Zionism as Housing Regime, 1860-2011

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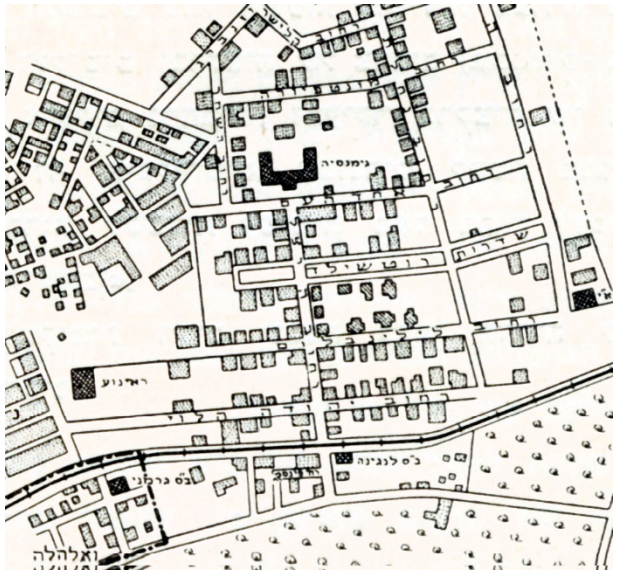

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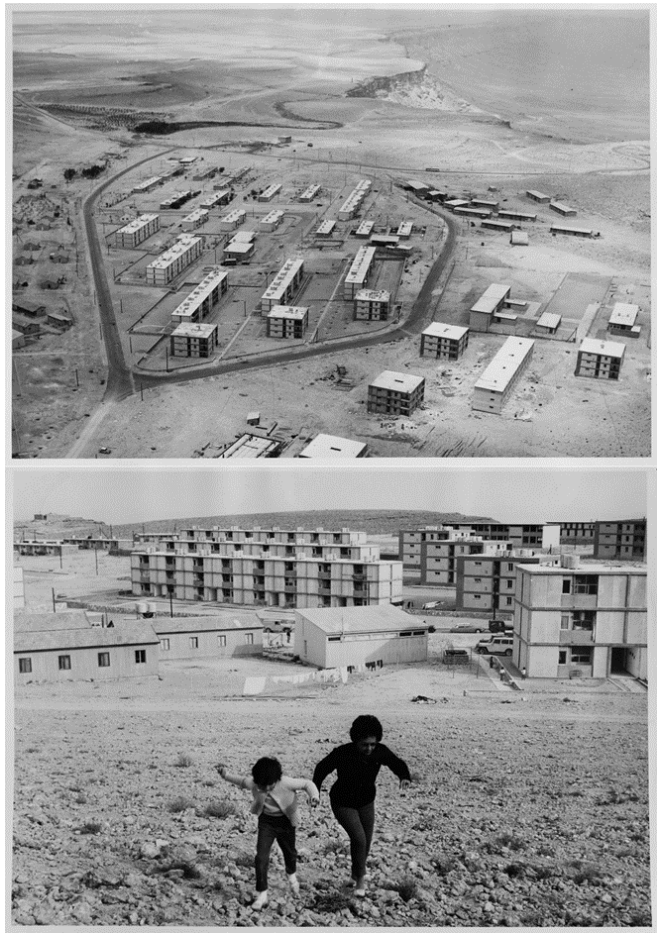

MizpeRamon, 1951

Kedumim settlement, 1978

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Left: Palestinian-Israelis protest house demolitions. Center: Mizrahi Jews protesting for access to public housing. Right: 2011 housing protest camp, Tel Aviv.

‘Camp no. 1948’, Yedioth Aharonot, July 14, 2011.

Jewish National Fund Archive.

Figure 8: First housing in Kibbutz Ein Harod, 1922.

Our Commune (Jerusalem: Yad Yizhak Ben Zvi, 1988 [1922]); and Aviva Opaz, 'The Symbolic World of "Our Commune"', *Kasedra* 59 (1991).

UNRWA Archive, Gaza.

Figure 11: Naher El Bared refugee camp, Lebanon, 1950.

Rahem Alhelsi, Palestine Remembered online archive, accessed October 26, 2012, http://www.palestineremembered.com/.

NPC (National Photo Collection).

Figure 12: Beit Lid immigrant camp, 1949.

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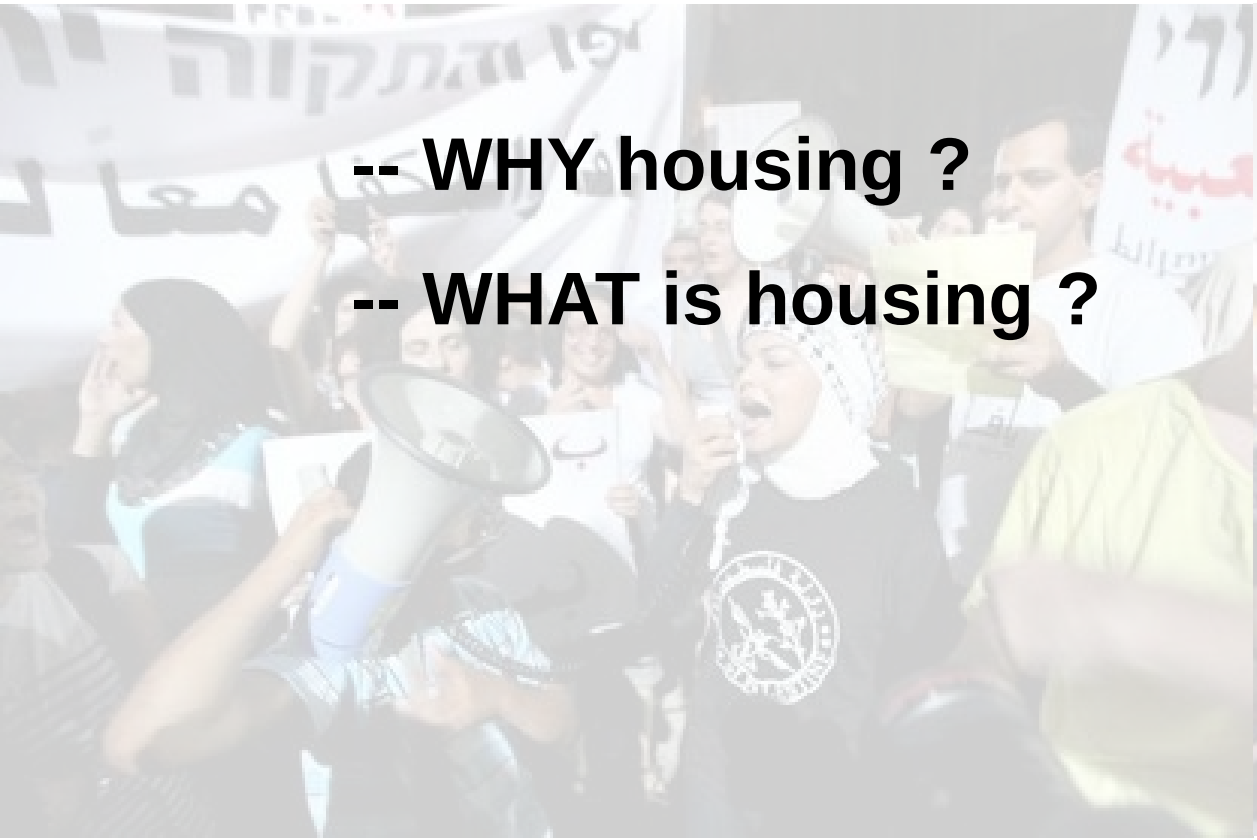
-- WHY housing ?

-- WHAT is housing ?



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Housing is >> simultaneously >>

An act (to house)

Policy (a set of regulations, statutory plans, funding schemes)

A value (human/civil right, identity marker)

A typology (tower / block etc.)

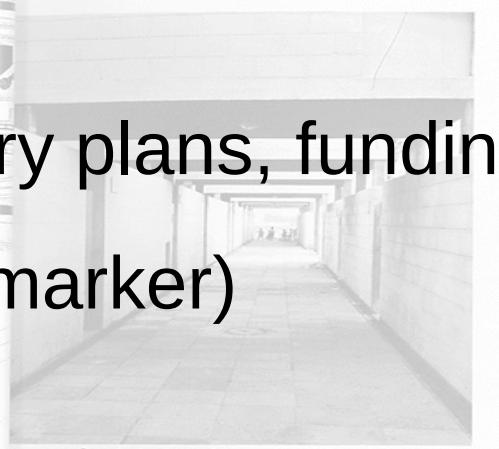
A settlement form (type and location)

A space (architecture)

A cultural product

Real estate (commodity, investment channel, resource)

General view


Semi-shadowed passage "Patio" houses
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MODEL HOUSING ESTATE
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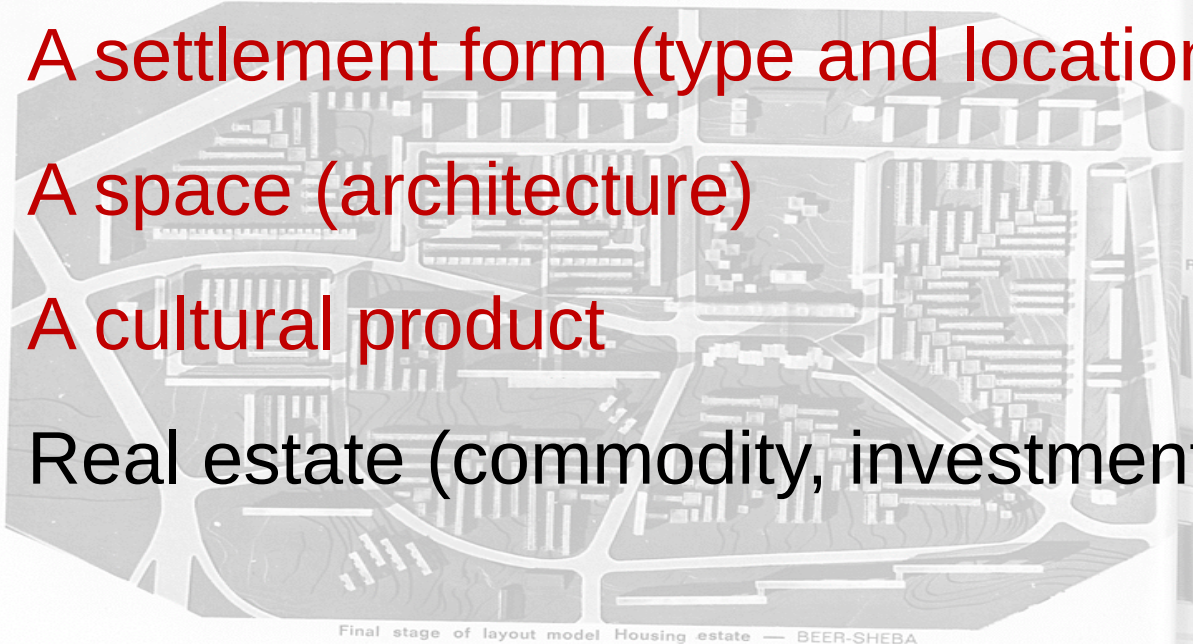
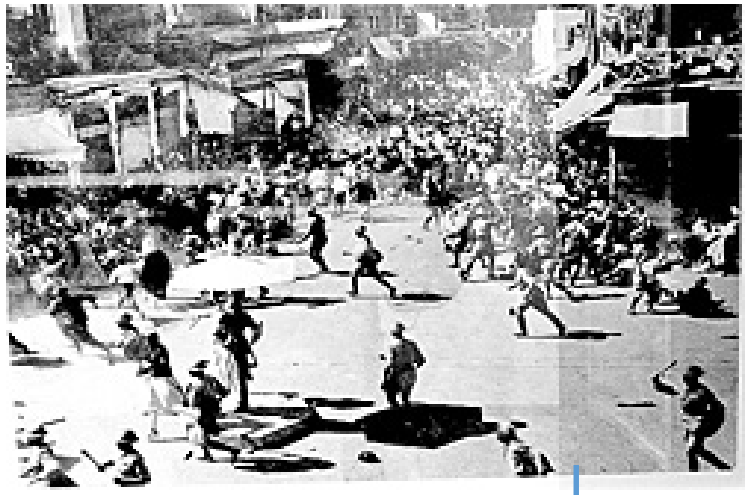
Residential building ; ARCH. A. YASKI — A. ALEXANDRONI

