

BLACK COFFEE BLUES

Hey! Welcome to Black Coffee Blues. We are delighted to have you here. Here is some information to guide you for your stay.

General Information

Tel Aviv, it is a pretty awesome place which you already know if you have been here before, and are sure to find out if it is your first time here. It does however have some peculiarities.

The Israeli work week runs Sun-Thur and during Shabbat, Friday afternoon until Saturday evening most things shut down. That means that **there won't be any public transport** and most stores will be closed. However, smaller supermarkets will still be open, as will bars, cafes



and most restaurants. But it might just be useful to read this booklet to see how to deal with it.

One of the great things is that essentially every cafe, bar and restaurant has WiFi which will make your life easier. But wait, there is more! Most main streets also have **free public WiFi** so you will be able to stay connected as much as you wish.

Smoking is generally prohibited in public spaces in Israel. Some restaurants/pubs will have a smoking area, in others you'll have to take your addiction outside and socialize. This means Black Coffee Blues venues will be smoke free (outside is fine).

Important Numbers

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Help I'm at the airport, how do I get away from here?!

Easy peasy my friend. Depending on when you arrive/depart, you can take a train between the airport and Tel Aviv. Trains usually run every 30-60 minutes - check the train schedule as they don't depart on exact times. This is the cheapest option (around 16 ILS). Once in Tel Aviv, you can take a taxi or a bus to your final destination.



There are several train stations in Tel Aviv:
If you stay in Jaffa or somewhere closer to south Tel Aviv, then you need to go to *Tel Aviv Ha'hagana* station, if you stay in central Tel Aviv or Ramat Gan *Tel Aviv Ha'shalom* station, if you stay in north *Tel Aviv Savidor/Arlozerov* train station. If you get to Tel Aviv university, you may have gone too far. From there you can take a bus or cab to your final destination. Check the schedule on www.rail.co.il/en

If you land at an inconvenient hour or Friday afternoon, your only option is by cab. Follow the signs at the airport which say "Taxi". Next to the taxis there is a little machine in which you can punch in your destination and it will tell you the appropriate price, we do however recommend that you ask them to use the meter. "Mone bevakasha"

Emergency

Police – 100 Ambulance - 101
Fire and Rescue Services - 102

Useful Hebrew

Hello/Goodbye – **Shalom**

Thank you – **Toda**

Thank you very much – **Toda raba**

Please/You are welcome –

Bevakasha

I will not buy this tobacconist's, it is scratched. – **Lo ekne et hatabakiya hazot, ze sarut.**

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Getting Around

Between Saturday evening and Friday afternoon Tel Aviv is covered by a pretty decent network of public transportation. To find what line you need to take, the easiest thing is usually to just go on google maps, tap in your destination and your origination point and hey presto, there you go! A trip inside of Tel Aviv will cost you 5.90 ILS.



Cabs are relatively cheap in Israel (compared to Western Europe). However, make sure that you ask them to run the meter. How do I do this you ask? Just say “Mone bevakasha”.

Tel Aviv is also covered by what are known as “service taxis”. These are yellow mini buses that run on a set route. You wave them in, they stop for you, and you tell them

where you want to get off. Weekday single trip costs 6 ILS and weekend 8 ILS.

Line **51**: Ramat Gan - Tel Aviv - gets to central places in Tel Aviv.

Line **66**: Ramat Gan - Tel Aviv - gets to central places in Tel Aviv but also close to the beach and Jaffa (Yaffo).

Line **4+5**: Go all around Tel Aviv from south to north.

Oh, one thing to bear in mind: If you ask for directions, it might be useful to ask multiple people as they tend to answer even if they don't know.

More Useful Hebrew

How are you? – **Ma Nishma / Ma Kore?**

Do you want to dance? –
(Asking a female) – **Rotsa lirkod?**
(Asking a male) – **Rotse lirkod?**

How much Does it cost? –
Kama ze oleh? (or just **kama ze?**)

By the meter please (in taxi) – **Mone bevakasha**

My hovercraft is full of eels. –
Harachefet sheli mele'ah betzlofachim.

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Money

The currency in Israel is New Israeli Shekel (NIS), commonly known as "shekels" ("shkalim" in Hebrew).

Israel is currently in the process of updating the bills in circulation. You will therefore see two types of each value. Don't be scared, don't be confused. Don't print this booklet, cut out the bills and try to glue them together. We said don't!



The **new** banknotes



The **old** banknotes

Cards are very widely accepted, including small shops and kiosks (though those may set a minimum for swiping). Mastercard/Visa are accepted practically everywhere; In case you use American Express / Diners Club you may want to keep some cash on hand.

In case you want to withdraw some cash, **Israeli ATMs** can sometimes be a bit annoying with international cards. Here are 3 banks with whom it almost always works:



Your best bet should be **Bank Leumi** - their signs are two shades of blue, and white.



Secondly there is **Bank Mizrahi**, their logo is an orange/white infinity symbol and the text is white on dark gray.



Thirdly there is **Discount Bank**, their signs are green and white, beware though as they may charge an extra fee.



