

ENGLISH SUMMARIES

Most of the articles in this issue of *'Al 'Atar* focus on individual sites or dwelling places in *Eretz Israel*. In this context the historical and toponymical identification of various sites, and also the figures who operated there as well as the development of the settlements in the course of years are discussed.

The article by Eitan Klein and Chezky Bezalel, which opens the issue, is devoted to Hirbet a-Shuna in southwest *Ephraim*, and to the archeological findings from the biblical period discovered in that site and in its surroundings. On the basis of a detailed analysis of the archeological findings from the site and its immediate geographical surroundings, the writers proposed identifying Hirbet a-Shuna with *Haramatayim Zofim*, the town of Elkanah.

The article by Oren Zingboim analyzes 'Ein Ta'ina, in the southern Golan Heights, near moshav *Givat Yoav*. After describing the site and the material findings discovered there, the writer suggests identifying the place as residence of the Amora R. Hanina, and the southern Golan as his sphere of operation.

The article by Yosef Lang discusses attempts to renew Jewish settlement in Ramle in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. In his detailed and wide-ranging study, the writer surveys hundreds of references and testimonies regarding Jewish settlement in Ramle in this period. He tries to explain why there were numerous attempts to settle in the city, how it developed over time and what accounted for the failure of these attempts.

The article by Yisrael Rozenson, devoted to the famous book by Abraham Mapu, *Ahavat Zion*, discusses the descriptions of the landscape of *Eretz Israel* that appear in the book, analyzing them from literary, geographical and ideological points of view.

The article by Zohar Amar, which concludes the issue, is a kind of "guide to the crimson snails". It includes a survey of the kinds of snails available for research, their price, how they were transported and maintained, how they were opened and crimson dye produced from their glands. By so doing he tries to clarify the halakhic and historical sources pertaining to this subject, and provide quantitative data enabling a calculation of the cost of such a process today, bringing to life the reality of the past.

In this issue we take leave of our associate Dr. Eyal Ben Eliyahu, who has just completed his term as a member of the editorial board of *'Al 'Atar*, and who served for a number of years as director of Teunot Press. His knowledge and energy contributed highly to the formation of *'Al 'Atar*, and of Teunot Press in general.

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