16:20 Imported Pottery from the Hejaz  
**Mr. William Ondricek** | Tel Aviv University

**10 min break**

**Session 2** - Biblical and Historical Perspectives on Nomads in the Biblical World

16:50 Keynote: Nomads in Ancient Israel from the Perspective of the  
Kingdom of Mari  
**Prof. Daniel Bodi** | University of Paris

17:30 Who Was Ishmael and Who Were the Ishmaelites?  
**Prof. Yairah Amit** | Tel Aviv University

17:50 Nomads in the Early Islamic Empire  
**Prof. Gideon Avni** | Israel Antiquities Authority / The Hebrew  
University of Jerusalem

**10 min break**

**Session 3** - Methodological Reflections on Nomads  
in the Biblical World

18:20 The Agency of "Invisible Peoples" in the Ancient  
Southern Levant  
**Prof. Oystein LaBianca** | Andrews University

18:40 Respondent: Nomads and the Population  
of Ancient Israel  
**Prof. Avraham Faust** | Bar-Ilan University

19:00 Concluding Remarks  
**Dr. Zachary Thomas and Prof. Erez Ben-Yosef**  
Tel Aviv University

**19:15-20:45 Open discussion among presenters**

