

Research & Services | Biogeochemical Laboratory for Culturing and Experimenting with Foraminifera and Corals (Yissum)**code:** 34-2007-1754[Jonathan Erez](#), HUJI, Faculty of Science, The Institute of Earth Sciences

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Objective/function

- The laboratory focuses on
- Biomineralization mechanisms, internal carbon and calcium cycling in marine symbiotic associations (foraminifera and corals)
- Experimental studies on stable isotopes and trace elements in live foraminifera and corals in order to develop new paleoceanographic proxies
- Carbon isotopic fractionation and carbon limitation in algae during photosynthesis
- Nutrient fluxes between coral reefs and the open ocean

Research provided

- Measurements of biomineralization rates of marine organisms under controlled conditions
- Video microscopy and confocal microscopy or the cellular and tissue processes involved in biomineralization of corals and foraminifera

Advantages

- A highly skilled, renown researcher utilizing state-of-the-art equipment and technologies

Available equipment

- Video fluorescence microscopy and spectral microscopy system
- Confocal microscopy
- Microelectrodes for Oxygen pH and Ca²⁺
- Mass spectrometry for C and O isotopes

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