

Neandertal and *Homo sapiens* material culture in Middle Paleolithic Western Asia

14 March – 16 March, 2023

University of Haifa, Israel



DAY 1

Tuesday, 14 March, 2023

Location: Senate Hall, Eshkol Tower, 29th Floor, University of Haifa

Hominins, hunting strategies and material culture

8:30–9:00		Arrival and registration of participants
9:00–9:30		Welcome and introduction (Omry Barzilai, Reuven Yeshurun and Ron Shimelmitz; Francesca Romagnoli; Ivor Janković)
9:30–10:20	Israel Hershkovitz	Human skeletal variability and hominids in the Levantine Middle Paleolithic
10:20–11:00	Reuven Yeshurun	Variability in hunting practices in the Middle Paleolithic Levant
	Florent Rivals	Neanderthal hunting strategies and seasonality in the Middle Palaeolithic of Western Europe
11:00–11:20		Coffee Break
11:20–13:00	Mina Weinstein-Evron	The material culture of the early Middle Paleolithic: A view from Mishiya Cave, Mount Carmel
	Ron Shimelmitz	Tabun and Skhul: Between Neanderthals and modern humans
	Liliane Meignen	Kebara Cave: Neandertal lithic technical repertoire in the SW Asia Late Middle Paleolithic
	Omry Barzilai	Lithic assemblages and hominids from Geula Cave, Mt. Carmel
	Gonen Sharon	The shape of things to come – site function and technological innovations at final Mousterian hunting locality of NMO
13:00–14:00		Lunch break
14:00–16:30	All trainers	Hands-on session: Lithic assemblages from Tabun, Skhul, Geula, Nahal Aqev, Dimona, Mishiya, Far'ah II, NMO, Nesher Ramle, Kebara

DAY 2

Wednesday, 15 March, 2023

Location: Mitzpor Rabin, Rabin Building, 10th Floor, University of Haifa

Levantine and European material culture

9:00–10:40	Yossi Zaidner	Centripetal Levallois technology in the Levant and the Middle Paleolithic site of Nesher Ramla
	Mae Goder-Goldberger	Hunter-gatherers of the Lower Besor Basin during the Late Middle Paleolithic
	Maya Oron	Cultural variability in the Negev desert during the Middle Paleolithic: the role of Nubian and centripetal Levallois knapping modes
	Daniella Bar-Yosef Mayer	Middle Palaeolithic personal ornaments
	Francesca Romagnoli	Neanderthal shell exploitation in Mediterranean Europe
10:40–11:00		Coffee Break
11:00–13:00	Ivor Janković	The Vindija Cave
	Andrew Kandel	Exploring the ROCEEH Out of Africa Database (ROAD) from a Middle Paleolithic perspective
	Petr Škrdla	Neanderthals and modern Human material culture in Moravia
	Marco Peresani	Observing late Neanderthals and early sapiens from research at Fumane Cave: Present state and perspectives
	Berkay, Dincer	The Middle Paleolithic in Northwestern Turkey
	Zsolt Mester	Neanderthal cultural variability in the Carpathian basin
13:00–14:00		Lunch break
14:00–16:30	Omry Barzilai, Reuven Yeshurun and Ron Shimelmitz (moderators)	Discussion

DAY 3

Thursday, 16 March, 2023

Excursion

Mt. Carmel cave sites (Tabun, Skhul, el-Wad); **guided by Ron Shimelmitz and Reuven Yeshurun**

Nahal Amud cave sites (Amud, Zuttiyeh, Emireh); **guided by Erella Hovers and Natalia Gubenko**

Lookout on the Jordan Valley/Sea of Galilee