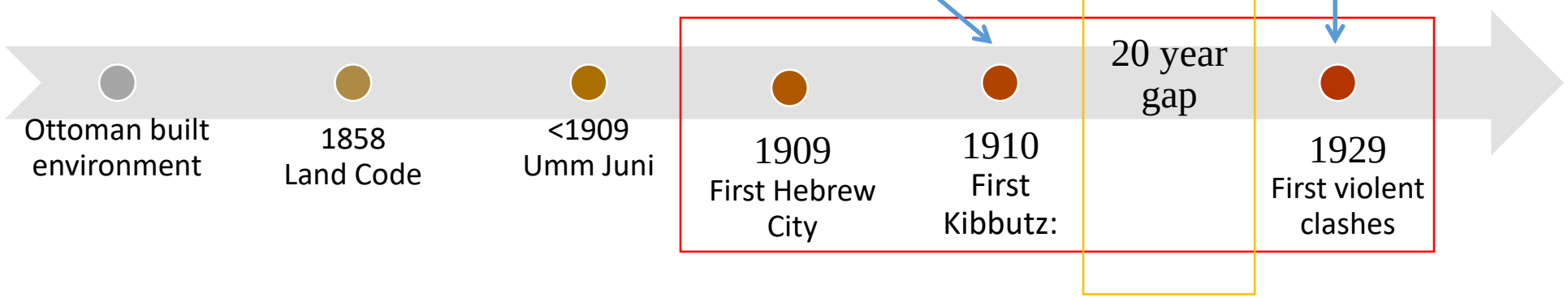

Final stage of layout model Housing estate — BEER-SHEBA

Historiographical gap ⇨ Cause-and-effect issue

First Kibbutz settlement: Umm-Juni Degania, 1910. Source: Degania Archive



First violent clashes, Jaffa 1929. Source: Cohen, 2015.



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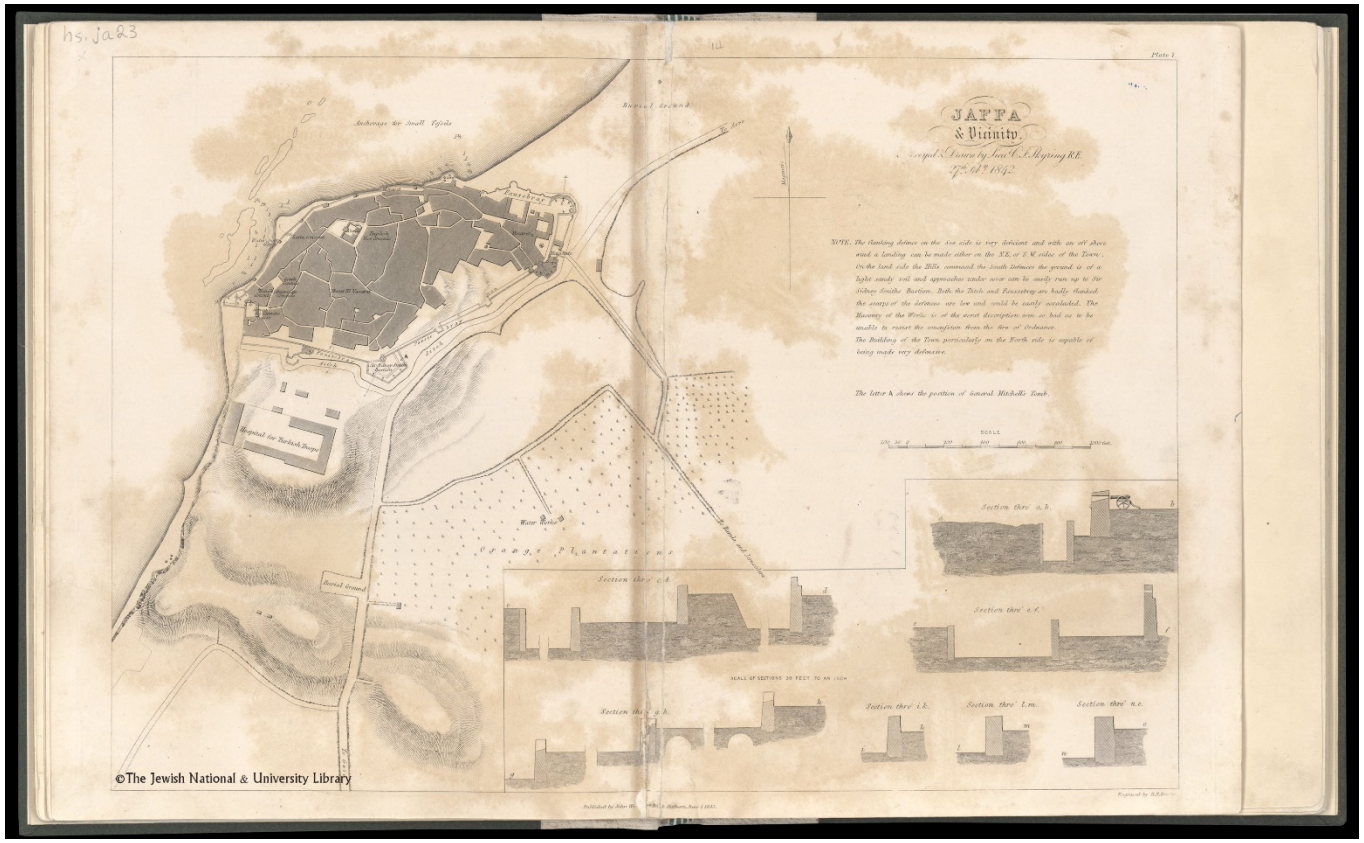
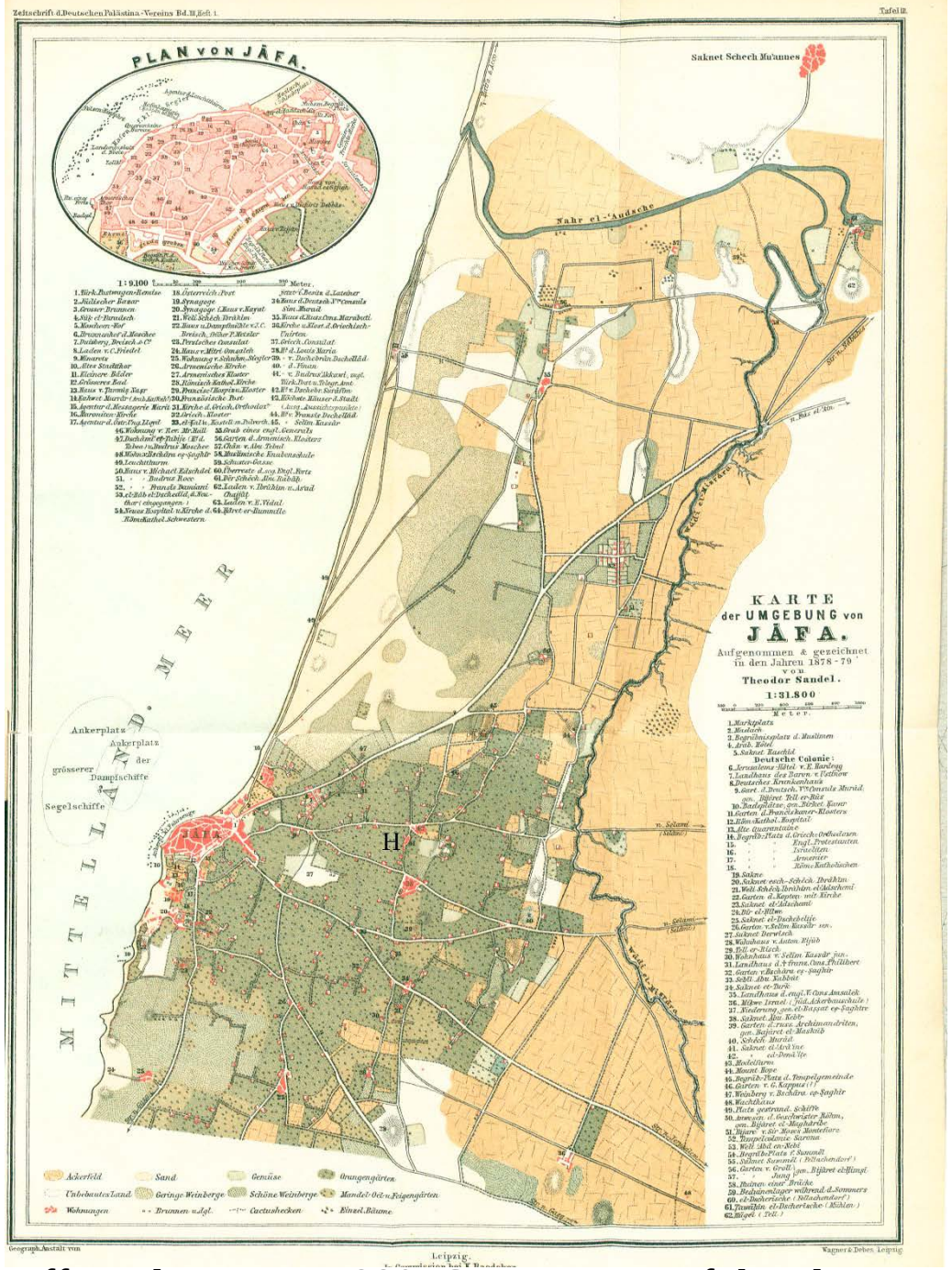
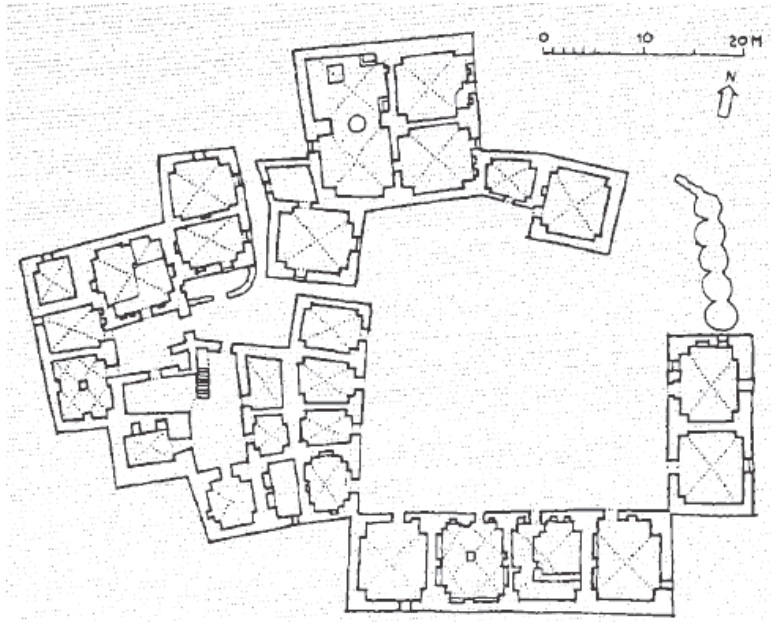


Jaffa, 1842. British map of the walled city.



