



UNEARTHING THE PAST SINCE 1900

# Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research

NUMBER 378

## Table of Contents

NOVEMBER 2017

### Articles

- CHRISTINA LUKE AND CHRISTOPHER H. ROOSEVELT: Cup-Marks and Citadels: Evidence for Libation in 2nd-Millennium B.C.E. Western Anatolia. . . . . 1–23
- EDHEM ELDEM: Early Ottoman Archaeology: Rediscovering the Finds of Ascalon (Ashkelon), 1847 . . . . . 25–53
- ERIC R. FORCE: Seismic Environments of Prehistoric Settlements in Northern Mesopotamia: A Review of Current Knowledge . . . . . 55–69
- SILVIA FERRARA AND MIGUEL VALÉRIO: Contexts and Repetitions of Cypro-Minoan Inscriptions: Function and Subject Matter of Clay Balls. . . . . 71–94
- ELSPETH R. M. DUSINBERRE: Administration, Interaction, and Identity in Lydia before the Persian Empire: A New Seal from Sardis . . . . . 95–111
- ANAT MENDEL-GEBEROVICH, ARIE SHAUS, SHIRA FAIGENBAUM-GOLOVIN, BARAK SOBER, MICHAEL CORDONSKY, ELI PIASETZKY, AND ISRAEL FINKELSTEIN: A Brand New Old Inscription: Arad Ostrakon 16 Rediscovered via Multispectral Imaging . . . . . 113–125
- HAYIM LAPIN: Population Contraction in Late Roman Galilee: Reconsidering the Evidence . . . . . 127–143
- AARON SCHADE: RYT or HYT in Line 12 of the Mesha Inscription: A New Examination of the Stele and the Squeeze, and the Syntactic, Literary, and Cultic Implications of the Reading . . . . . 145–162
- RAPHAEL GREENBERG, HAI ASHKENAZI, ALICE BERGER,<sup>†</sup> MARK ISERLIS, YITZHAK PAZ, Yael ROTEM, RON SHIMELMITZ, MELISSA TAN, AND SARIT PAZ: The Circles Building (Granary) at Tel Bet Yerah (Khirbet el-Kerak): A New Synthesis (Excavations of 1945–1946, 2003–2015) . . . . . 163–202
- KATHLEEN BIRNEY: Phoenician Bathing in the Hellenistic East: Ashkelon and Beyond. . . . . 203–222

### Book Reviews

- ZEEV WEISS: *Public Spectacles in Roman and Late Antique Palestine* (Garrett G. Fagan<sup>†</sup>). . . . . 223–225
- BURTON MACDONALD: *The Southern Transjordan Edomite Plateau and the Dead Sea Rift Valley: The Bronze Age to the Islamic Period (3800/3700 BC–AD 1917)* (Juan Manuel Tebes) . . . . . 225–227
- ANDREW T. CREEKMORE III AND KEVIN D. FISHER, eds.: *Making Ancient Cities: Space and Place in Early Urban Societies* (Gregory A. Crawford) . . . . . 227–229
- DANNY SYON: *Small Change in Hellenistic-Roman Galilee: The Evidence from Numismatic Site Finds as a Tool for Historical Reconstruction* (Jane DeRose Evans) . . . . . 229–231
- KHAIR YASSINE AND EVELINE VAN DER STEEN: *Tell el-Mazar II: Excavations on the Mound 1977–1981; Field I* (Gerald L. Mattingly) . . . . . 231–233
- KRISTINE HENRIKSEN GARROWAY: *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household* (David A. Fiensy) . . . . . 233–235
- DAVID BEN-SHLOMO AND GUS W. VAN BEEK, eds.: *The Smithsonian Institution Excavation at Tell Jemmeh, Israel, 1970–1990* (Kyle H. Keimer) . . . . . 235–237
- RACHEL HACHLILI: *Ancient Synagogues—Archaeology and Art: New Discoveries and Current Research* (Charles Anthony Stewart) . . . . . 238–239

SEYMOUR GITIN, ed.: <i>The Ancient Pottery of Israel and Its Neighbors from the Iron Age through the Hellenistic Period</i> , 2 vols. (Gerald L. Mattingly) . . . . .	240–242
ANTOINE HERMARY AND JOAN R. MERTENS: <i>The Cesnola Collection of Cypriot Art: Stone Sculpture</i> . 1st rev. ed. (Derek B. Counts) . . . . .	242–244
RAPHAEL GREENBERG, ed.: <i>Bet Yerah: The Early Bronze Age Mound, Vol. 2: Urban Structure and Material Culture, 1933–1986 Excavations</i> (Felix Höflmayer) . . . . .	244–247
AMNON BEN-TOR: <i>Hazor: Canaanite Metropolis, Israelite City</i> (Katharina Streit) . . . . .	247–249
SUSANNE KERNER, RACHAEL J. DANN, AND PERNILLE BANGSGAARD, eds.: <i>Climate and Ancient Societies</i> (Brandon Lee Drake) . . . . .	249–251
SUSAN ACKERMAN, CHARLES E. CARTER, AND BETH ALPERT NAKHAI, eds.: <i>Celebrate Her for the Fruit of Her Hands: Essays in Honor of Carol L. Meyers</i> (Erin Darby) . . . . .	251–252

### Erratum

In an article by Melissa S. Cradic, titled “Embodiments of Death: The Funerary Sequence and Commemoration in the Bronze Age Levant,” published in *BASOR* 377 (2017): 219–48, Tables 1 and 2 contained data from chapters by Marina Faerman and Pat Smith that are forthcoming but have not yet appeared in *Megiddo VI: The 2010–2014 Seasons*. Responsibility for this unfortunate error rests with us: We gave Cradic authority to use unpublished works on the finds from Area K at Megiddo, unintentionally failing to exclude that material. Note that Table 2 should also cite “Faerman (in press)” as its original source, which should be added to the bibliography as “M. Faerman (in press), “The Bioanthropology of the Inhabitants of the Late Middle to Early Late Bronze Age at Megiddo: Intramural Pit and Jar burials from Area K, Level K-10,” *Megiddo VI: The 2010–2014 Seasons*, ed. I. Finkelstein, M. A. S. Martin and M. J. Adams (Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University, in press).”

—Israel Finkelstein and Mario A. S. Martin

*Front cover:* Recto of Arad Ostrakon 16, current photo (*left*) and new facsimile (*right*); photo courtesy of the Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University (photographer: Michael Cordonsky) and of the Israel Antiquities Authority; facsimile drawing by Anat Mendel-Geberovich, Arie Shaus, Shira Faigenbaum-Golovin, and Barak Sober.

*Back cover:* (*Top*) The east facade of the Circles Building, with the ramp at its base; © Tel Bet Yerah Archaeological Project. (*Center*) Achaemenid seal from Sardis (IAM 4641); courtesy of Yapı Kredi Bankası, Vedat Nedim Tör Müzesi. (*Lower left photo*) Sarcophagus of Phaedra and Hippolytus, with a depiction of a sphinx on the narrow side, Istanbul Archaeological Museums no. 125; courtesy of the Istanbul Archaeological Museums. (*Bottom*) Plan of the alterations in the Circles Building in its second use-phase; © Tel Bet Yerah Archaeological Project.