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## Megiddo Centennial Event Celebrates 100 Years of Excavations

On April 1, 2003, exactly one hundred years to the day after Dr. Gottlieb Schumacher began digging at Tel Megiddo on behalf of the *Deutscher Palästina-Verein*, we gathered at the site to celebrate the Megiddo Centennial. We

were blessed with a sunny but cool spring day which, together with the majestic natural setting of the tel, gave the entire event the informal and cozy atmosphere of a garden party. The guests, welcomed by Profs. Israel

Finkelstein, Baruch Halpern and David Ussishkin on the lawns of the National Park, gathered to converse and stroll through the exhibition of photographs (see *Pictures at an Exhibition*, page 3) while sipping drinks and dining *al fresco* at the country-buffet set out under the shade of trees.

Some two hundred guests attended the event, including members of the Israeli and foreign archaeological community: curators of the main archaeological museums, officials of the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the Israel Antiquities Authority, and the Israel Government Tourist Corporation, and faculty and friends of Tel Aviv University and the Institute



of Archaeology. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Moshe Katsav, president of the State of Israel, Mr. Rudolf

Dressler, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Israel, and Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, president of Tel Aviv University.

Prof. Finkelstein emceed the event and read excerpts of letters related to Dr. Schumacher's excavations and the Megiddo Centennial. The letters sent to the current Expedition by Dr.

*"I apologize for not being with you on this momentous occasion.... There is a great deal more work to be done and it is my earnest hope that the annual excavation will be able to resume shortly. I hope and pray that peace in the Middle East will come to enable us to conduct our life and affairs in a normal environment..."*

*Lord Allenby of Megiddo*

## Dig Megiddo 2004

June 6 to July 22  
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Schumacher's niece and his two grandchildren were particularly moving (see *Gottlieb Schumacher's Family and the Megiddo Connection*, page 4), as were the greetings sent by young school children from towns in the Megiddo vicinity, enthusiastically wishing Tel Megiddo a "Happy Birthday." A large poster composed of a selection of their letters stood beside the podium throughout the ceremony. Next to the poster stood Dr. Schumacher's theodolite—the instrument Schumacher



Dignitaries at the Centennial (right to left): Prof. Itamar Rabinovich; Prof. Baruch Halpern; Prof. Israel Finkelstein; President Moshe Katsav; Prof. David Ussishkin; Amb. Rudolf Dressler; Prof. Shimon Yankielowicz; Prof. Dan Laor.

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used to survey the site and produce excellent plans and measurements – which was thoughtfully brought to the event by Dr. Hanswulf Bloedhorn, Director of the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

Speeches included both greetings and brief presentations. President Moshe Katsav – the first president of Israel to officially visit the site since President Zalman Shazar met Pope Paul VI at Megiddo in January 1964 – conveyed his good wishes. He emphasized that the archeological past belongs to all and that a place like Megiddo is the heritage of all mankind. The president expressed the hope that soon all those who care for archaeology, including citizens of all Middle Eastern countries, could

come and visit any archeological site in Israel. Professor Itamar Rabinovich, president of Tel Aviv University, praised the achievements of the Institute of Archaeology, and officially announced plans for the construction on campus of the Alkow Building of Archaeology (the

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*"I was in Palestine myself for most of the time between 1919 and 1936 and so I heard a good deal about your grandfather.... I find it very interesting to meet or hear from direct or collateral descendants of the great figures of Old World archaeology, and yours is another name to add to my list...."*

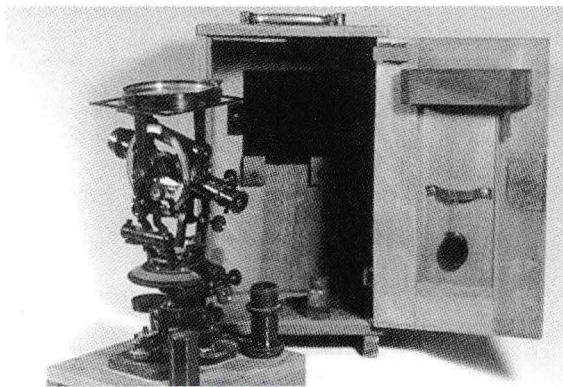
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*William Foxwell Albright to the Schumacher family in Australia, 1960*

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cornerstone laying ceremony indeed took place a few weeks later, on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2003). Other greetings were conveyed by the German Ambassador, the Director of the Israel Antiquities Authority, the Director of the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, and the Deputy Director of the Tourism Ministry. The latter officially

*Dr. Schumacher's theodolite.*



announced the launching of a master plan for Tel Megiddo, aimed at deepening the visitor's experience and understanding of biblical archaeology. This long-term project will

involve the Israel Nature and Parks Authority, the Israel Government Tourist Corporation and the Megiddo Expedition. The first step, preparing and setting up twelve new presentation signs at various spots on the tel, was already in

place for the Centennial.

