

The 'Eretz HaHashmonaim'- English Program

The 'Eretz HaHashmonaim' centre for study and tours in the Modi'in area, invites English speakers to a tour to be guided in English, to learn about the Heritage and history of the Modi'in area from Hasmonean (Hashmonaim) times through to the establishment of the State of Israel, to the present day.

"In the Footsteps of the Hashmonaim"

We will start the tour visiting the ancient synagogue at the archaeological site "Um el Umdan", and continue to the "Givat Sher" hill (by foot), where we will learn through the ruins all about the Hasmonean settlement in the region and the nature of the Hasmonean family.

The tour will take place on **On Friday 16th January**

Start time: 09: 00

Estimated return time: 12: 30

Meeting point: Car Park at corner of Shivtei Israel and Reuben streets, in Buchman

Walking level: Easy

Equipment needed: shoes, hat, water.

Park Canada

We will walk through the park and hear about the battles that Joshua fought there against the five kings. Throughout the tour we will see various panoramic views of the beautiful Ayalon Valley and Gush Dan regions. Finally, we will visit ruins of the city of Emmaus and learn about Judah Maccabee's victory there.

The tour will take place on **Friday, February 6th, 2015.**

Starting time: 9:00 am

Estimated return time: 12:30

Meeting point: the parking lot on the site.* From Modi'in drive toward Latrun on route 3, and turn left (east) before Emaus and Latrun at Park Canada

From route 1 Jerusalem - Tel Aviv road, turn right into the park

Walking level: Easy

Equipment needed: shoes, hat, water.

Givat HaTitorea

We will walk through an archeological site where evidence has been found dating the ancient settlement there to 6,000 years ago. We will travel through time, learning about various historical time periods in this area, ranging from the time of the Hashmonaim (Hasmoneans), through and including the establishment of the state of Israel. The tour will discuss the ancient settlement and the various battles that took place there throughout history. Hopefully Givat HaTitorea preserved as a "Green Area" in the heart of the city.

The tour will take place on **Friday, March 13th, 2015.**

Starting time: 9:00 am

Estimated return time: 12:30

Meeting point: The parking lot on the site,

Walking level: Easy

Equipment needed: shoes, hat, water.

The tours include some light walking.

**** In the event of rain, the tours may be postponed 1 week****

Registration is required. Tours cost: 35 nis per person.

For details and registration-

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