

## Transportation:

**Ben Gurion Airport** is Israel's major international gateway. It is located on the outskirts of the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, 115km from the workshop venue. A ride between Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa should last about an hour to an hour and a half.

### Service Taxi from the Airport to Haifa:

Service taxis (Sherut) to Haifa and the surrounding regions depart from the service post on Level G, next to Gates 01-03. There are signs directing to the post.

The service operates 24 hours a day. Telephone: 04-8662324 (costs between NIS77-120). You can also book a service taxi ride from the hotel to the airport.

**A private** taxi can be ordered from the airport and back. Telephone:04-8222222 (costs about NIS 670).

**Train:** There is direct train service (costs NIS 35.5) between Ben Gurion Airport and Haifa, with trains almost every hour from 5:38 to 20:05 and, mostly, twice an hour during the day (due to public transportation adherence to Shabbat observance, there are no trains between Friday Saturday). Tickets are purchased at the vendor or the automatic machines at the entrance to the train station – 50 meters from the arrivals gate at the same building.

Your destination is Haifa Hof HaKarmel station, **which is the first stop in Haifa**. From the train station in Haifa, take a taxi to the Dan Panorama Hotel / Technion Guest House (The taxi should cost NIS 60-100).

**Please see this link for the train's time**

**table:** <http://www.rail.co.il/EN/Pages/HomePage.aspx>

**Bus from the Train Station in Haifa to your accommodations:** If you wish to take bus (instead of a taxi) from the train station to the hotel or guesthouse, there is a central bus station adjacent to the train station. Note that **bus fare is only accepted through a card called a Rav-Kav, HopOn App or Moovit App**, bus drivers no longer have cash with them at all. **Rav-Kav** cards are rechargeable, electronic ticketing passes for buses and trains that you can use all over Israel (see below).

1. To the Dan Panorama Hotel: take bus line 133 or 132 or 3 (30min, costs NIS 5.9).
2. To the Technion: take bus line 1 or 11 or 17 (line 1 is the fastest and takes approximately 30 minutes. The other 2 lines take up to an hour). The ticket cost NIS 5.9

**Please see this link for the busses' time table:**

<http://mslworld.egged.co.il/?!language=en#/linenumber/1/0/0-0/>

## Rav-Kav

Rav-Kav is an electronic ticket used on public transport in Israel. It can be loaded using cash or credit card. The Rav-Kav can be used with both bus and train transportation in Israel. The Rav-Kav card is much more convenient as it means travelers do not need to worry about carrying cash.

Rav-Kavs have two categories, including a personalized card and an anonymous card. For travelers, an anonymous card is advisable, there are several designated locations around Tel Aviv. This includes all of the Tel Aviv train stations, the Central Bus Station (Level 6), and the arrival hall of Ben Gurion Airport. To purchase a Rav-Kav costs 5 NIS.

Money can then be loaded onto the Rav-Kav at the same train and bus station locations where the card is purchased. Additionally, there are several places throughout the city where Rav-Kavs can be loaded. Super Pharm, Good Pharm, and other convenience stores and kiosks can all load Rav-Kavs. You can also load the Rav-Kav on your phone with the Rav-Kav Online app.

**Transportation in Haifa: Transportation will be arranged every day during the conference from the hotel to the Technion and back.**

**Credit cards & currency exchange:**

1. Most banks, including those at the airport and on campus, will exchange major currencies, such as USD and Euro, for Israeli Shekels (NIS).
2. All major credit cards are accepted in Israel.
3. Israeli Shekels can also be obtained at most Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs), including the airport and on campus.
4. Many businesses including cafeterias on campus or restaurants in the city accept payment through various applications.