

**Group Travel from the Ben-Gurion (Tel Aviv) Airport and the Conference Hotels on Sunday, 8/1/06.**

1. Sunday, 8/1/06, Group of 10:30 am.

A minibus will leave the Airport at about 10:30 am. It is expected that passengers arriving aboard Continental flight 84 and Turkish Airline flight TK-1184 will join this group as well as conference participants arriving by local transportation from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. To join the group, please look for the EMCC – 4 sign in the "Greeters" Hall on exit from the Arrivals Hall.

2. Sunday, 8/1/06, Group of 5:30 pm.

A minibus will leave the Airport at about 5:30 pm. It is expected that passengers arriving aboard Continental flight 90 and Turkish Airline flight TK-1186 will join this group as well as conference participants arriving by local transportation from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. To join the group, please look for the EMCC – 4 sign in the "Greeters" Hall on exit from the Arrivals Hall.

Conference participants who will use local transportation to get to the Airport in order to join one of those groups are kindly asked to send their name, number of persons in the party and the group (morning or afternoon) they are interested to join by e-mail to: [lironbz@bgu.ac.il](mailto:lironbz@bgu.ac.il). The easiest way to get to the airport is by train. Information regarding the train service is available at: <http://www.israrail.org.il/english/index.html>

**Group travel from the La Meridian hotel to the Ben Gurion Airport on Wenesday, 11/1/06.**

A minibus will leave the La Meridian hotel at 12 am. It is expected that passengers departing aboard Turkish Airlines flight TK-1187 (departure time 5:30 pm) will join this group.

**After conference tour with transportation to the Airport and to the Tel-Aviv central rail station on Wednesday, 11/1/06.**

Tour buses will depart from the La Meridian hotel at 12:45 am. First we will travel to Sede Boqer and after that visit the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (see more tour information below). The buses will bring the participants to the Ben-Gurion Airport (approximate time of arrival 8:30 pm, adequate check in time for Continental flight 91 to the US) and to the central (Arlozorov) train station in Tel-Aviv (approximate time of arrival 9:00 pm).

In Sede Boqer the tour includes the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, world leader in the research of water, solar energy, agriculture, architecture, and anthropology in the desert. You will have the unique opportunity to meet scientists & students from all parts of the world.

From there, we will go visit Ben-Gurion's gravesite, which is located in one of the most beautiful landscapes in all of Israel. We will then leave to Ben-Gurion University Campus, in Beer-Sheva, to tour the campus and learn about the fascinating research done in nanotechnology, biotechnology, & robotics.

We hope you will join us for this most enjoyable & enriching tour.

If you are interested to attend the after conference tour and have not registered yet, please send your name and the number of persons in your party to: [lironbz@bgu.ac.il](mailto:lironbz@bgu.ac.il).

### **Public transportation**

Information about the transportation options available at the Ben Gurion Airport can be found in the web site:

<http://www.iaa.gov.il/Rashat/en-US/Airports/BenGurion/>.

The cheapest travel option is to take the train from the Ben Gurion Airport to Tel Aviv Merkaz (travel time 15 minutes), the train from Tel Aviv Merkaz to Beer-Sheva Center (travel time 1 hour and 30 minutes) and to take the Egged company bus from Beer-Sheva to the Dead Sea Hotels (travel time 1 hour). The Egged Beer-Sheva station is located next to the Beer-Sheva Center train station and there are four buses during the day to the Dead Sea: Bus No. 385 at 6:00 am and bus No. 384 at 9:30 am; 12:15 pm and 15:00 pm. The total price of this option is about 60 NIS (~13 \$US) one way. Note that local currency must be used for purchasing the tickets and the train can be boarded only after purchasing the ticket. Additional information regarding the train service is available at:

<http://www.israrail.org.il/english/index.html>

There are the options to take a taxi from the Beer-Sheva Center train station to the Dead Sea, or from the Ben Gurion Airport to the Dead Sea. Those options are considerably more expensive than the train and bus combination.