Jaffa and vicinity, 1880. German map of the plantations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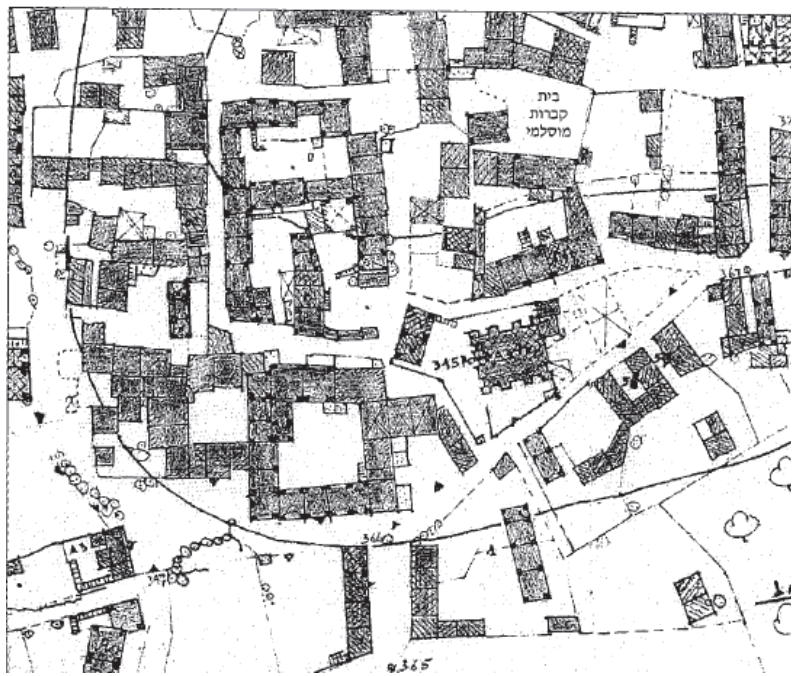
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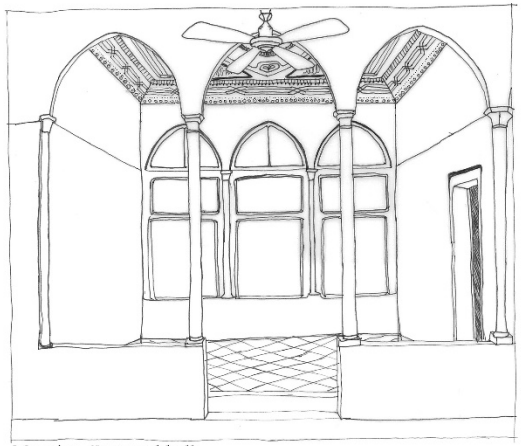

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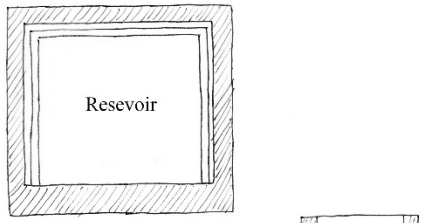

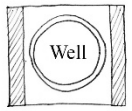

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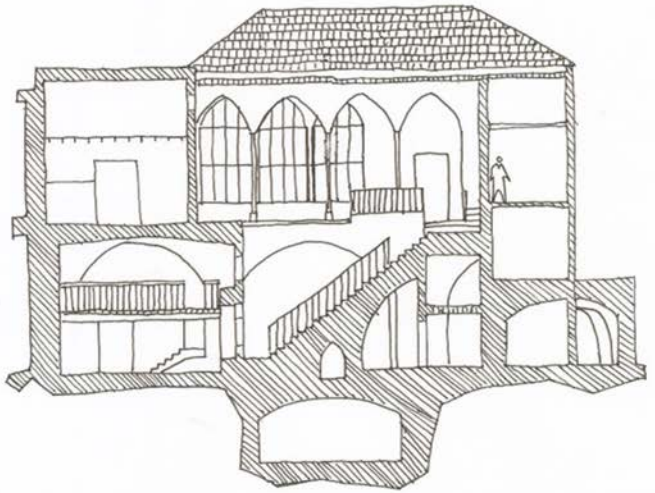

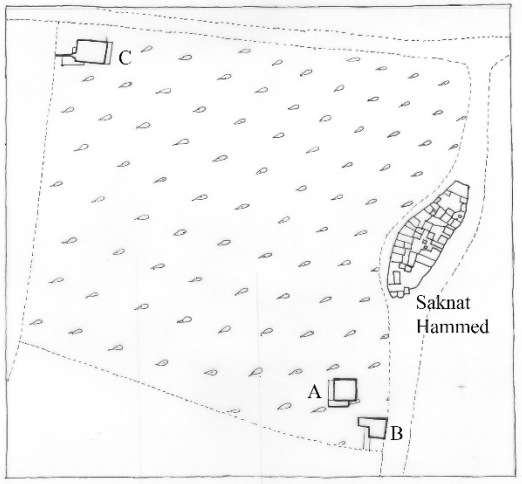

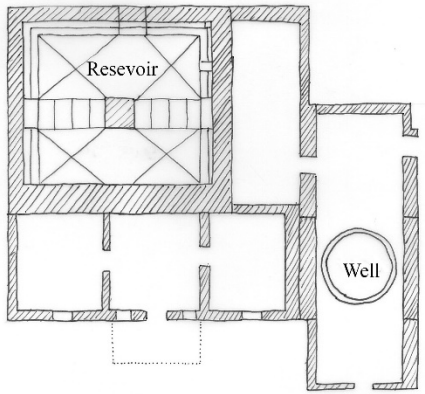

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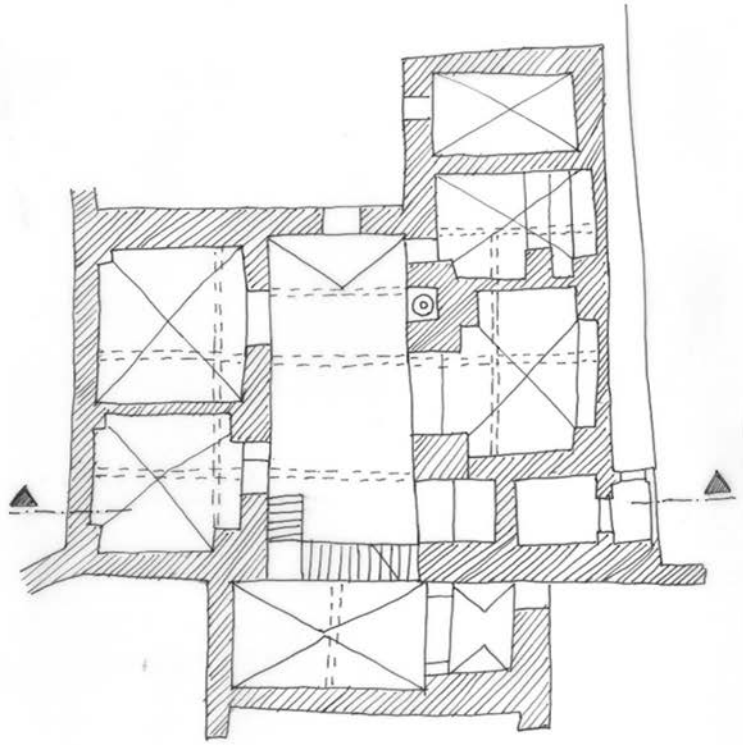

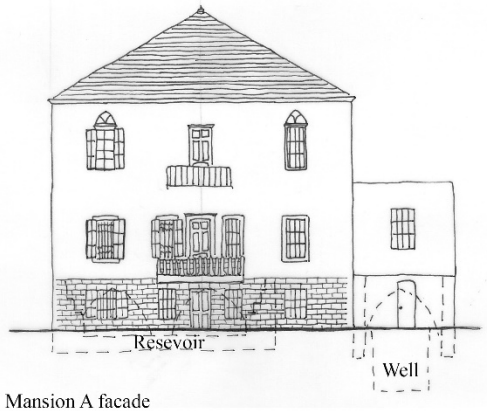

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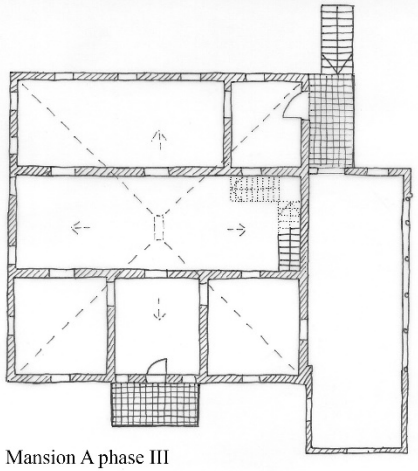

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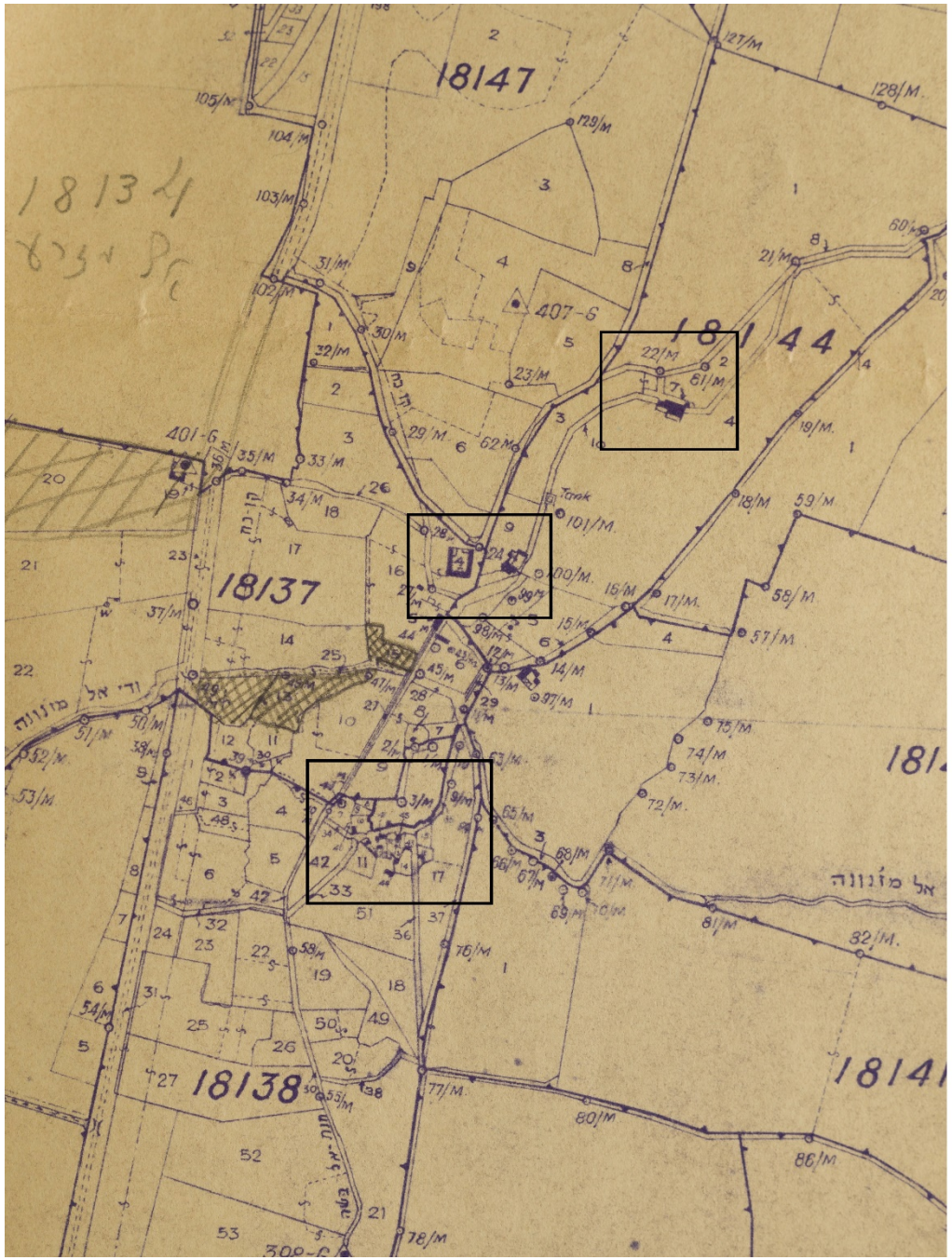

