

Support the IAA Mission through Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority

Dig for a Day – help transport local Israeli school children to learn about their heritage on an IAA dig.

Suggested contribution \$3,000

Conserve a Vessel – help restore an ancient vessel.

Donor(s) will be recognized on the artifact tag that accompanies the vessel at all times.

Suggested contribution \$5,000

Support a Scholar – help allow an IAA scholar to complete his/her graduate work or attend a scholarly conference abroad. Donor(s) will be recognized in accompanying publications.

Suggested contribution \$10,000

Adopt a Scroll – help conserve and preserve a Dead Sea Scroll fragment. Donor(s) will receive a photographic reproduction of the scroll with a dedication plaque bearing the donor's name.

Suggested contribution \$25,000

Sponsor a Dig – help support the IAA's excavation of the Great Synagogue of Vilna. Donor(s) will be recognized with the excavation and names entered into the final publication volumes.

Suggested contribution \$50,000

Install an Exhibition – help bring a small-scale exhibition of Israel's National Treasures to your local museum, place of worship or school. Donor(s) will be recognized with the exhibit.

Suggested contribution \$75,000

The Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that supports the promotion of archaeological research and education, initiates the exhibition of findings from Israeli archaeological sites abroad, and sponsors activities designed to share the antiquities of the Holy Land with as many people as possible. The Friends of the IAA provides financial support to the Israel Antiquities Authority for a diverse range of archaeological and educational projects throughout Israel. Funds are provided for excavations and field work, development of archaeological parks and gardens, publications, object conservation and restoration and preservation of antiquity sites.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution, in your name or in honor of another, to preserve and understand historic sites and objects in Israel. The Friends also welcome legacy gifts through stocks, charitable gift annuities, bequests, and more.

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Discovering, protecting,
and sharing the history
and cultural heritage of
the Jewish people



Discovering and protecting the Jewish cultural heritage

As the Jewish homeland, Israel has particular significance to Jews around the world, and the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) plays a crucial role in protecting sites and antiquities significant to this history. Created after the formation of the State of Israel in 1948, the IAA has become the world's **preeminent organization in Israeli and Biblical archaeology**, with a reputation for unparalleled professionalism and scholarship.

Ancient sites and artifacts face many threats – from elements, thieves, and/or development. The exacting care and diligence of the IAA **protect this valuable history in one of the most excavated places in the world**. Not only must the Authority approve permits for new developments and excavations, it assumes guardianship and curates all discoveries and finds. It also lends its expertise around the world.

The IAA has restored and conserved more than **30,000 archaeological sites**, and its nearly **2 million archaeological objects** is the largest collection in the world of artifacts from Israel. Located on Museum Hill in Jerusalem, the IAA's new National Campus for the Archaeology of Israel, currently under construction, will be the only open, interactive center for the conservation, study and presentation of Holy Land antiquities. Once complete, this innovative, striking structure will allow the public to see many treasures in the collection for the first time, inspiring millions of visitors from around the globe with the rich past of the Jewish people in the Holy Land.

Finding and preserving the original text of the Torah

The IAA is the guardian of one of the most important finds in the field of archaeology, the Dead Sea Scrolls. These fragments that make up the oldest known copies of the five books of the Torah, written 2000 years ago, continue to yield new discoveries today. Using NASA-developed technology, the IAA is able to decipher letters and characters on these fragments that were previously invisible to the human eye. The IAA has also launched a new effort to survey the area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were located and to secure and protect additional manuscripts for the future.



Telling the story of the Jewish people

The IAA's discoveries relate the history of the Jewish people through time, from remains showing the Babylonian destruction of the First Temple to coins showing broad support of the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans (132-136 CE). The IAA plays a critical role in protecting this record of the past and sharing it with the world, including managing Masada, one of the most important symbols of the Kingdom of Israel and the resistance of Jewish patriots to the Roman army.



Revealing Jewish historical ties to the land of Israel

The IAA is responsible for numerous sites and artifacts that demonstrate that the Jewish people have lived in Israel and Jerusalem for centuries. Major discoveries include a seal with the inscription, “Belonging to Hezekiah (son of) Ahaz king of Judah,” a ritual Jewish bath found under the living room of a Jerusalem family; and a papyrus from the First Temple Period referring to Jerusalem and written in Hebrew.

