



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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 - Example if call from a US number: 011-972-8-646-1750.
- When calling from within Israel, replace the (972) with a zero.
 - Example: 08-646-1750.

Directions

To the Marcus Family Campus

By train

- Take the train to Beer Sheva. Disembark the train at “Beer-Sheva North/University” station (this is the first of two stops in Beer-Sheva). Upon exiting the station, turn right onto the “Mexico Bridge” which leads to the Marcus Family Campus. (For on campus directions see map below). The train journey takes about 55 minutes (from Tel Aviv).
- For the train schedule, visit Israel Railways website:
<http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

By car

For directions, [click here](#)

From Tel-Aviv (the journey should take about 1 hour 30 minutes, depending on traffic)

If using WAZE to direct you to the Campus, enter the address as: Professor Khayim Khanani Street, Be'er Sheva.

Toll free road:

- Head south on the Ayalon Highway (Route #20), stay in the left lane.
- When you see a sign for "Holon/Bat Yam" continue straight.
- Merge onto Highway #4 to Ashdod.
- Almost immediately after the Ashdod exit is the exit for Beer Sheva. You will connect to route #41.
- Follow the signs to Beer-Sheva until you get to a T-junction (Gedera) where you will turn right onto route #40.
- Take route #40 all the way to Beer-Sheva. The entrance to the city is a very large four-way junction. (Note that at Goral Junction, route #40 turns to route # 406 for those continuing straight to Beer Sheva).
- Continue straight and at the 5th traffic light (they are numbered) turn left. You have reached the University Gate.

Via Road 6, a toll road:

- On the Ayalon Highway (Route #20), take the exit to Jerusalem (Route #1).
- After 20 kilometers (12 ½ miles), at "Ben-Shemen" interchange, Route #1 and Route #6 merge.
- At Daniel interchange, continue on Route #6. When route #6 ends, it connects to route #40. Take route #40 all the way to Beer-Sheva. (Note that at Goral Junction, route #40 turns to route # 406 for those continuing straight to Beer Sheva). The entrance to the city is a very large four-way junction.
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From Jerusalem (the journey should take about 1 hour 30 minutes, depending on traffic):

- Take Route #1 to "Ben-Shemen" interchange, where Route #1 and Route #6 merge.
- At Daniel interchange, continue on Route #6. When route #6 ends, it connects to route #40. Take route #40 all the way to Beer-Sheva. The entrance to the city is a very large four-way junction. (Note that at Goral Junction, route #40 turns to route # 406 for those continuing straight to Beer Sheva). The entrance to the city is a very large four-way junction.
- Continue on straight and at the 5th traffic light (they are numbered), turn left to the University.

Parking:

- If you are arriving at the Marcus Family Campus by private car, please contact your visit coordinator to arrange for a vehicle entrance and parking permit. The permits require vehicle details such as car model and make, color and license plate number, so be sure to have this information available.
- Once you pass through the gate/security check, go toward the Samuel & Milada Ayrton University Center, also known as the Senate Building (building # 71), an off-white building (see map for directions inside the campus).
- Please be aware that you may be asked to show some form of identification.

To the Advanced Technologies Park, Gav Yam, Negev ([ATP](#))

For directions, [click here](#)

The ATP is located at 77 HaEnergia Street, Beer-Sheva.

The ATP is located next to the "Beer-Sheva North/University" station (a pedestrian bridge is currently under construction), and is about a 5 minute drive from the main campus.

To the Sede-Boqer Campus at Midreshet Ben-Gurion

Please note there is no train service to Sede Boqer and bus service to the campus is not recommended.

By car

For directions, [click here](#)

- Take Route # 40 southward all the way to Telalim Junction.
- Turn left toward Mizpe Ramon, turn right at the Sede Boqer Junction.
- 5-6 km (about 3 ½ miles) ahead is the Sede-Boqer Campus at the Midreshet Ben-Gurion.
- Avoid entering Kibbutz Sede Boqer! The campus and the kibbutz are close but have separate entrances. See map for directions at the institutes.
- The distance from Tel-Aviv to Sede Boqer is 150 kilometers (93 miles) and driving time is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes.

