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| Name (English) | Bethlehem |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, transcription) | bayt laḥm |
| Name (Fuṣḥā, Arabic) | بيت لحم |
| Name in local variety (in transcription) | bētlaḥᵊm |
| Geo location | 31°70’N  35°20’E |
| Typology (Local) | East (Mashreq)> Levant>Palestine>Central Palestine |
| Typology (General) | sedentary: rural |
| General | The historic city of Bethlehem, located in the West Bank directly south of Jerusalem, was inhabited in the 19th century mostly by Christians; but due to Christian emigration during the 20th century, the result of Hashemite rule and then the immigration of Muslims seeking refuge after the foundation of Israel, the majority of the city’s inhabitants are now Muslims.  Tourism is one of the most important economic factors in Bethlehem, especially around Christmas, when pilgrims visit the Church of Nativity. Bethlehem is now also known for graffiti and street art, mainly along the Israeli West Bank wall. This includes pieces by Banksy, an English artist internationally recognised for his socio-critical work. |
| Research history | Until now, the Arabic spoken in Bethlehem did not receive much attention. Two recent studies on it focus on sociophonetics. Amara, Spolsky and Tushyeh (1999) is an investigation on the pronunciation of various consonants as a function of level of education, gender, and religion. Amara (2005) describes the influence of urbanization and migration on the Arabic spoken in the town.  Shachmon (2013) deals with the formation, distribution and functions of extended pronouns in Palestinian Arabic. |
| Dictionaries | Halloun (2000) and Elihai (2004) are dictionaries with example sentences and phrases.  Barthélemy’s (1935) und Denizeau’s (1960) Levantine Arabic dictionaries are also very useful for the study of the Arabic of Bethlehem. |
| Text books | Halloun 1988 is a collection of verb conjugations with a small glossary. Halloun (1989,1991) and his other series (2001,2006) are textbooks with various exercises, vocabulary lists, and sample texts. |
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