

Öffentlicher Abendvortrag  
**Awakening the Cities of the Dead at Roman Hippos  
of the Decapolis**

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Antiochia Hippos is located 2 km east of the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Israel. It has been excavated by the Hippos Excavations Project from year 2000. The city had three *necropoleis* which were explored in recent years. The paper will focus on the most representative necropolis, which stretched along the main city access road – the Saddle Necropolis. The necropolis excavations reveal a full social-economic stratification, from pit-graves and burial caves to more substantial funerary architectural creations like funerary podia and two mausolea. The burials are dated to the Roman period until their destruction at the 363 CE earthquake. The presentation will address the recently published and some very fresh finds, which will be presented for the first time.



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Prof. Dr. Michael Eisenberg is an Assistant Professor of Classical-period Archaeology at the Department of Archaeology and a senior researcher at the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Haifa, Israel. Michael published articles and books on Hellenistic–Umayyad archaeology and military architecture of the Hellenistic and Roman worlds. As from 2000, he co-directs the on-going large excavation project of the Classical city of Hippos of the Decapolis and its *territorium*. During these months Michael is a residing fellow at the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg - Institute for Advanced Study (HWK), Germany.