From the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva to the Sede-Boqer Campus at Midreshet Ben-Gurion

- Upon exiting the campus, turn left on Rager Boulevard all the way to David Tuviyahu Street (2 ½ kilometers (1 ½ miles)).
- Turn left on David Tuviyahu Street (also labeled Eilat Street) and drive straight until you exit Beer-Sheva.
- Drive straight for about 32 kilometers (20 miles) to Telalim Junction and then turn left toward Mizpe Ramon.
- Turn right at Sede Boqer Junction.
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To the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research ([BIDR](#)), Sede-Boqer Campus at Midreshet Ben-Gurion

- Once you enter the Sede-Boqer Campus at Midreshet Ben-Gurion, continue straight until you come to a T in the road (there will be a playground straight ahead)
- Turn left and continue straight until you reach BIDR. See map for directions at the institutes.

To the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism ([BGRI](#)), Sede-Boqer Campus, Midreshet Ben-Gurion

- Once you enter the Sede-Boqer Campus at Midreshet Ben-Gurion, the BGRI is the first building on your right. See map for directions at the institutes.

Accommodations

Beer-Sheva

As of now, there is only one main hotel in Beer-Sheva:

Leonardo Hotel Negev (formerly the Golden Tulip)

4 Henrietta Sold Street

http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/Leonardo_Hotel_Negev

Tel: 972-8-6405444 | Fax: 972-8-6405445 | info.beersheva@leonardo-hotels.com

For reservations, please contact your visit coordinator at BGU to receive special visitor rates at the hotel.

Directions

By car:

For directions, [click here](#)

- From Ben-Gurion Airport, exit terminal # 3 onto route #1 towards Jerusalem. Remain on the right when exiting the terminal.
- Travel approximately 15 kilometers to route #6 SOUTH and travel south on route # 6.
- At Daniel interchange, continue on Route #6. When route #6 ends, it connects to route #40. Take route #40 all the way to Beer-Sheva. (Note that at Goral Junction, route #40 turns to route # 406 for those continuing straight to Beer Sheva). The entrance to the city is a very large four-way junction.

- You will enter Beer-Sheva on route # 406. You will pass through a series of three traffic lights, just prior entering Beer-Sheva.
- Travel approximately 11 kilometers to traffic light # 12 and turn left on Henrietta Sold Street.
- Travel 0.5 kilometers pass the Leonardo Hotel Negev and turn left into the hotel access road.

By Train:

The hotel is located 500 meters (about 1/3 of a mile) from the Beer-Sheva central train station.

By Private Taxi:

Taxis cost approximately 300 shekels to/from Ben-Gurion Airport.

Other accommodations in Beer-Sheva

Please note that the following recommendations do not include many of the amenities that are associated with most hotels.

Beit Yatziv

A combination educational/community center and guest house located in the Old City of Beer-Sheva.

Beit Yatziv offers several types of accommodations including “basic,” “luxury,” and “boarding” options.

Tel: 972-8-6277444

Fax: 972-8-6275735

<http://www.beityatziv.co.il/en/Rooms>

At this time Beit Yatziv does not have an email address for inquiries or reservations.

Trumpeldor

Trumpeldor Joseph 21, Beer-Sheva

Other accommodations in the area

Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

Derech Beresheet 1, Mitzpe Ramon

08-659-8000

Website: <http://www.isrotelexclusivecollection.com/beresheet>

Desert Iris Hotel

Zevi Burnstein 108, Yeruham

Phone: 08-6300900

Email agm@d-irus.co.il; reserv@d-irus.co.il

Website: <http://d-irus.co.il/en>

Dining Options

The Marcus Family Campus

All on-campus dining options are kosher

- **Aroma Café** – Located at the Helen Diller Family Center (Building 74), for a light lunch (salads, sandwiches, pastries and coffee).
- In the **Zlotowski Student Center** (Building 70), you will find a variety of dining options under one roof (similar to a food court).
- **Karnaf Salad Bar** – Located on the ground floor of the David and Rosa Goldberger Classroom Building (Building 28).
- **Be'er Sheva Ice Cream** – a local ice cream and pizza restaurant In the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building (Building 72).
- **HaMexicani** – Mexican style food, located by Ruth and Heinz-Horst Deichmann Classroom and Computer Lab Building (Building 35).

