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The City of Potters- Yavne as a Centre of Pottery Production

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Abstract

The role of ceramics as a major aspect of human experience, technology and interchange is well represented in the archaeological record and forms a universal facet of research. Since 2019, a large-scale excavation has been underway at the foothill of Tel Yavne, a site on Israel's southern coastline. This excavation has exposed evidence of continuous human settlement and activity spanning six millennia, from the Chalcolithic period to the present day. Though Yavne had not previously been known as a source of ceramic production, the new excavations have exposed over one hundred updraft pottery kilns ranging through six distinct historical periods, showing the site to be a major player in pottery production. The earliest kilns date to the Middle Bronze Age IIA, while the most recent belongs to the Umayyad period. The remarkable concentration of kilns at Tel Yavne distinguishes it as a unique site within the region, providing an exceptional opportunity to study the evolution of kiln technology from both long-term and regional perspectives. In this presentation, we aim to share our preliminary findings and insights from this ongoing research.

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