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## Information page

Dear Dorian,

Welcome to the Tel Dor excavation project!!

Below you can find general information that will help you prepare your trip to Tel Dor. At all times (before and during the season) remember the Israeli/American staff will be happy to help and assist you with any problems you might have.

**Arrival at the airport:** At passport control, you may be asked the purpose of your visit in Israel; answer "tourism". Remember that you will be staying at the Nahsholim Seaside Resort. If you do not have shekels with you, there are machines at the arrivals-hall at the airport that will exchange money at the daily rate (currently about 4.05 NIS to the dollar, but the rates change daily); Israeli ATM's will accept MasterCard and Visa. You may also exchange traveler's checks, dollars, or other hard currency at the airport, although it is usually more expensive. Note that the nearest banks to Dor are at Binyamina or Zichron Yaakov - so this may be the last point to exchange currency.

**Traveling from the airport to Dor:** We have contacted a **taxi** company (HaNadiv taxi) that can wait in the airport and drive participants to the hotel for 350nis (approximately

\$85) for up to four persons. If you are interested in this service you must contact the company four days in advance (Tel +972[0]52-2419-350; Fax +972-4-6271-496). Regular airport taxis are also available on level G of terminal 3. Prices range depending on time and day of the week (weekends and nights are pricier) etc. If you take a regular taxi make sure you agree upon the rate beforehand. You can find a map below with directions to the Kibbutz from the airport in Hebrew and in English.

*The Ben Gurion Airport Line* of the Israel **Railway** Company from the airport to Binyamina (about 20 km. from Dor see map below) costs 32nis (about \$8). You can download the schedule from the company's web site:

<http://www.israrail.org.il/english/index.html>.

From Binyamina you can take a taxi; HaNadiv taxi charges 70nis (\$17) and night rate (9pm-5:30pm) 85nis (21\$). During the day/evening you can find many taxis next to the train station and there is no need to order one in advance. If you arrive at night, you should order a taxi in advance.

If you come to Dor with a **rented car**, you should proceed from the airport in the general direction of Haifa (see map below). Follow the signs from the airport to highway number 1, to Haifa and Tel Aviv. After driving through Tel Aviv on the highway you should turn off to highway number 2 (follow the blue signs to Haifa). Keep on highway 2 northwards for about 50 km. and take the exit to Zichron Ya'akov. At the first intersection (the Fureidis intersection) turn left at the traffic lights to route 4. Just after you pass through the village of Fureidis, take the first left turn from route 4 to Nahsholim / Dor. Keep going till you reach the

beach and the hotels. You will see a sign to the Nahsholim hotel and an automatic gate to your right. Press the intercom to get the lobby to open the gate. There is a parking lot just inside.

**Check in:** You should send your flight number and the time it is scheduled to land in Israel to the Tel Dor office in Jerusalem ([dor-proj@h2.hum.huji.ac.il](mailto:dor-proj@h2.hum.huji.ac.il)) in order to assure a room will be ready once you arrive at the hotel. Check-in is at 12:00 pm (and check-out is at 11:00 am); if you check-in much before noon on your arrival or check-out much later than 11 on your departure, you may be charged for extra day(s). When you arrive at the hotel, go to the reception and tell them you are part of the Tel Dor group and a key will be ready for you.

**Local transportation:** The taxi company noted above is located in a village called Binyamina, about 20 km. from Dor, and will be available during the season as well (they charge 65nis to Zichron Ya'akob, about 16\$). No busses run from the hotel. The closest bus station is on the junction between road 4 (see map) and the route to Dor/Nahsholim. Busses from / to Tel Aviv and Haifa run through every 15 - 30 minutes. There are also local busses going to Binyamina, Zichron Yaakov, Hadera, etc. The nearest train station is in Binyamina and can be reached by taxi. Trains run to Tel Aviv, Haifa and the airport. Busses to Jerusalem are available from Tel Aviv (either at the train station or the central bus station). Remember that local busses and trains stop service on Friday afternoon till Saturday night (and run on tight schedules during these two days).

**Laundry:** A laundry service (washing and drying) will be available for about 5nis per 1 kg. Each participant should have his/her own mesh laundry bag. The laundry will be washed inside the bag and will be returned after 2 to 3 days.

**Shopping:** There is a small convenience store on the Kibbutz and another near the beach. Also on the beach are a café and a restaurant. The nearest mall (with pharmacy, banks etc.) is on route 4, at the Caesaria junction, about 15 km. south of Dor. The nearest towns are Zichron Yaakov, about 10 KM southeast of Dor, and Caesaria. Both are quaint old towns and each has several good restaurants (which may be pricy...) shopping centers etc.

