

THE COINS FROM KEFAR GABIROL, EL-QUBEIBE

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Ten coins were discovered during the excavation at el-Qubeibe (see Jakoel, this volume), all of which were identified (see *Catalogue*, below). The earliest coin (No. 1) is a Mamluk copper *fals* from the second half of the fourteenth century CE, and the most recent coin (No. 10) is a 5 *agorot* piece from 1986. Most of the coins are from the Late Ottoman period, the British Mandate and post-1948 State of Israel. Noteworthy are two nineteenth-century brass tokens from Nuremberg, Germany (Nos. 4, 5). These European tokens seem to have been employed from the seventeenth century onward as some sort of low denomination rudimentary money in rural areas in Ottoman-period Palestine (Kool and Ariel 2002:109–110; Kool 2005:100).

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CATALOGUE

No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diameter (mm)	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
MAMLŪKS											
2nd half of the 14th c. CE(?), fals											
1	209	1722	2.85	23	Illegible	Illegible					145753
OTTOMAN											
Maḥmud II, 1223–1255 AH/ 1808–1839 CE, 10 Para											
2	169	1111	0.65	18	Tugra, within chain wreath	'struck in Constantinople 1223' above, year illegible.		Qustantiniyah	Pere 1968:830	Perforated	P-763223
Moḥammed V, 1327–1336AH/ 1909–1918 CE, 10 Para											
3	500	3800	2.5	18	Tugra within circle of dots; below: 'year 5' to. r. 'Reshad'. Above between two stars: 'Equality', r. 'Freedom', l. 'Justice'. Below: springs tied in center	In center: '10 para'; above: 'Ottoman government'; r.: 'struck in'; l.: 'Constantinople'; below, date in frame. Springs on either side	1331AH/1913	Qustantiniyah	Pere 1968:1062	Perforated	P-812636

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No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diameter (mm)	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
EUROPEAN											
Johann Jacob Lauer, 1806–1852(?), or later, token											
4	277	1749	0.36	11	Rayed hemi-sun with face on l.; crescent moon on r., five stars in field *IO[- -]ER[- -] EN	Ship sailing to l. PLUS – ULTRA		Nuremberg	Mitchiner 1988:555, No. 1990	Perforated, broken	P-812630
Austrian-Hungarian Empire, 1848–1916, 2 filler											
5	133	1130	3.89	23	Crown of St. Stephen MAGYAR KIRÁLYI VÁLTÓPÉNZ	Denomination in wreath	1892–1916	Körmöcbánya	https://www.coinarchives.com/w/lotviewer.php?LotID=3801783&AucID=3950&Lot=819&Val=cca7b09ba7e191edc1dd81b5c907f514		P-812632
BRITISH MANDATE OF PALESTINE											
50 Prufa											
6	359	3540	5.71	23	Olive sprig. The stem at bottom date. In margin: 'Palestine' in English, Hebrew and Arabic	Denomination in English, Hebrew and Arabic	1927	Jerusalem	Berlin 2005:42		P-812634

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No.	Locus	Basket	Weight (g)	Diameter (mm)	Obverse	Reverse	Date (CE)	Mint	Reference	Notes	IAA No.
7	303	5738	3.14	20	'Palestine' in English, Hebrew and Arabic	Olive sprig; number 1 left and right of the stem; denomination in margin in English, Hebrew and Arabic	1942	Jerusalem	Berlin 2005:34–35		P-812633
8	259	1672	3.13	21	Same	Same	1944	Same	Same		P-812631
STATE OF ISRAEL											
<i>5 Agorot</i>											
9	500	3799	2.33	17	Three ripe pomegranates; "Israel" in Hebrew and Arabic	Denomination "5 Agorot" and the date in Hebrew	1963	Jerusalem	http://www.boi.org.il/en/Currency/PastNotesAndCoinsSeries/Pages/Default.aspx#Top		P-812635
<i>1 Agora (New Sheqel series)</i>											
10	130	1038	2	17	Ancient galley; the emblem of the State of Israel; "Israel" in Hebrew, Arabic and English	The denomination "1" on a square background; "Agora" in Hebrew and English; the date in Hebrew	1986	Jerusalem	http://www.boi.org.il/en/Currency/CurrentCurrencySeries/Pages/Default.aspx#Top		P-763222