

# Fulbright-Albright Anniversary Event

## February 8, 2026 | Jerusalem

### Celebrating American and Israeli contributions to archaeology

9:30 AM – 10:00 | Arrival & Coffee with Poster Exhibition

10:00 AM – 10:30 | Opening Session

Welcome remarks from

[Dr. Anat Lapidot-Firilla](#), Executive Director, Fulbright Israel

[Dr. James Fraser](#), Dorot Director, W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research

[U.S. Embassy](#) representatives

10:30 – 12:00 | “Talking Academia” – Debates in Archaeology Today

Moderated by [Dr. Avner Ecker](#)

*Widening the Edges: Israeli Archaeological Work across Central and East Asia*

[Professor Gideon Shelach-Lavi](#), Hebrew University of Jerusalem

[Professor Michael Shenkar](#), Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Looking at Jerusalem from Two Directions*

[Dr. Yiftah Shalev](#), Israel Antiquities Authority

[Professor Andrea M. Berlin](#), Boston University

*Does archaeology disprove the Bible?*

[Professor Ze'ev Herzog](#), Tel Aviv University

[Professor Erez Ben-Yosef](#), Tel Aviv University

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 | Current Research

Presentations from

[Dr. Simeon Ehrlich](#), Georgia State University (moderator)

[Professor Dalit Rom-Shiloni](#), Tel Aviv University

[Dr. Peter Zilberg](#), Bar-Ilan University

[Ms. Nurith Goshen](#), The Israel Museum

[Dr. Vered Eshed](#), Israel Antiquities Authority

[Dr. David Gurevich](#), University of Haifa, Ariel University

[Professor Assaf Yasur-Landau](#), University of Haifa (with closing remarks)

14:30 – 15:00 | Coffee Break

15:00 – 15:30 | Keynote Address

*Shared Pasts, Shared Futures: The IAA and American Archaeologists in Israel*

[Dr. Debora Sandhaus](#) interviewed by [Professor Andrea M. Berlin](#)

\*Available on Zoom for our American audience

15:30 – 16:00: A Chance to Dig Deeper

Networking activity to learn more about fellow participants

16:00 – 17:30: Evening Reception

Closing remarks by [Dr. Avner Ecker](#), Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Wine and refreshments provided

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