The short lectures focused on stories and anecdotes about the four expeditions, shedding light on the personality of the excavators and the historical and cultural context in which the missions had set off. Dr. Gunnar Lehmann spoke of the importance of Schumacher's expedition

in the context of the turn-of-the-century debate over the historicity of the Bible, *"Babel und Bibel,"* in German scholarly circles; Prof. Baruch Halpern concentrated on the achievements of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, stating, "What you will see today is our imprint on a map that Chicago made," and Prof. Trude Dothan recalled the days of Yigael Yadin's short expedition, and his grand historical reconstructions. Finally, predicting a long and fruitful future for the Megiddo Expedition, Prof. David Ussishkin registered his newborn grand-daughter Gefen as a volunteer for the 2020 season!

Following the lectures, the crowd split into three groups for guided tours of the site, conducted in English by Norma Franklin, in German by Gunnar Lehmann and in Hebrew by Profs. Finkelstein and Ussishkin. President Katsav, who participated in the tour, showed a particular interest in the site and in biblical archaeology.

Finally, coffee, tea, cakes and fresh fruit were served on the lawn. Small informal groups gathered anew, chatting about the event, with many enjoying it so much they stayed far beyond the formal closing.



*Centennial tour of the mound.*

*The celebration was made possible thanks to the generous contributions of the German Ambassador, Mr. Rudolf Dressler's Ambassador's funds, the German Friends of Tel Aviv University, Profs. Susanne and Gunther Wiedmayer of Germany, The Israel Nature and Parks Authority, The Israel Government Tourist Corporation, The Friends of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University, and Tel Aviv University. The event was organized by Joëlle Cohen Finkelstein.*



## Pictures at an Exhibition

### Four Missions, Four Eras, Four Styles

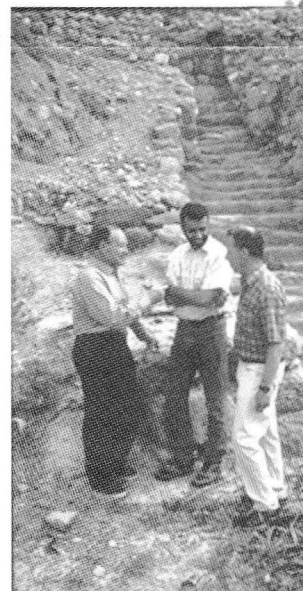
**O**ne Hundred Years Through the Camera Lens is the name of the exhibition of old photographs prepared for the Megiddo Centennial. The photographs, arranged in several clusters on the lawn, were displayed on plain pine-wood easels, suiting the ambiance of an outdoor event. The photos were chosen by curator Joëlle Cohen Finkelstein for their capacity to evoke the flair and atmosphere of the various archaeological expeditions. Seven focused on Gottlieb Schumacher's excavations, seven on the excavations of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, two illustrated Yigael Yadin's limited expedition on behalf of the Hebrew University and two represented the current Tel Aviv University-led Megiddo Expedition. Four missions, four eras, four styles.

All eighteen of the 50 × 70 cm. black and white blow-ups brought smiles to the faces of visitors. For some, viewing the exhibition was like peeking into a photo album of the Megiddo family, its familiar images of famous archaeologists, pioneers, mentors, classmates and colleagues enabling them to relish a bit of nostalgia here and a pinch of fantasy there, as they paused at each and recalled anecdotes in connection with this or that detail in the photograph. For others, the exhibition was an informal retrospective of *le temps qui passe*, showing changes in culture and landscapes. A tel with and without palm trees.... How come? And changes in natural conditions, from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century deserted and malaria-infested valley to the fertile, densely cultivated region of today. A time when James Henry Breasted could decipher the Shoshenq I stele under the scrutinizing eyes of a soon-to-be-roasted turkey. Changes in methods, manners and "styles," four generations and three different nationalities were thus put "through the lens," as eyes moved from Schumacher's colonial helmet, to the three-piece suits of the American archaeologists, and on to the casual khaki slacks of today; from Schumacher's military-like barracks flying both the German Imperial and Ottoman flags, to the lavish compound of the Oriental Institute expedition—which

boasted nothing less than a tennis court! One could also discover that Tel Megiddo was the venue of a "premiere" in scientific recording—the introduction by P.L.O. Guy of aerial balloon photography at archaeological excavations, or that the ancestors of the recycled tire guffas used extensively in field-work were once

beautifully hand-made from straw.

Hopefully, these pictures, prepared as a temporary exhibition, will soon be integrated in a permanent display devoted to the history of the archaeological missions at the site, to be located in a wing of the future entrance complex.