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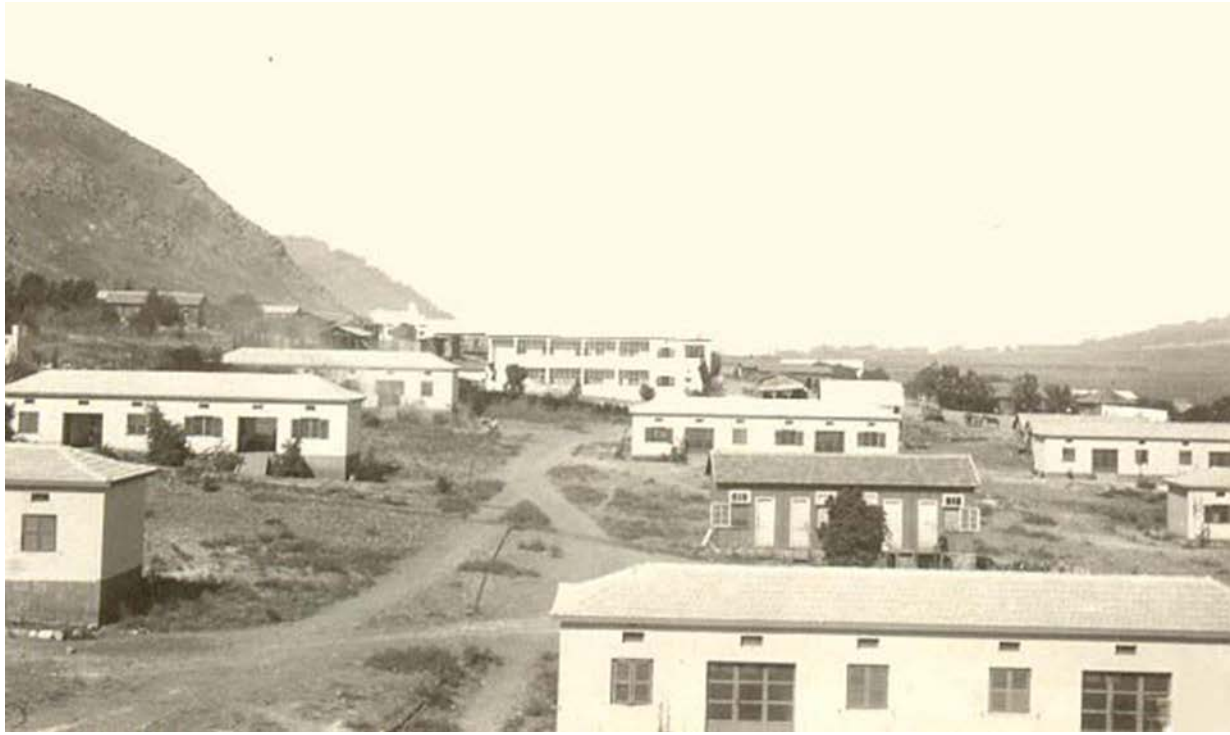

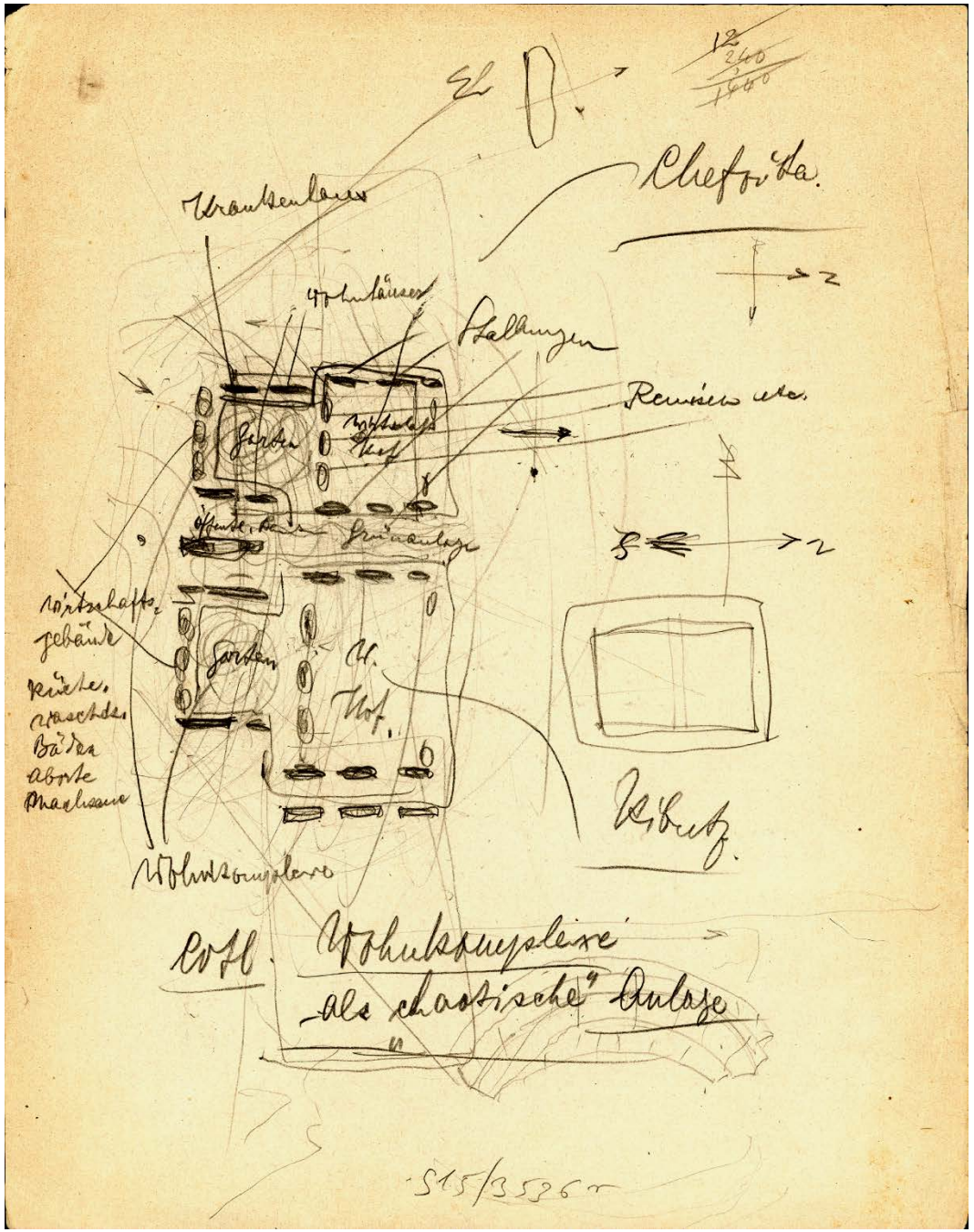
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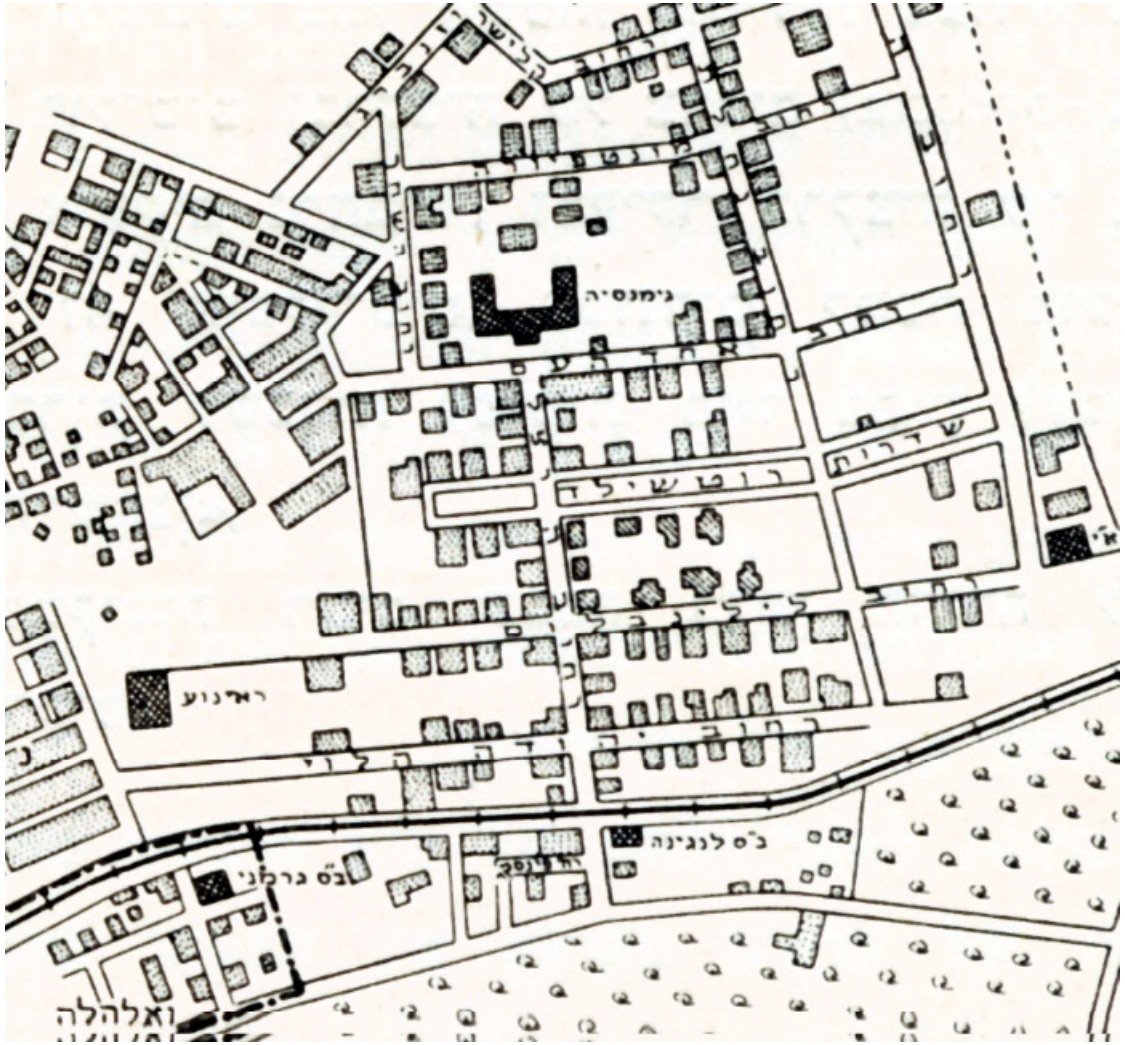
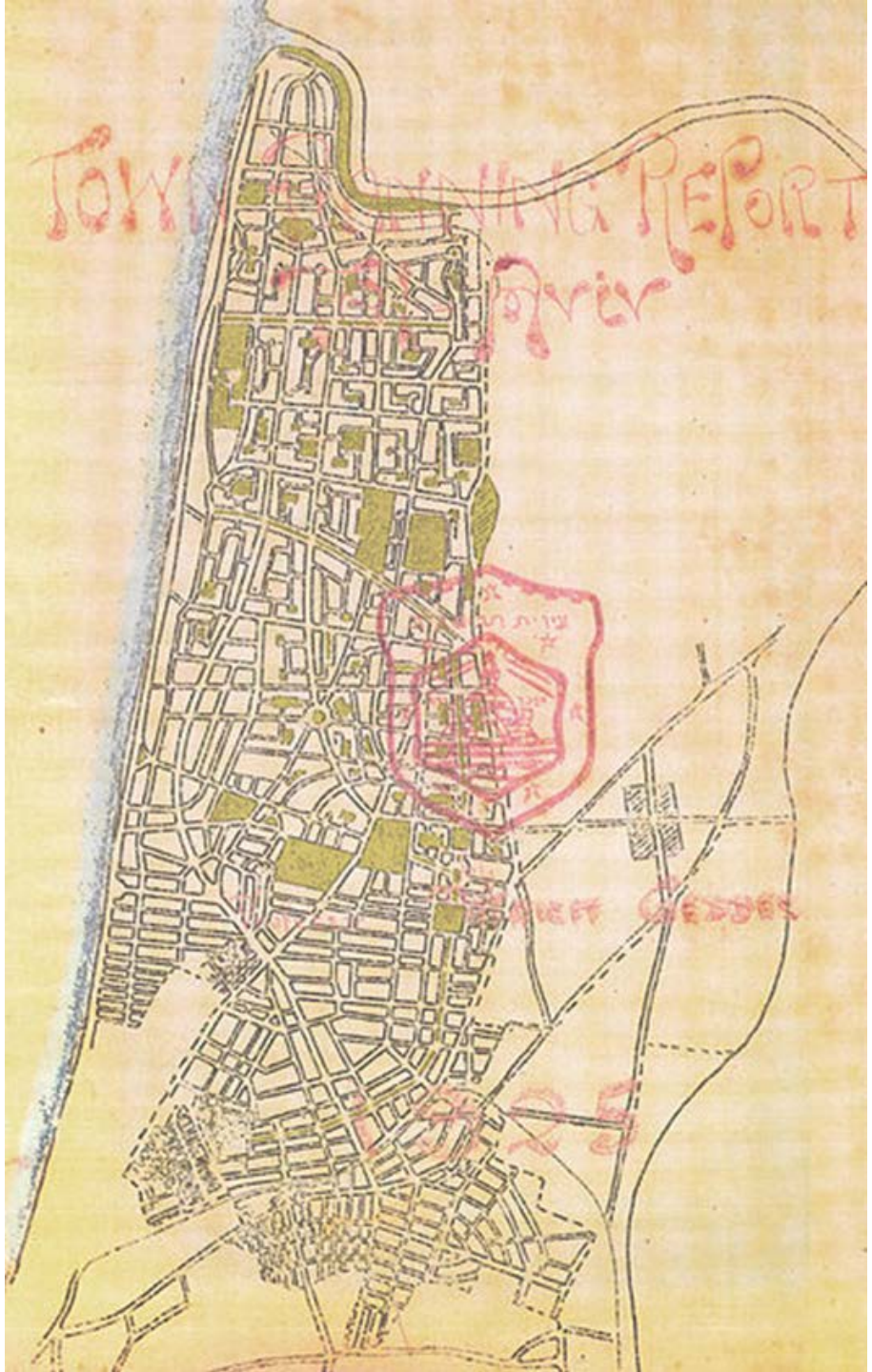
Housing-based urbanism





