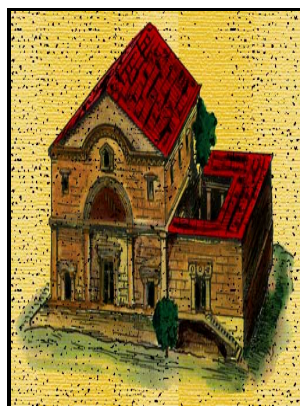


# Excavations at the ancient synagogue of Gush Halav

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While the essay built this description on the basis of synagogues from first-century villages, the synagogues found in the First Rebellion's fortresses of Masada and Herodium also fit it. The Itinerary of Rabbi Benjamin of Tudela 1.

## Gush HaLav

The craftsman who fashioned it drilled a small L-shaped hole in the top of the shell for the purpose of hanging a chain to hold the ever-burning or eternal light the ner tamid. If the house was a private building, the bowl may have been discarded from the synagogue, thrown out in the rubble when the building fell into disuse late in the seventh century. Jewish-Christian amulets were discovered nearby.

## Exodus

By the 1931 census, Jish had 182 inhabited houses and a population of 358 Christians and 397 Muslims. Yet the architectural style of the lintel suggests a much earlier date. Since there was no apse or niche at Nabratein and since the ceramic fragment does not depict an apse or niche, but rather pictures the ark set forward of the back wall, it is likely that the artist who incised the Holy Ark on the piece of black pottery worked from what he saw rather than from any fanciful or idealized notion.

## Exodus

The structure still, however, forms an enclosed space, and on that lonely stormy afternoon, one could feel the solemnity of the venue, in contrast to crowded Capernaum which we visited later that day.

## Exodus

Excavations of Sections and Associated Loci 2.

## Meroth Synagogue, 4th

The inner pitched roof is seen, as we noted, in section. On either side of the center portion of this southern wall, we uncovered the remains of two bemas, or raised prayer platforms, so there was probably an entranceway in between. Indeed, we first unwittingly exposed it in a reused, upside-down position during the 1980 season.

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Although several centuries of debris had accumulated on the site, apparently enough remained of the beautiful Late Roman building to permit the sixth century builders to re-establish their synagogue on the hallowed ground of 039former years and on the same basic plan. Its ware is a distinctive black with sparkly inclusions; it is burnished and unusually thin—only about.

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