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Food and Drink

Tel Aviv has amazing food. Really amazing food. Whether you are vegan, omnivore, pescitarian, rich, poor, on a diet, or a decadent elf, Tel Aviv Can cater to you. Some places will be closed on Shabbat, but there will be restaurants open all around.

Water. It is safe to drink the tap water, but not necessarily recommended. It isn't super tasty and might upset your stomach a little if you are not used to it.

You can buy **alcohol** in any store or kiosk in Tel Aviv. However, be aware that you cannot do so between 23:00 and 6:00. But of course, that won't matter as you will be dancing in our venues that all have bars all other hours.

Tipping, that annoying annoying question. Please do it. Waiting staff in Israel are paid almost exclusively from tips. An appropriate amount is 10-15%.

Weather

You can expect temperatures ranging from 8 degrees to 18 degrees with an average of around 15 degrees (Celcius!). The odds are that the sun will be shining but on average we have about 12 rain days in February so you might want some shoes that can stand wet stuff falling from the air. We know that for some of you, a sea temperature of 18 degrees sounds pretty awesome, but locals would consider you insane if you chose to go to the beach.

Even More Useful Hebrew

Left – **Smola**

Right – **Yamina**

Straight – **Yashar**

Drop your panties, Sir William, I cannot wait till lunchtime. –
(male speaker) **Pshot et hatachtonim ser William, ani lo yachol lechakot la'aruchat hatsohora'im.**

(female speaker) **Pshot et hatachtonim ser William, ani lo yechola lechakot la'aruchat hatsohora'im.**

[Visit our collaborative map for local recommendations on food, shopping and things to see/do in Tel Aviv!](#)

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Schedule

| Thursday 1/2 | Friday 2/2 | Saturday 3/2 | Sunday 4/2 | Monday 5/2 |
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| | | <i>Talkhouse</i> | <i>The Clock Tower</i> | |
| | | 13:00 – 17:00 Seaside Blues Party Live music: <i>Dov Hammer & The Allstars</i> | 15:00 – 18:00 Starting point for a guided tour of Old Jaffa (Yafo) | |
| <i>Naim Studio</i> | <i>Gagarin</i> | <i>Ha'Ezor (The Zone)</i> | <i>Ha'Ezor (The Zone)</i> | <i>1040 Biergarten</i> |
| 22:30 Registration desk opens 23:00 – 02:00 Blindy Preparty (25 NIS entrance) | 22:00 – 04:00 Opening Party Live Music: <i>Miss Mikey May</i> & <i>The Goodfellas</i> | 22:00 – Late Saturday Party Live Music: <i>The Hubermann Stompers</i> <i>Yaron Ben-Ami</i> | 21:00 – Late Sunday Farewell Party Live Music: <i>Roy Young</i> | 22:00 – Late Not Quite Blues After Party |

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Venues

Gagarin

Friday Night

With its Grungey post-industrial look, this newly renovated venue is perfect for a blues party. It regularly hosts concerts, parties and movie screenings and knows how to cater for dancers and bands. They provide top notch sound, lighting, and ambience.

Gagarin is curated by an independent art community with a deep commitment to animal rights, therefore a majority of their revenue is donated for the benefit of shelter animals.



Floor: Hardwood. Not a waxed dancefloor, but wood. Not overly slippery and won't ruin the soles of your dance shoes.

Address: 46 Shalma (Salame) Road, Tel Aviv

Go in through the archway and keep to the right until you get to the end of the courtyard. Don't worry, we will put up signs.

TALKHOUSE

Saturday Day Party

TALKHOUSE – a state of the art facility with excellent audio-visual system, located at the Tel Aviv port just by the Yarkon River; it contains a restaurant with a "street food" menu, a bar and a wonderful terrace.

TALKHOUSE is a home for inspiring speakers, talks, and music shows. It is a place for people with deep social, scientific, technological, and cultural sense of responsibility, who are looking for new ideas, opinions, latest scientific implied developments, stories, and agendas, in every discipline one can imagine.

With its gorgeous view over the Mediterranean and the Yarkon river, it is the perfect location for our daytime party.

Floor: Smooth tile

Address: HaTa'arucha St 3, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Inside Tel Aviv Port



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The Zone (Ha'ezor)

Sunday Party

Come dance with us in one of Tel Aviv's premier independent Music venues! Crisp sound, wooden floors, friendly staff and if you need to cool off, then go have a sit in the garden.

The Zone has everything you might want in a venue and this is really one of our favourite venues for blues dancing.

Floor: Lacquered Wood, a bit uneven but amazing for dancing

Address: 13 Ha'Rechev Street, Tel Aviv



1040 Biergarten

We will end this year's exchange in a piece of Bavaria on the shore of the Mediterranean. With an unbeatable view of both the sea and the Yarkon river, 1040 Biergarten is the ideal place for us to be. Inspired by the first Weihenstephan brewery, founded in the year 1040, Biergarten draws upon a long tradition of brewing, drinking, and merry making.

They offer a great menu of both food and beer to keep you going through the night.

If arriving through Reading parking lot, entering the port through the locks bridge will bring you right to the spot. Look for pavilion number 16, if entering from the port.