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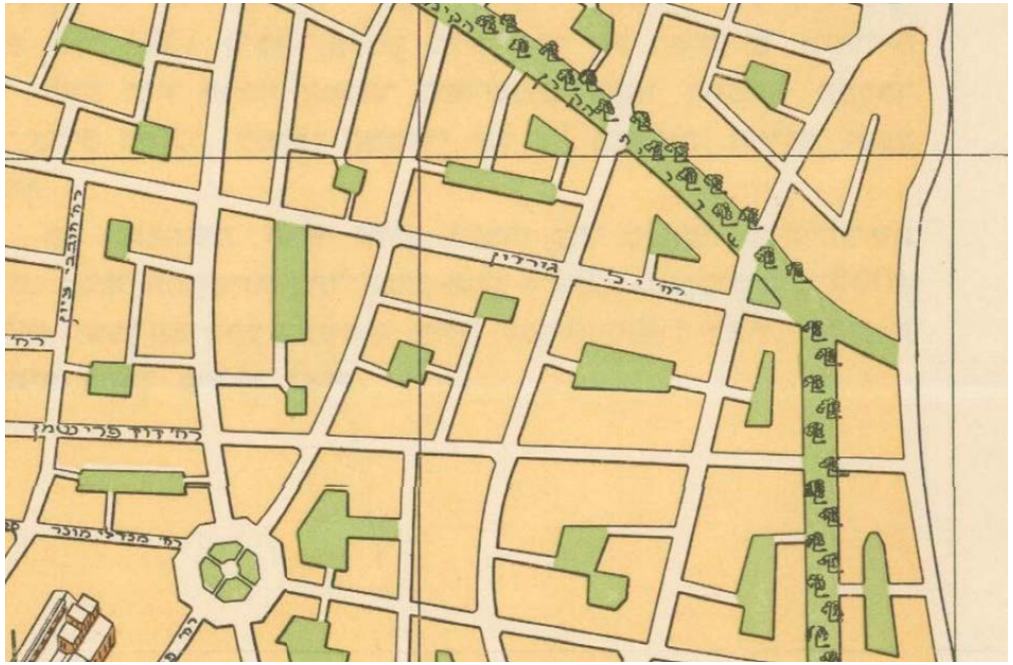
Geddes' home block for Tel Aviv.



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Source: TelAviv100 collective.

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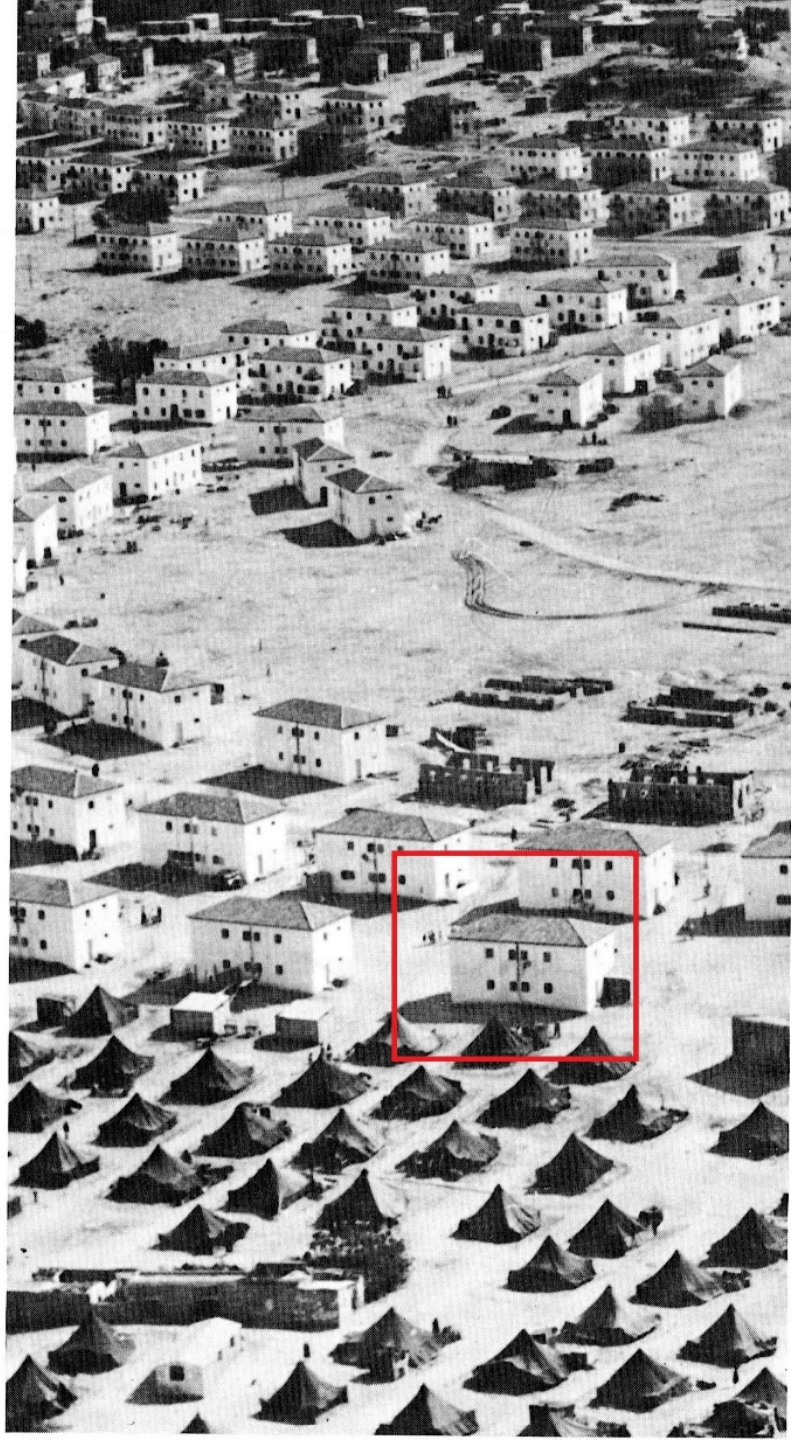

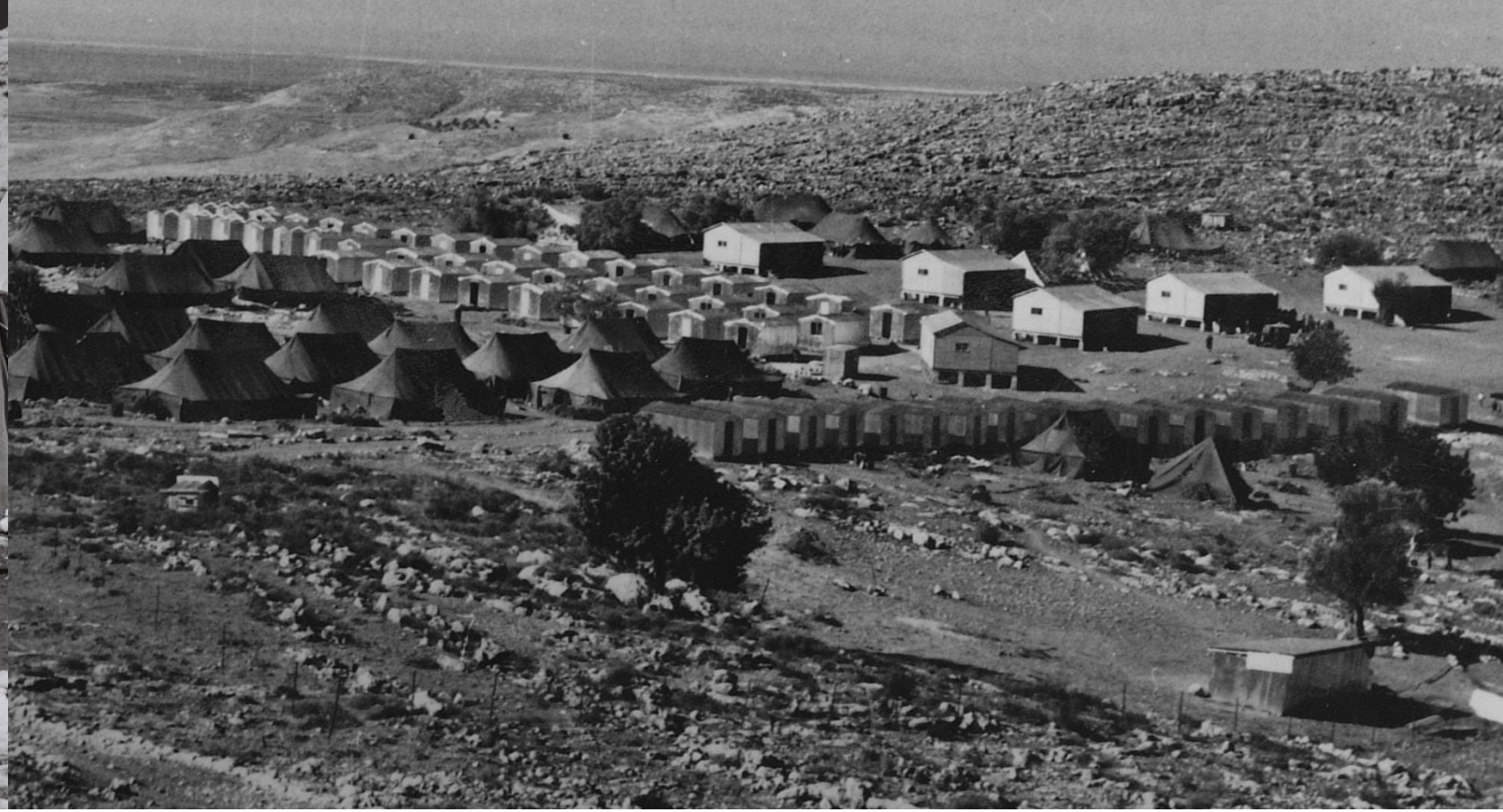

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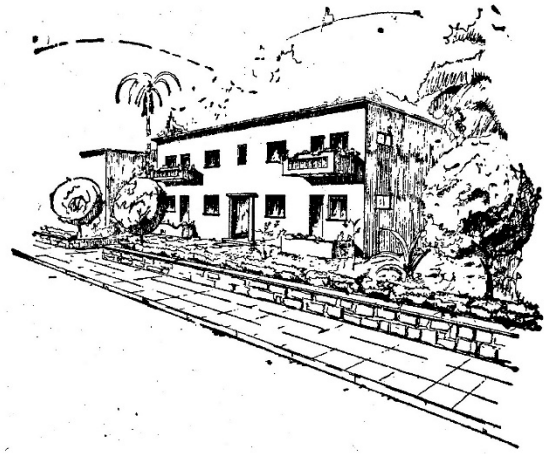