**Communications:** The excavation will keep an emergency mobile phone. The number will be provided shortly before the field season and it will be manned from June 13<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>, 24 hours a day, including weekends. **PLEASE** contact us at this number for ANY problem or question concerning safety issues or any other problem that may need immediate intervention by a staff member during the season.

We highly recommend that each volunteer rent his/her personal mobile phone. They are moderately cheap and can be useful if you get lost or if the folks back home want to get in touch with you in a hurry. Enclosed you will find an offer from one company which offered us a discount deal. You can also register on-line at the company web-site [www.talknsave.net/grouos/tld.asp](http://www.talknsave.net/grouos/tld.asp). Do note that we will not permit volunteers to hold cell phone conversations during work time, except on designated breaks. The company is willing

to make two free deliveries to the hotel during the season. After all reservations are made we will inform you where and when you will receive your phone. As noted in the enclosed in the web site, special delivery is also available for an extra charge. Phones may also be dropped off at the airport before you leave.

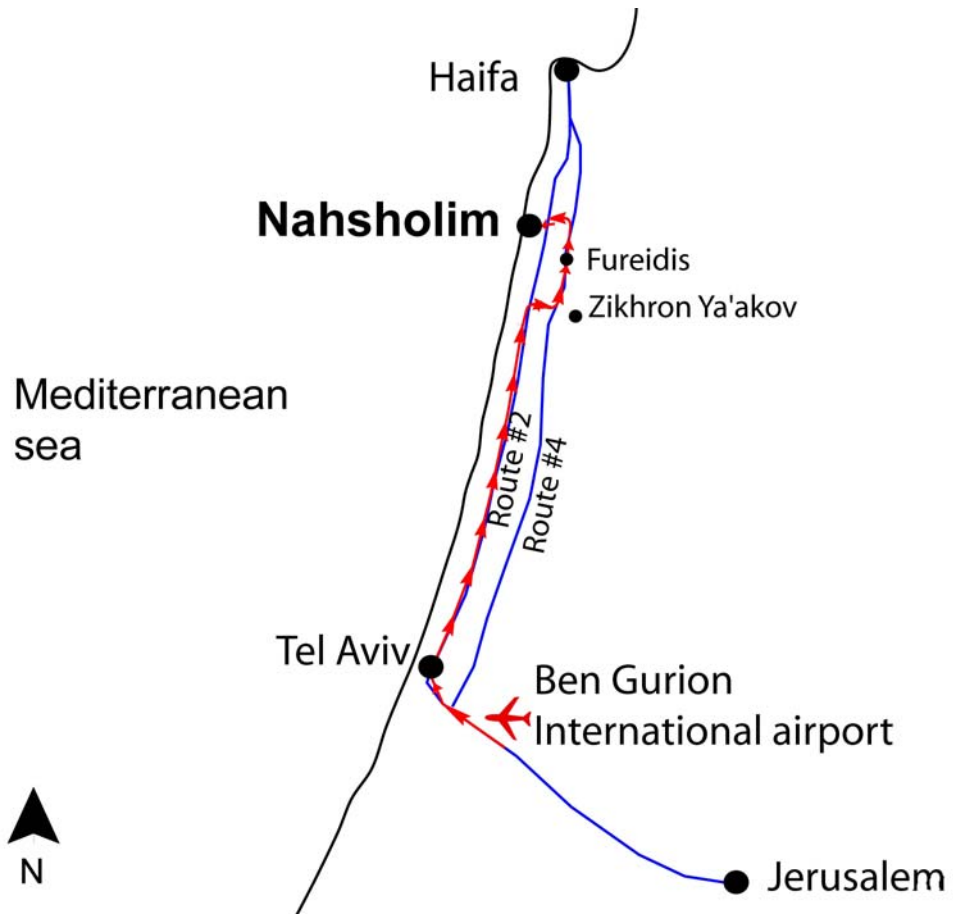
Public phones are available near the hotel lobby and calling cards may be purchased there. There are no phones in the room - though some of them do have phone connections and phones can be provided by the hotel, at extra cost. Do note that phoning the USA from the hotel may well be more expensive than through the cell phone deal.