*One Hundred Years through the Camera Lens: (clockwise from top) The Schumacher camp; J.H. Breasted checking fragment of Shoshenq I stele; Finkelstein and Ussishkin with Lord Allenby; Yadin and Mazar at the excavation of Palace 6000.*





## The Schumacher Family and the Megiddo Connection

Over ten years ago, while on the eve of a trip in the USA, David Ussishkin established an epistolary contact with Mrs. Clara Klingeman, a niece of Gottlieb Schumacher, who lives in Illinois. In her reply, she provided him with details about the Schumacher Family, their house and their life in Haifa and sent along copies of old photographs (below, right). In January, 2003, when we started planning the Megiddo Centennial, David Ussishkin handed me Clara Klingeman's letter. I could not resist trying to get in touch with Mrs. Klingeman again, so I could send her an invitation to the celebration. When I finally talked to her on the telephone, she informed me of two grandchildren of Gottlieb Schumacher's who live in Australia. She only knew their names and place of residence. I found the phone number of one of them, Mr. Martin Stoll, and called him. From then on, we began corresponding by e-mail. I told Martin all about the event and our intention to celebrate Dr. Schumacher's achievements at Tel Megiddo. He was elated with the idea and provided me with the address of his cousin, Mrs. Liese-Lore Schumacher Spring, another of Schumacher's grandchildren, and her brother Hans-Peter, both of whom live in Sydney. All through the preparations for the Centennial, I corresponded with Liese-Lore and Martin, and they, in return demonstrated their involvement by sending us ancient and recent photographs and details on the whereabouts of the family, from Germany to the USA, Palestine and Australia. According to the genealogy of the family established by Martin Stoll, Gottlieb Schumacher had nine children and 22 grandchildren. He also had 22 great grandchildren, none of whom carry the name Schumacher. Today the 22 great great grandchildren (yes, again 22) – the latest born in December 2000 – live in various parts of Europe, Australia and the USA. We are happy to count Liese-Lore Schumacher Spring and Martin Stoll and Clara Klingeman among the "Friends of the Megiddo Expedition."

*Joëlle Cohen Finkelstein*

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*"I think we, in our colonies [that is, the Templar colonies in Palestine], took my uncle's work more or less for granted. He was more valued as a cartographer, his constant work for a Hedjas railroad, his research in the Hauran, etc. I myself was very young to pay too much attention to his accomplishments.... I remember hearing that while Uncle Schumacher was excavating, a Turkish Bey always stood at the site claiming the finds for Sultan Abdul Hamid..."*

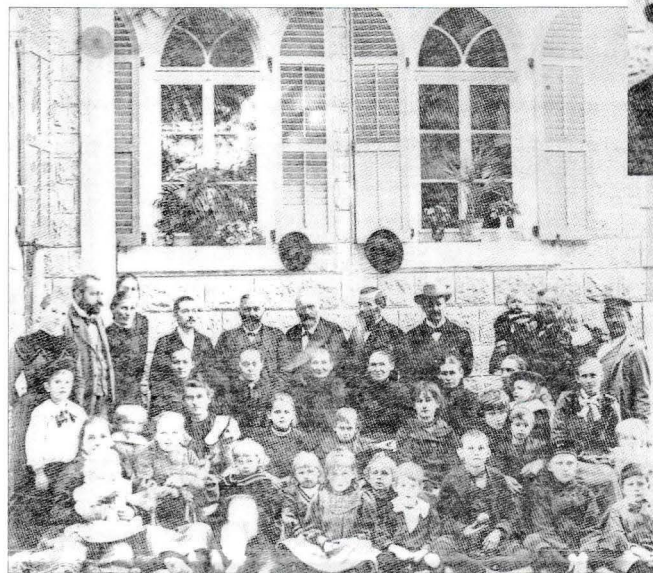
*Excerpt from Clara Klingeman's letter to David Ussishkin, March 26, 1990*

*"It is great to think that you and your Institute have been able to renew interest and explorations in this so important site of Megiddo, King Solomon's city of chariots! (...) Unfortunately my own health is not the best. Therefore, traveling is sadly impossible. But we shall be at Megiddo on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2003 – in spirit, and our very best wishes and success for the event go with you. Shalom and good luck."*

*Excerpts of a letter from Liese-Lore Spring of Australia, grand-daughter of Gottlieb Schumacher, to Israel Finkelstein and David Ussishkin, March 2003*

*"Greetings and Shalom from South Australia! A few days ago I received your kind letter with the many beautiful, beautiful pictures of the "Megiddo Centennial." I immediately telephoned my cousin, Liese-Lore in Sydney (3000 km + away from us), and she was also elated having received a similar parcel...The pictures of Grandpa Schumacher's theolodite gave us a bit of a pull at the heart strings..."*

*Excerpts from a letter by Martin Stoll to Joëlle Cohen Finkelstein, May 24, 2003*



*Top: A Templar gathering in Haifa. Schumacher (inset) is in back row with hat.*

*Bottom: The Schumacher family in 1897 or 1898, with seven of the nine Schumacher children. On her uncle's arm is Nelly Schumacher, who was still living in Haifa in 1990.*

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