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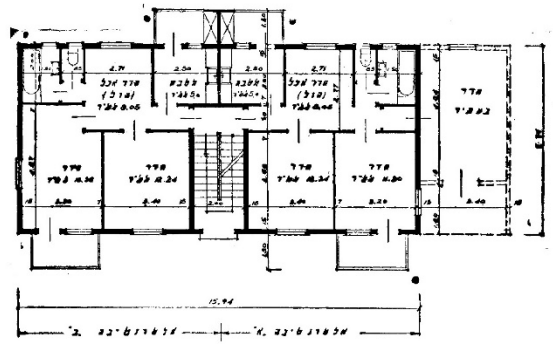

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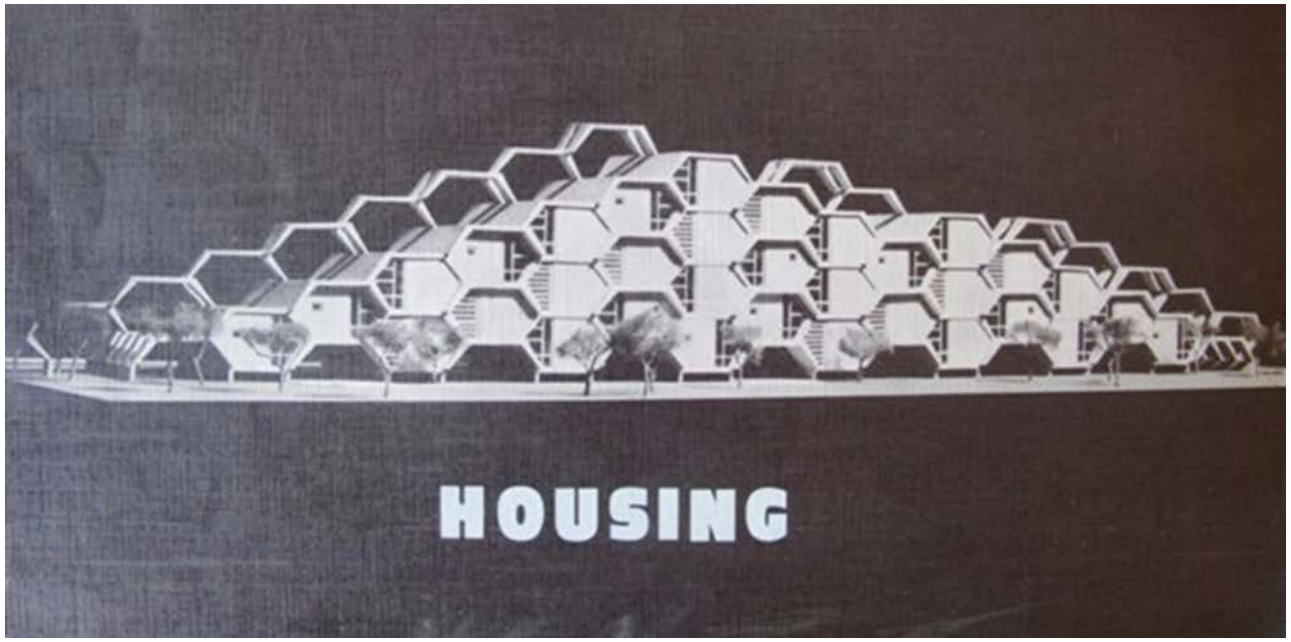
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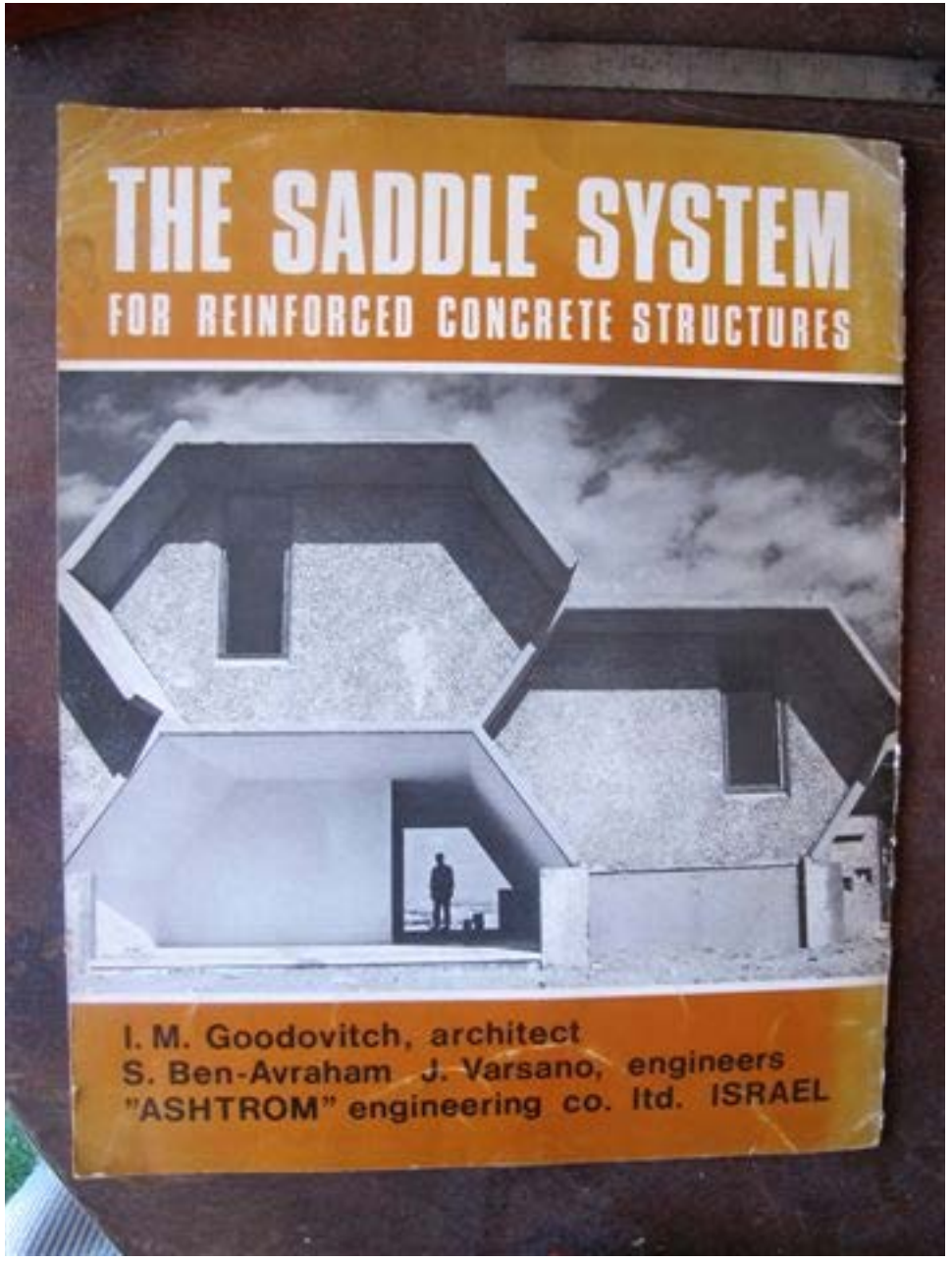
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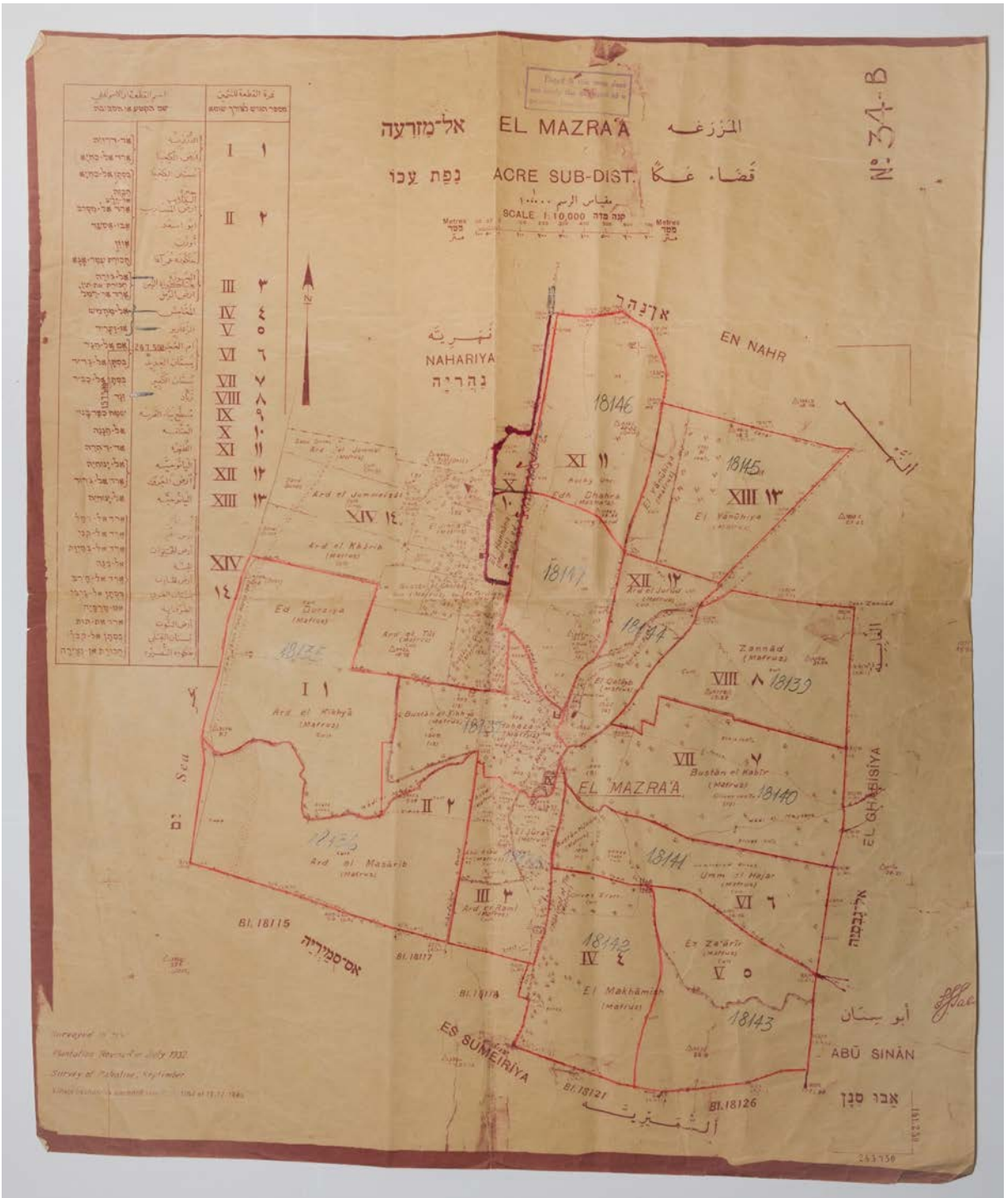

