

ARCHAEOLOGIST ZVI LEDERMAN LECTURES ON IRON AGE BETH SHEMESH



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at Tel Aviv University, Sun., Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knox Room. Lederman will present a lecture entitled “At the Border: Iron Age Beth Shemesh”.

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A reception will follow the lecture. Additionally, the Bible Lands Museum will be open from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and after the presentation. This event is co-sponsored by the Biblical Archaeology Society of Pittsburgh. Contact Karen Bowden Cooper at [Click to view e-mail](#) or 412-924-1394 for more information.

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