

## Practical information

There are trains from the airport (Ben Gurion Airport) to Haifa (Hof HaCarmel station) all night long, see URL <http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx> .

A one-way fare is about 40 Shekel (8 Euro/\$10). Please be advised that the train and other public transportation do not run in Israel on Shabbat (from Friday early afternoon until approx. 19:30 on Saturday night (after sunset) in June,).

Taxi from the Airport to Haifa will cost about 450-500 Shekel (90-100 Euro, \$120-\$140). At night or Shabbat, the fare is higher.

Information about transportation from Haifa back to the Airport or elsewhere will be given at the Meeting site.

From the train station in Haifa it is possible to get a taxi to the hotel/Technion- day fare is about 50-60 Shekel (10-12 Euro, \$13-16). night /Shabbat fare may be around 80 Shekel (16 Euro, \$22), There is also city bus 11 going directly to the Technion from the Central Bus Station adjacent to the train station. A cost of a bus ride is 6.60 shekel (1.4 Euro, \$1.7). However, it is somewhat problematic (not advised) to board a bus with a large-size luggage.

Another option to arrive in Haifa from the Airport is to take a shared taxi from the airport (in Hebrew "sherut"). The fare should be around 100 Shekel (18 Euro, \$24) and they bring you to the hotel or to any other destination in Haifa. The disadvantage is that they wait until the taxi is filled with 9-10 passengers which may take a long (unpredictable) time.

The map (scaled 1:18000, i.e. 1cm=180 m) posted in the website contains two pages which are to be put side by side (one is a continuation of the other): the Mediterranean sea coast with the Hof HaCarmel train station (marked there by **119**) is on the west and the other page with the Technion City (Qiryat HaTechnion) is on the east- they overlap, for example, in Romema where the Marom Hotel is located and is marked by **24**. Please pay attention to that Haifa is located on the Carmel Mountain, so the terrain is hilly, and the valleys between different hills are marked on the map by green. The main throughfares are marked by yellow. Hotels Dan Panorama, Dan Gardens, Nof Carmel and Dan Carmel are all located in Central Carmel neighborhood and are marked by **20, 19, 27**, slightly outside the map but next to **27**, respectively.

For those who plan to reach the Technion from Dan Panorama, Nof Carmel and Dan Carmel Hotels:

To reach the Technion from these hotels, one should take bus 31 (the fare 6.60 Shekel), (the stop is on the other side of the main street (Hanassi Ave.) running once an hour into the Technion. Then, follow directions in "Once you are inside the Technion" below.

It is also possible to take a taxi, the day fare should be around 50 Shekels (10 Euro, \$13) - ask to drop you off near the Grand Water research institute. In case the driver does not speak English, show him this

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For those who plan to reach the Technion from the Dan Gardens Hotel:

To reach the Technion from, Gane Dan Hotel, go to the right once you are on the street and turn right into Wedgwood Ave. Go straight until you reach the main street Hanassi Ave., cross it and take bus 31 (the fare 6.60 Shekel) from the stop near the crossing on your right. It runs once an hour into the Technion. Then, follow directions in "Once you are inside the Technion" below.

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For those who plan to reach the Technion from the Marom Hotel:

When you get out of the hotel, you turn left and reach after about 100 meters the beginning of a paved path on your right. This path goes downhill and leads you to a street. Following this street further downhill you will reach an intersection. This should take no more than 5 minutes. You need to cross this intersection straight ahead to the opposite hill and on your left you'll find a bus stop (when you cross the street you might see in front of you on the side of the street you are heading to a gas station). The buses (lines 11 and 31) will bring you to the Technion. Approximate times of their departure from that bus stop in the morning are: 8:23, 8:40, 9:01 and 9:10. The bus ride should take no more than 10-12 minutes.

It is also possible to take any bus line going in the direction of Shekhunat Ziv and transfer there with the same ticket purchased during the first bus ride on to bus lines 17, 19 or 76 going into the Technion.

It is also possible to get a taxi (7-10 minutes ride with the fare of about 35-40 shekel (7-8 Euro, \$10), or take a bus [line 11 twice an hour during a day and once an hour after 4 pm, or line 31 (once an hour)] (fare 6.60 shekel).

Alternatively, it is possible to walk along the main road (Hankin St., then Natan Komoi (Komolyi) and Malal Streets to the main Technion entrance (West gate) marked by number 100 on the Technion map which is also attached here. It is located at the intersection of Yaacov (Yaaqov) Dori Road (within the Technion, not the other one which is outside of the Technion) and Reiskin Promenade/David Roze Ave.). This should take about 35-40 minutes (this is my estimate as I never walked it by myself), as the walk is a bit uphill. Please be prepared to have your belongings checked at the Main Gate for your security (everybody walking into the campus is checked there).

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Once you are inside the Technion:

When you get to the Technion, the bus will stop at the main gate. Then, get off the bus at the first stop inside the Technion- look at the Technion map I sent you earlier- this will be the bus stop marked by a red sign there along the Reiskin Promenade. Then cross the street and follow the street going downhill and marked on the map by blue color until the square marked on the map 830. Turn right and follow the street to building 820 (The Grand Water Research Institute) which is located on your left slightly below the street level. The lecture room is on the ground floor.

### **Credit cards & Currency Exchange:**

- All major credit cards are accepted in Israel.
- Most banks, including those at the Airport and on Campus, will exchange major currencies, such as USD and Euro, for Israeli Shekel (NIS).
- Israeli Shekel can also be obtained at many Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), including the Airport and on Campus.