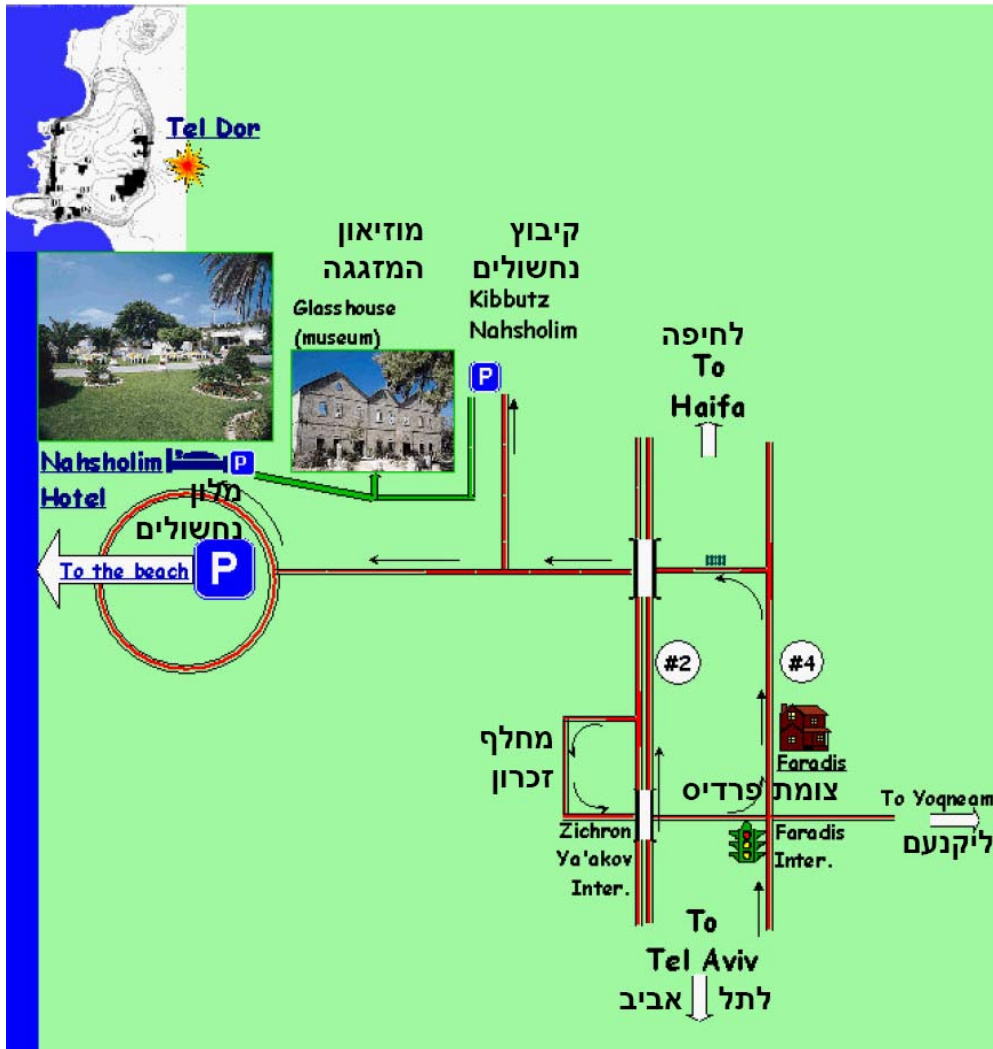
**Internet connection:** There is no internet connection for volunteers from Nahsholim. The hotel has promised to do their best to provide at least one computer with an internet connection for the use of volunteers. We do not have a price yet for this service, should it be available. Towns/villages around the hotel have internet cafés, but as mentioned above, those villages are not within walking distance... The cell phone company offers a relatively pricy offer for plug in your personal lap-top to the internet using a USB stick they provide.

**Hotel rooms:** Each room has a bathroom, television, A/C and small fridge + electric kettle. The hotel provides clean sheets and towels. Any problem you have in your room should be referred to the hotel staff. If you feel your problem was not addressed in a reasonable manner, inform the Dor staff.

**Meals:** The hotel service provides (kosher) breakfast and dinner. On certain occasions, the excavation may switch these schedules and lunch (rather than dinner) will be served in the hotel dining room. You will be notified of such changes ahead of time. Lunch will be provided by the excavation, and served under an awning by the museum. Volunteers may make themselves tea or coffee in their rooms. Coffee / tea bags and sugar will be provided. Other food, drinks, and personal supplies may be purchased at the Kibbutz store and kept in your refrigerators.

**The beach** is one of the loveliest in Israel and all of us will enjoy it. **The Mediterranean sea can be treacherous,** especially if you are not used to swimming in surf. Next to the hotel there is a designated swimming area with lifeguards on duty (08:00-18:00, every day). Volunteers should swim ONLY on this beach, during lifeguard hours.





See you soon,

Tel Dor Excavation project