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Finding of the true cross by St Helena. Illustration from MS CLXV, Biblioteca Capitolare, Vercelli, a compendium of canon law from Northern Italy, ca. 825.

Research Workshop: 1700 Years Since Empress Helena's Visit to Jerusalem

11.3.2026, at Yad Ben-Zvi, 14 Ibn Gabirol St., Jerusalem

The Institute for the Study of the Land of Israel at Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, in cooperation with the Israel Antiquities Authority, the Ingeborg Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies at Bar-Ilan University, and the delegation excavating the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on behalf of the Sapienza University of Rome, intends to hold a research workshop on the 1700th anniversary to Empress Helena's Visit to Jerusalem.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, a research workshop (in English) will be held to present the new findings and insights of the delegation from Sapienza University. The researchers' lectures will be accompanied by responses from Israeli scholars followed by an open discussion by the participants.

Scholars who are interested in participating in the research workshop are invited to write to us and briefly present their affiliations with the subject by January 19th 2026 at the following link:

➤ [call for papers](#)

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