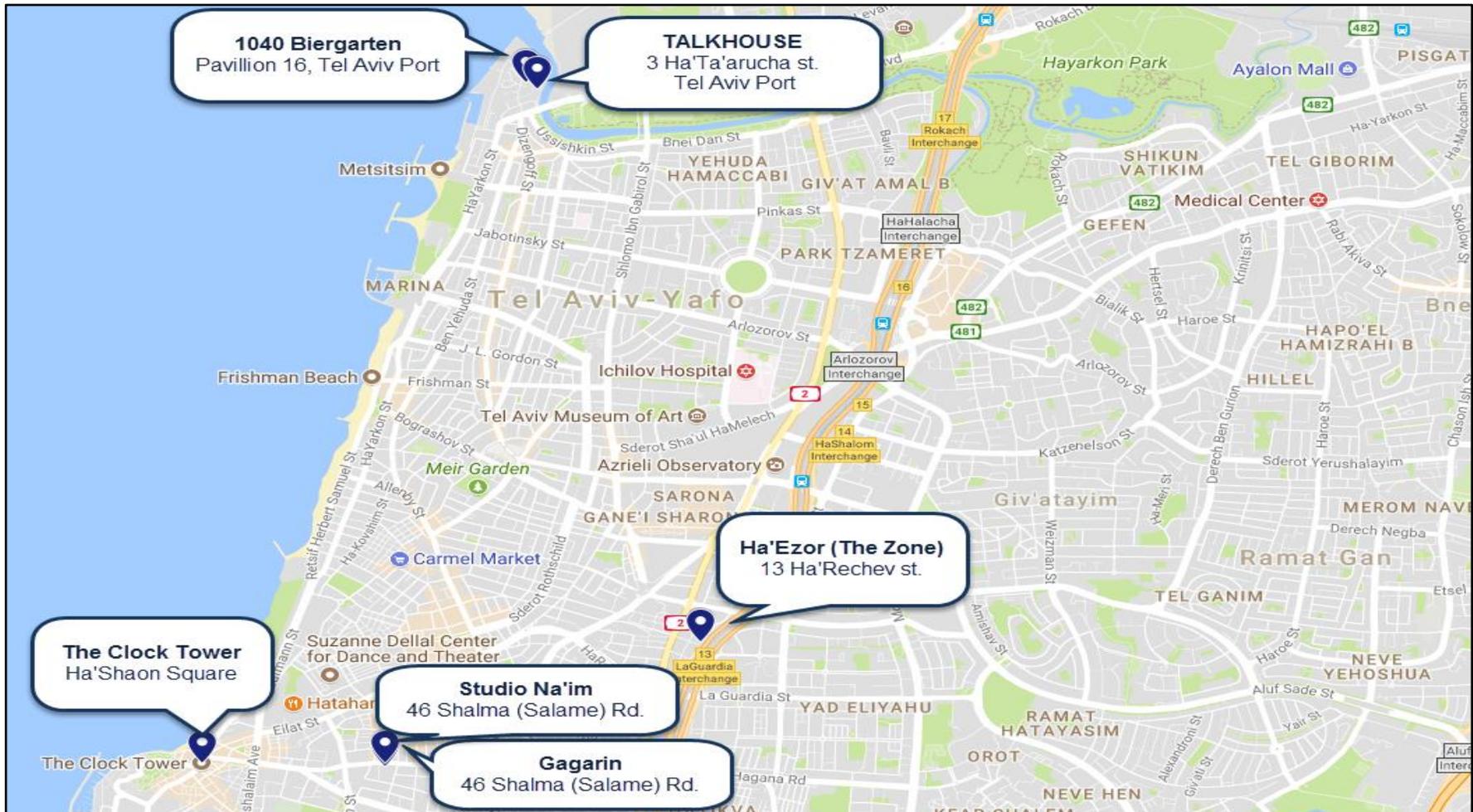
Floor: Wooden Planking (There might be some gaps, don't wear Narrow heels)

Address: Kikar Plumer, Pavilion 16, Tel Aviv Port.



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Map



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Event Etiquette

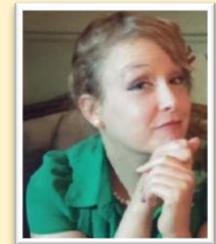
- Treat your fellow dancers with **respect**. Listen to what they tell you, both verbally and non-verbally. **No means no**, and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Black Coffee Blues Exchange will be attended by people from many different dance scenes. Be aware that what is acceptable in one scene may not be so in another. **Be sensitive and attentive**.
- Keep in mind that the exchange will be attended by individuals from numerous ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds as well as people of a rainbow of genders and sexual orientations. **Please be respectful**.

Black Coffee Blues Exchange reserves the right to take action against anyone who has violated these rules. Basically... Don't be an ass.

If you find yourself in need of help with any of these issues during the exchange, please seek out our representatives Atalya Sheinfeld, Rachel Hasarchi, or Tal Engel who will be on hand at all events to provide assistance.



Atalya Sheinfeld



Rachel Hasarchi



Tal Engel

Thank you for coming, we hope you have an amazing weekend!