

Arriving at the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment

The Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment is located in the city of **Rehovot**, approximately 35 Kilometers/22 Miles from Ben Gurion airport.

Upon your arrival we advise you to get shekels (NIS) at the airport, as some taxis won't take credit cards or Dollars/Euros. There are ATMs and change points at the airport.

The current exchange rate is approx. 3.5 NIS to the Dollar and 4.5 NIS to the Euro, though it fluctuates.

Transportation to Rehovot from Terminal 3 at Ben Gurion airport:

Taxis

Taxis should cost approx. 150 NIS, depending on the amount of passengers, pieces of luggage and day/night rates.

The dispatcher post is located in Level G, at the exit from Gate 03 (left of the main exit).

The dispatcher will provide with a note with contact details in case of need.

The journey should take about 25-30 minutes, if there is no traffic.

Address in Hebrew for taxi driver: רחובות, הפקולטה לחקלאות,

Address: Faculty of Agriculture, Rehovot



Public transportation:

*There is no public transportation (trains/buses) from Friday afternoon until Saturday night. If you arrive during this time frame your only option is taking a taxi.

*There are no buses from Terminal 3 to Rehovot. Taking a bus requires taking an airport shuttle bus to a train station located outside the terminal.

Trains:

There is no direct train between Ben Gurion airport and Rehovot. Train passengers are required to switch trains in Tel Aviv.

Train schedule: <http://www1.rail.co.il/en>

Frequency: During the day the frequency of trains from the airport to Rehovot (via Tel Aviv) is approx. every half hour (Sunday-Thursday).

The ticket price is 15 NIS and is payable by credit card or cash at a vending machine in the station.

The journey should take about 45-55 minutes (due to the switch in Tel Aviv).

The train station in Rehovot is located at a short walking distance from the Faculty: 5 minutes from the main Herzl gate, 15 minutes from Reinfeld Residence.

Please make sure to exit the train station from the **“Southern Exit”**.

Opening hours of the Campus gates*:

- The main gate, **Herzl gate**, is open 24/7.
- The **Eshkol gate** (Hankin Street) is open daily during these hours:
Sunday-Thursday: 07:00 - 23:00, Friday: 07:00 -18:00, Saturday: 06:00 – 20:00

Telephone number of the security center (24 hours): +972.8.9489290 / 08-9489290.

Reisfeld Residence

*Reisfeld Residence is located inside the campus, near the Eshkol (Hankin Street) gate. When entering by foot from Herzl gate, there is a 10 minute walk to Reisfeld residence.

The guest house office hours are Sunday-Thursday 08:30-15:30.

If you arrive at Reisfeld Residence before/after office hours and on Friday or Saturday your keys will be waiting for you in an envelope with your name on it at the security guard's post at the main campus gate, Herzl gate.

If you need to collect your key from the Herzl gate, please have the taxi driver wait for you there while you pick up the key and then drop you off at Reisfeld Residence.

- **PAYMENT** Upon day of arrival, or the following day, the guest must come to the office during office hours and arrange the payment.
- **KEYS** Check out: During office hours the key must be returned to the office. If you have to check out from your room at a time when the staff is not available, please leave your key in the key box located next to the office.
- **WI-FI** wireless internet connections are available in the entire building .
- **AIR-CONDITIONING AND HEATING** We operate a central heating and cooling system. Each apartment has its own switch which can be turned on and off and is located on the wall near the front door of the apartment .
- **ELECTRICAL SYSTEM** The line voltage is 220 V. When leaving the apartment, nothing shuts off automatically, so please switch off the electricity, including air-conditioning, hot water boiler, lights, etc.
- **HOT WATER** There is a small on/off switch and indicator light located high on the wall near the bathroom door. For hot water in the bathroom, press the small switch, and a small red light will turn on. Water will be hot enough for a shower after approximately 20 minutes. Once the water is hot, please press the switch again and the light will turn off .
- **HOUSEKEEPING** The apartment is cleaned once a week and at this time the bed-linens and towels are changed. Daily cleaning is the responsibility of each resident. There is a garbage container at the end of the parking lot, in the direction of the Sports Center. Please dispose of all garbage daily. Additional garbage bags can be found in the kitchen drawers.
- **LAUNDRY** A laundry room (room no. 8) is situated on the ground floor, between the lobby and the elevator. The machines are operated by tokens, which can be purchased at the guest house office. One token is used for the washing machine and one token for the dryer .
- **APARTMENT PHONES** You may receive incoming phone calls from anywhere. Please note that these phones are open for outgoing phone calls. Tel No: +972-8-9489(_ _ _) and the last 3 digits of your apartment no.
For calls within the campus, dial the last five digits, beginning with 89 . _ _ _