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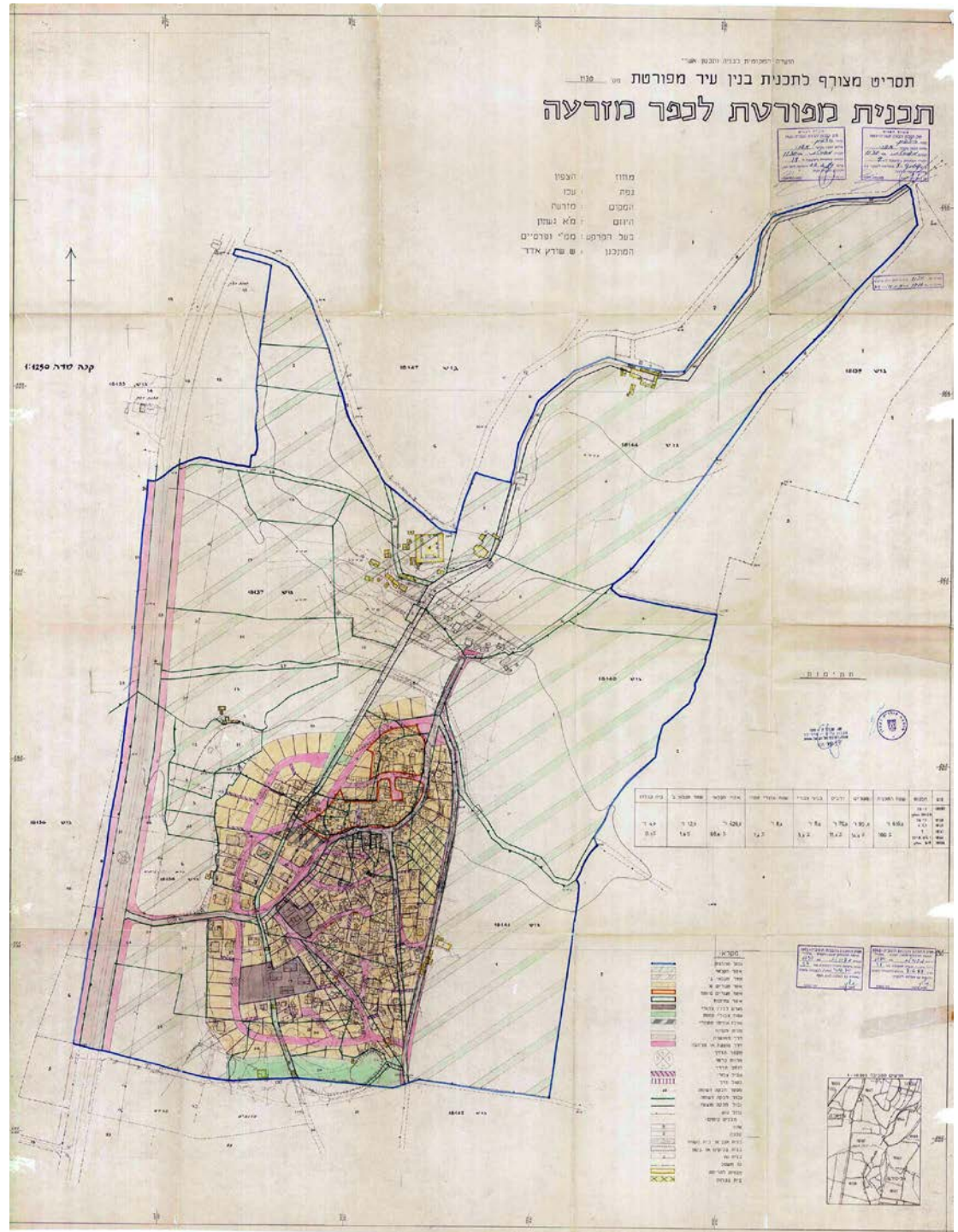

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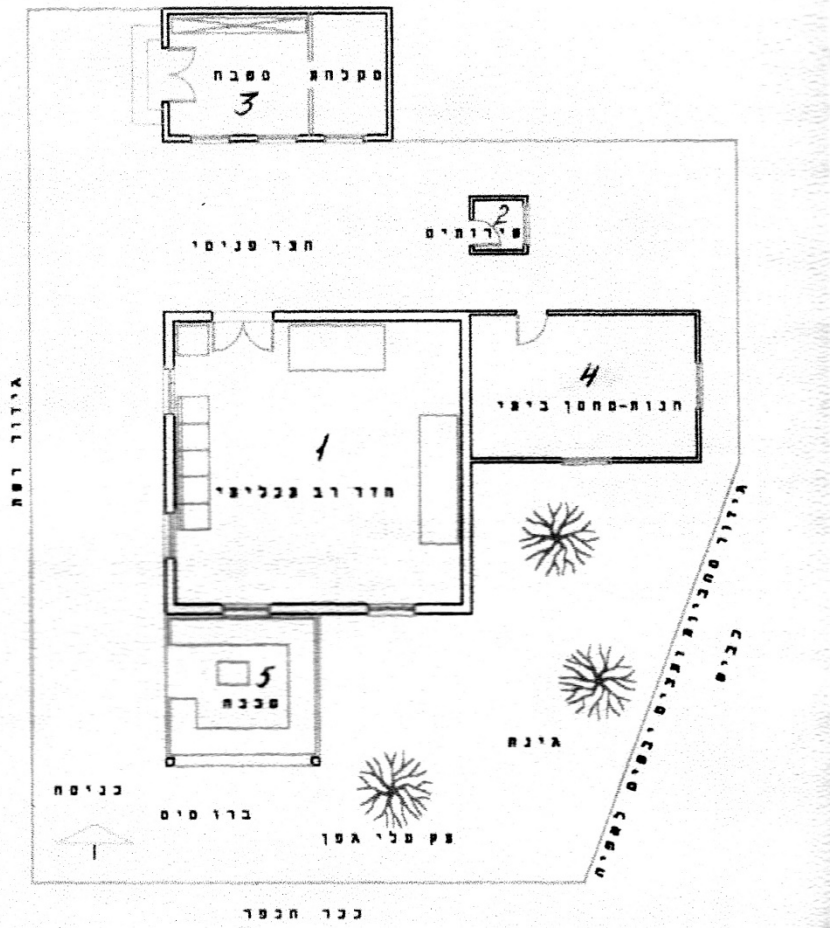

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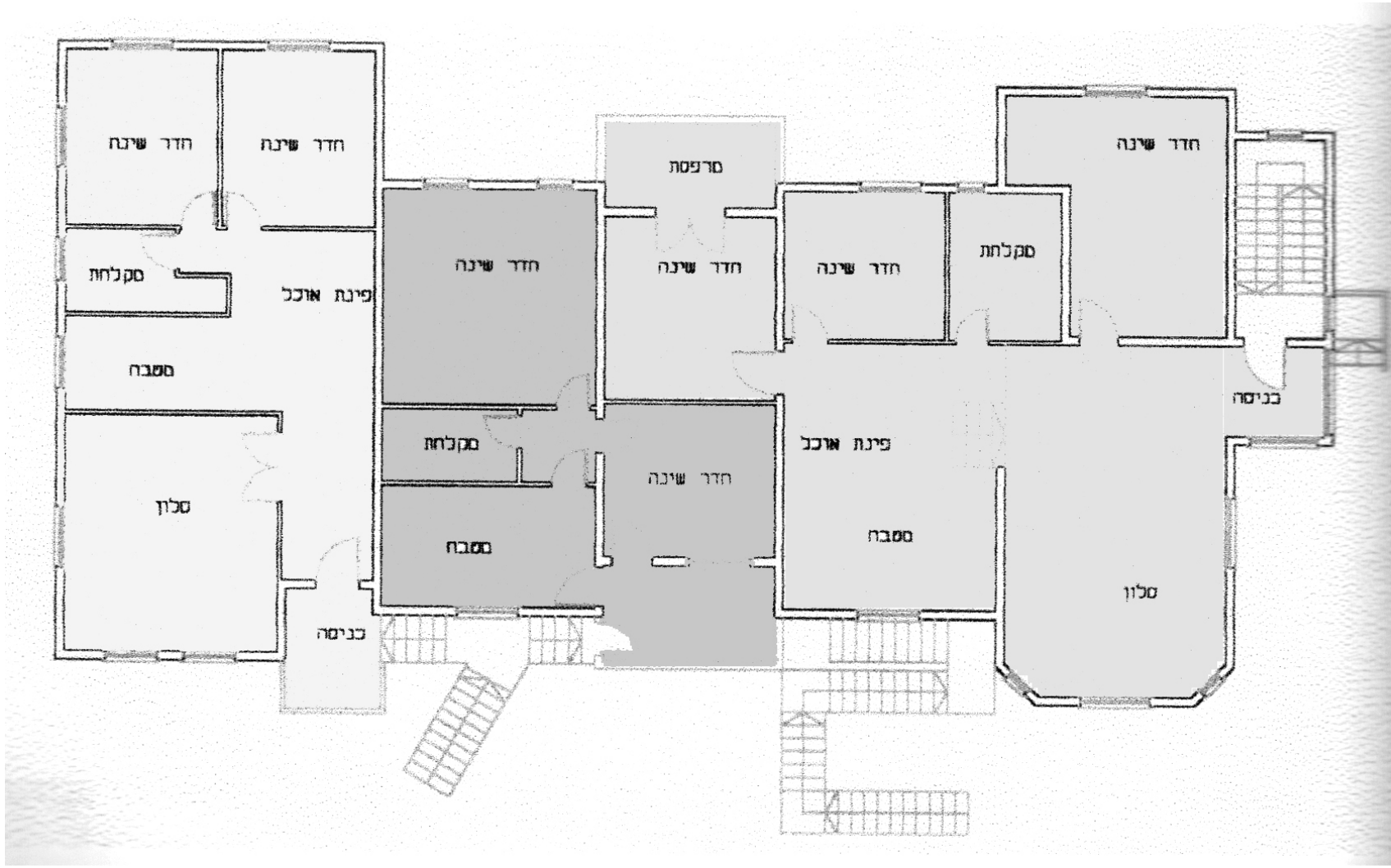

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Who is the citizen-sovereign, and what is their architecture?

“every single citizen who saw the images of destined-chief Galant’s villa – was surprised. The appearance of the house with its unusual square structure and turrets was burned into the consciousness and almost erased issues regarding the illegality of construction and invading agricultural land”

- Raz Smolansky, The Marker, January 23, 2011.

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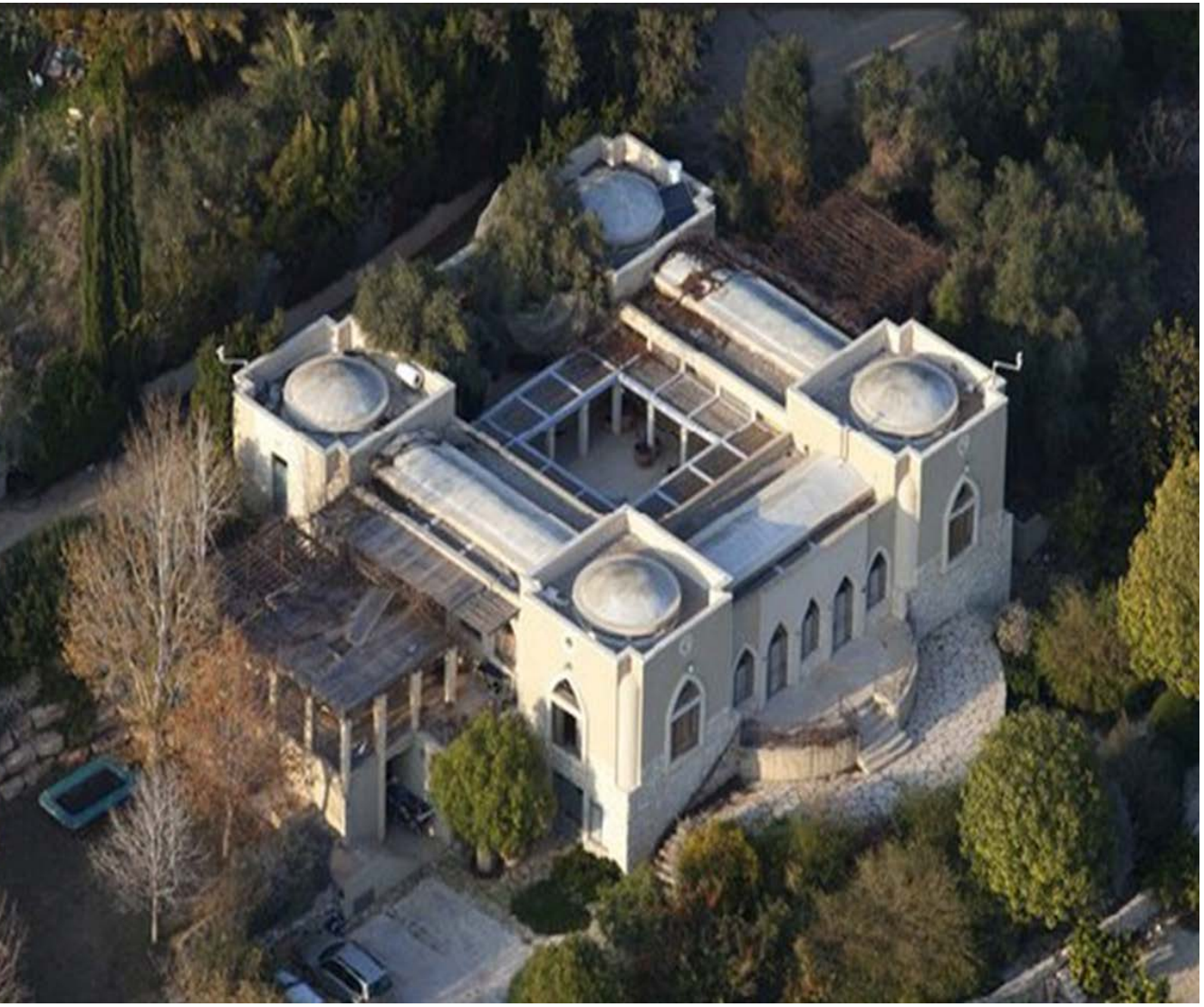

