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The Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters in the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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is pleased to invite you to a field trip within our 2022-2023 annual seminar:
“Religion and the Natural Environment”

Shivta and Nessana

Two cities full of religious structures - churches, both flourished in the Byzantine-Umayyad period. **Nessana**, where digging started this summer, is the last point in the Holy Land, from where the road to Sinai began, to the monastery of St. Catherine. In Nessana, the pilgrims waited for the organization of the caravans to the desert path, and it developed thanks to the Pilgrimage. **Dr. Yana Tchekhanovets** of the Bible Studies, Archeology and the Ancient Near East department in BGU, will guide us at this relatively small site, a village after all, which has 6 churches known to us today, and we'll discuss the desert and The Book, windy land versus wild land, and pilgrimages in extreme climatic conditions. Important interdisciplinary studies were done in **Shivta** in recent years regarding the Byzantine-Islamic transition, climate change, etc. An archeological tour will be arranged for us through the well-preserved buildings there.

Tuesday , 14th February 2023

8:30am departure from BGU,
parking lot of building 72.

Picnic lunch provided by CSOC

4pm estimated time of return to BGU.



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