Some useful information regarding your stay in Israel

Transportation

There are buses, trains and taxi connections between Rehovot and Tel- Aviv. The trip takes about 30 - 50 minutes (by bus or taxi, depending on traffic).

Buses:

The closest bus station is located just outside the Herzl gate. For Tel Aviv you will need to cross the street and for downtown Rehovot just turn right after you exit Herzl gate and you will find the bus station.

The buses to Tel-Aviv run every 10-15 minutes. Bus No: 201, 301, 274

On Fridays: Service ends at around 16:30

On Saturdays: Service begins shortly after sundown and ends at approximately 23:30.

Payment is in cash only (preferably in small bills) when you board the bus.

Egged Bus Company On-Line Schedule: <http://www.egged.co.il/HomePage.aspx>



Trains:

The train station is a very short walk from the main campus gate.

Between Rehovot and Tel Aviv: once or twice an hour, Sunday through Friday.

More frequent service during rush hours (mornings to Tel Aviv, late afternoons to Rehovot). No trains from Friday afternoon until Saturday evening (after sundown).

For other locations, some trains from Rehovot continue directly and others are timed for connections (change trains in Tel Aviv).

Tickets can be purchased by credit card or cash at the tickets vending machines in the stations.

The on-line schedule can be found at: <http://www1.rail.co.il/en/Pages/Homepage.aspx>



"Sherut" cab (shared shuttle minibuses):

The "Sherut" cab service (shared minibus for 10 passengers) operates on inter-urban lines collecting and carrying passengers along fixed routes. The payment is in cash and the price is either equal to or only slightly higher than the ordinary bus fare. These "sherut" cabs also run on weekends and nights, when buses and trains are unavailable. They stop at the bus stops near the main gate of the Faculty and at other points along Herzl Street.



Taxis:

Taxis are available all day and night, but cost more evenings, on Friday nights and Saturdays. Payment is in cash and some taxis take credit cards.

Three large cab companies are:

"Hanassi" taxi station: 195 Herzl St. (closest to campus): +972.8.9366666

"Gordon" taxi station: 2 Bilu St. (near the mall): +972.8.9492211

"Hanegev" taxi station: 30 Teller St.: +972.8.9466666 (downtown + at train station)

"Gett" app: <https://gett.com>



Practical Information

Electricity: Electrical sockets usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.



Money: There is one ATM on campus, near the main Herzl gate. Other ATMs can be found outside banks and small vending shops .

When exchanging foreign currency you must show your passport (or a photocopy of the first pages, including your name, photograph and passport number). Money can be exchanged at banks and change points.

Shopping: Supermarkets, shops and malls are usually open Sundays-Thursdays 10:00-21:00 (and sometimes later), Fridays 9:00-14:30. Closed on Saturdays until the evening and re-open from a half hour after sunset until around 23:00.

A grocery store is located across the street from the main gate of the Faculty, beside one of the gates to the Weizmann Institute of Science. It is open daily from 9:00 - 18:00, except for Friday when it is open from 9:00 - 13:00, and Saturday when it is closed.

Security: Routine security checks are made when entering public buildings (including institutes, train stations, malls etc.).

Tourist information and guided tours:

Israel Tourist Information: <https://info.goisrael.com/en/>

FREE walking tours in English of Jerusalem old City and Old Jaffa (Tel Aviv area) are offered by "Sandeman's new Europe" tours. You can register online or show up at the meeting points.