The City of Beer-Sheva

- **Kampai** – Japanese and Asian restaurant: BIG open mall, Hebron Road 21.
For reservations: 086655-999
- **Arabica** – Kosher restaurant, fusion style: Hertzl 12.
For reservations: 08-6277-801
- **Yakuta** – Moroccan restaurant, kosher: Mordey Hage'ta'ot 27.
For reservations: 08-6232-689
- **Pitput** – Kosher restaurant: BIG open mall, Hebron Road 21.
For reservations: 08-6289-888
- **Kepasa** – Italian, Mediterranean, Spanish, and Tapas restaurant: BIG open mall, Hebron Road 21.
For reservations: 08-665-5122
- **Hakatar** – Concept restaurant, Italian, French, and Fusion: David Tuviahu Blvd. 36.
For reservations: 053-937-4904
- **Smilansky Tapas Bar** – Bar / Pub, Chef Restaurant, events, gluten free, meat, Mediterranean: Smilanski 23.
For reservations: 053-809-4507
- **Little India** – Fish, Indian, Lactic: Ringelblum St. 15.
For reservations: 08-648-9801
- **HaSifriya** – One Center: Yitshak Nafha 25.
For reservations: 08-665-5120
- **BBB-Burgus Burger Bar** – American, Hamburger, mean, restaurant / bar: BIG open mall, Hebron Road 21.
For reservations: 08-992-2334
- **Butchary** – Steak House: Ha-Histadrut St. 22.
For reservations: 08-623-3370
- **Agadir** – Burger bar: Ringelblum St. 86.
For reservations: 052-500-0820 / *5690

- **Ringelblum Café** – Ringelblum St. 86.
For reservations: 08-649-1001
- **Pepe** – Italian restaurant: One Center, Yitshak Nafha 25.
For reservations: 08-623-8888

On the way to Sede-Boqer

There are a few farms along the road that operate restaurants with unique homemade desert cheeses, local wine and other dishes. We recommend making reservations in advance on weekdays.

- **Kornmehl Farm** – Goat cheese farm in the Ramat Negev Regional Council, near Tlalim Junction on Route 40
For reservations: 08-655-5140

Weather

The summer is very sunny. Temperatures average 35-40° Celsius during the day and 20-25° Celsius at night. Water, sun screen, and a hat are recommended.

In the evenings the temperatures drop and a light jacket will do.

The winter is typically sunny with very little rain. Temperatures average 15-20° Celsius in the day and 5-10° Celsius at night.

Mobility

Tours of the campus involve a moderate amount of walking. When touring the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva visitors may make use of a golf cart (the “Gainesmobile”). If you wish to use the golf cart please inform your visit coordinator.

Campus Maps

Please visit the following page for maps and directions:

<http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/Pages/maps.aspx>

The Negev

For more information about Beer-Sheva and the Negev; including addition options for accommodations, restaurants, tourist attractions, activities, etc... please visit the following websites:

- Ramat Negev Regional Council: <http://rng.org.il/en/>
- Bnei Shimon Regional Council: <http://bns-en.com/>
- Eshkol Regional Council: <http://www.eshkol.info/1560-he/Eschol.aspx>
- Go Negev: <http://www.gonegev.co.il/>

Additional Information

- Beer-Sheva city taxi services are available on the street. Your hotel can also offer assistance regarding in-city transportation.
- University working hours: Between 8:00 – 16:00, Sunday – Thursday.
- Travel Agencies in Israel
 - Da'at Travel: www.daatravel.com
 - Israel Group Travel – IGT: <http://www.igt-specialtours.co.il/#!/home-en/c12fv>