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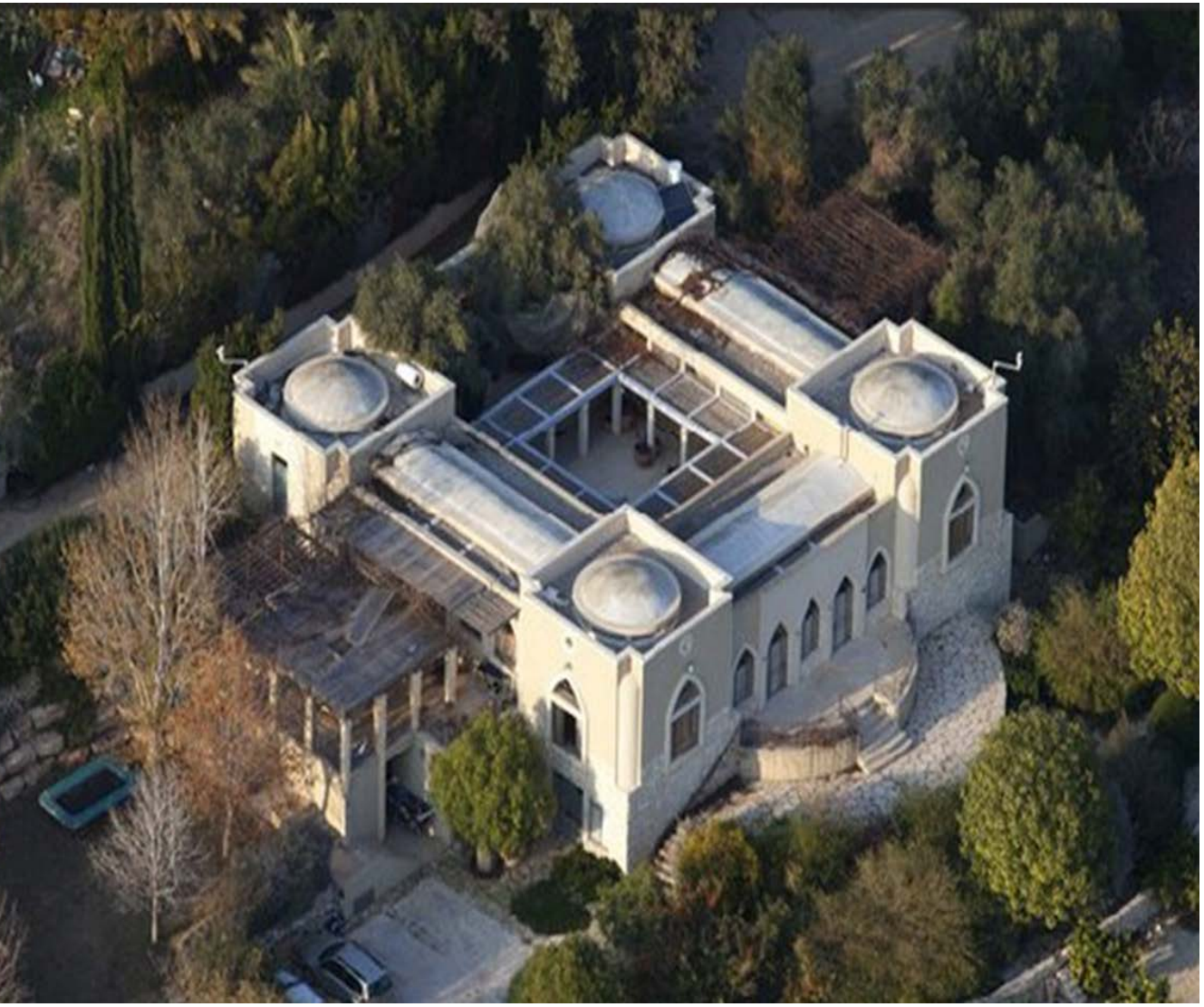

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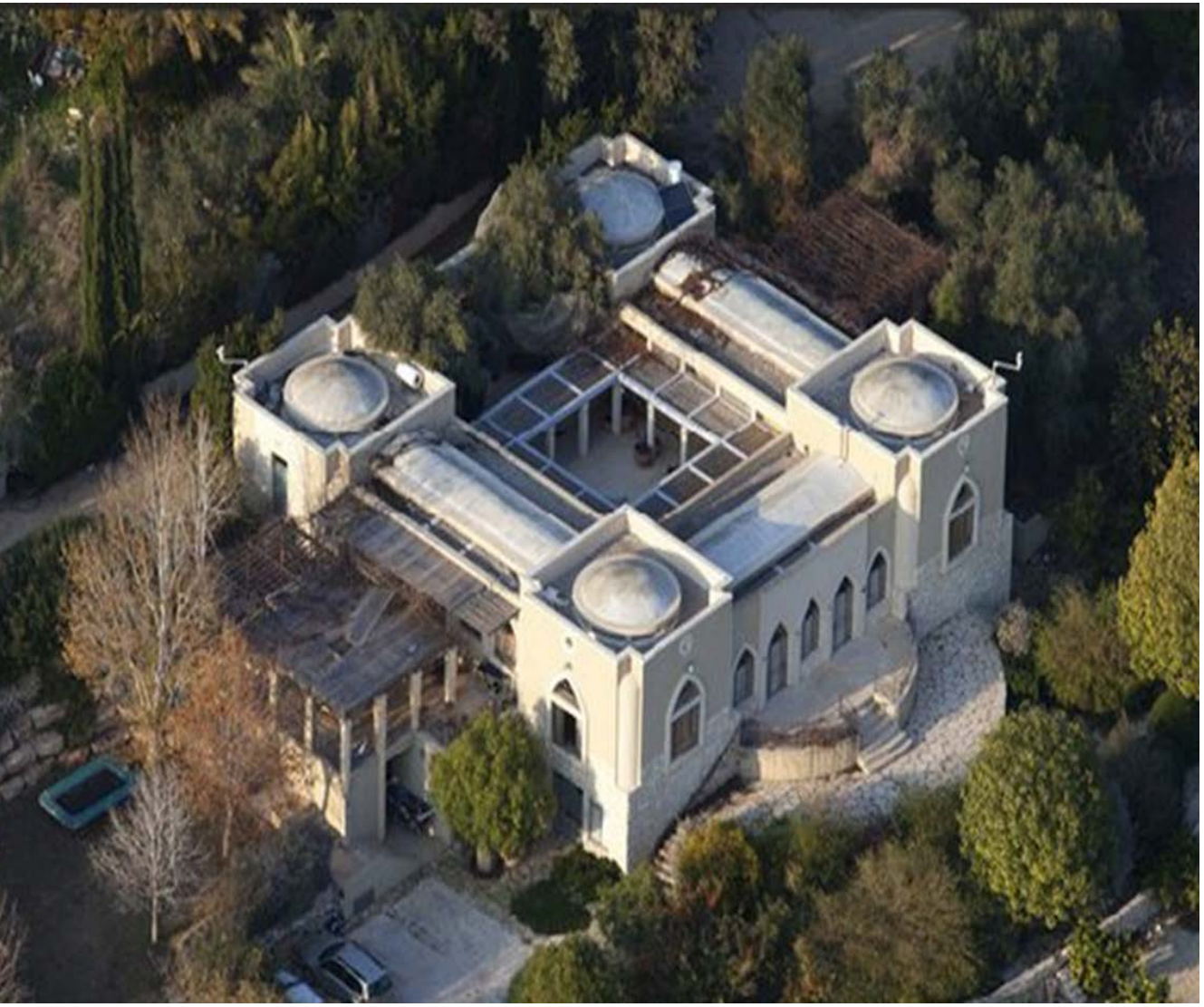

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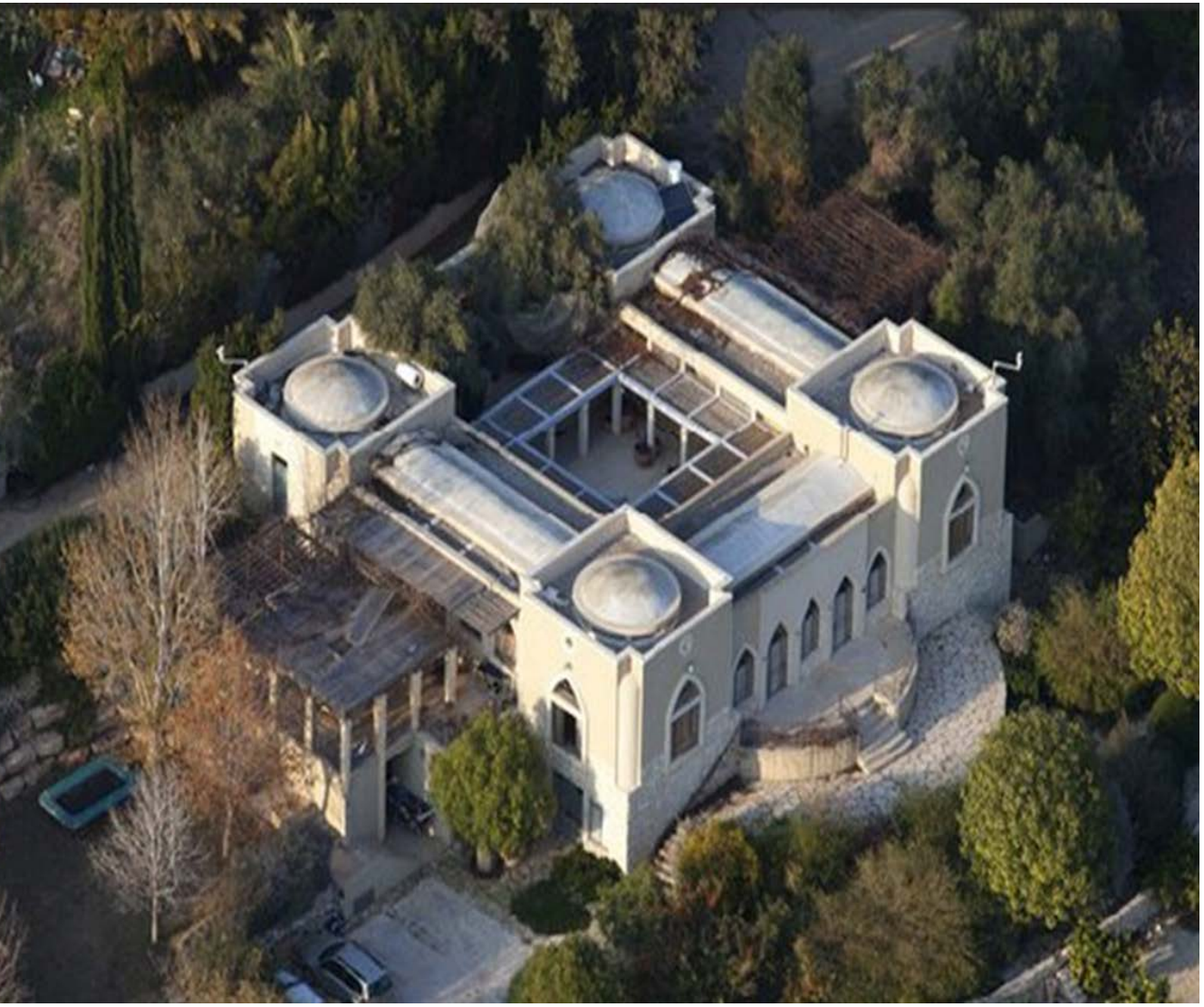

Ganz house, Rosh Ha'ayn, 2011.
Source: Zoomap.

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