

ISRAELI BANKS (continued)



What to bring with you

- Your passport
- A second form of photo identification, such as a driver's license or student ID
- Your certificate of enrollment at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- A valid visa
- Your taxpayer identification number from your home country (TIN, SSN, Numéro Fiscal, etc.)
- A local cell phone number
- Proof of your expected scholarship/income if relevant
- Each bank may require additional documents



Additional tips

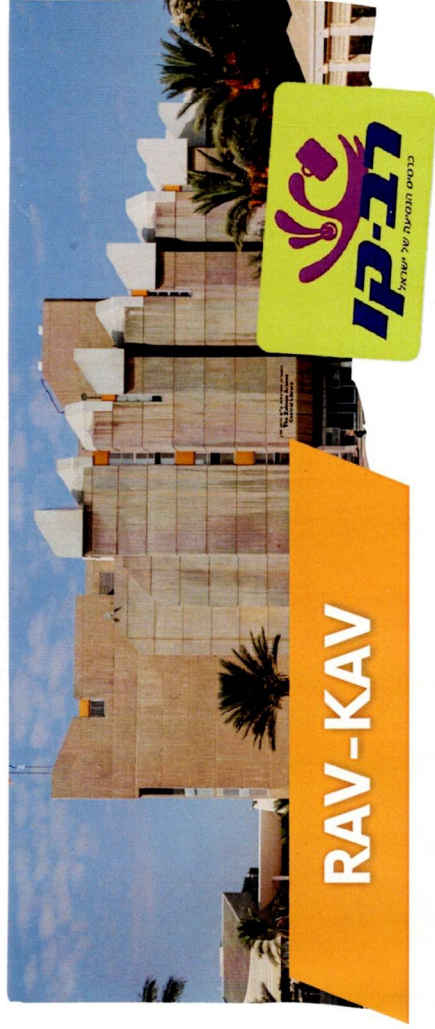
- Choose a bank that is convenient for you. Consider the location of the branches and the hours of operation.
- Compare the fees and services offered by different banks. Some banks offer student accounts with no monthly fees or discounts on ATM withdrawals.
- Be prepared to answer questions about your financial situation and your plans for staying in Israel. The bank will want to make sure that you are able to repay any loans or debts that you may incur.

The information provided above is for informational purposes only. BGU does not endorse or guarantee the services provided by these banks. We recommend that you contact the bank directly to confirm the information and to inquire about their specific policies and procedures.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN ISRAEL

The Rav-Kav is a smart card used as the main form of payment for public transportation in Israel. With a personalized Rav-Kav, students are eligible for a **student discount** for public transportation fares.

When boarding the bus, you'll need to swipe/tap the pre-paid card on the payment stands inside the bus. A payment confirmation will appear on the screen. In addition, you'll need to swipe the pre-paid card when entering and exiting the train platforms.

Getting a Rav-Kav

Where to go:

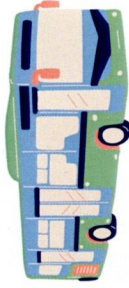
- Service center "Al HaKav" **Beer-Sheva Central Bus Station**
- Sunday - Thursday: 8:00- 19:00, Friday: 8:00-13:00
- The website **Rav-Kav Online**: ravkavonline.co.il/en/

What to bring with you:

- Passport picture
- A copy of your passport
- Card fee = 5 ILS
- **To enable the student discount**: Approval of studies (in Hebrew) and/or Student ID for the current academic year



RAV-KAV (continued)



Loading your Rav-Kav

- Download the **Rav-Kav Online app**, developed for Android and iPhone devices.
- Scan your Rav-Kav card to view its contents.
- To load your card, choose the contract* you want to purchase OR load money directly to stored value.**
- Next, you'll be redirected to the payment page. You can pay via credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Paypal.

*Contract - monthly pass, daily pass, single rides.

**Stored Value - can be used on buses and trains.

Please note

- Regular student profile - 33% discount.
- Extended student profile - 0% discount.
- Extended Student profiles can be purchased as an annual or semester pass.
- Children under the age of 5: each paying passenger may bring one child free of charge.
- The **Moovit app** is recommended for up-to-date transportation routes and times.
- The **Hop On app** allows you to pay for the bus without a Rav-Kav by scanning the QR code on the bus.



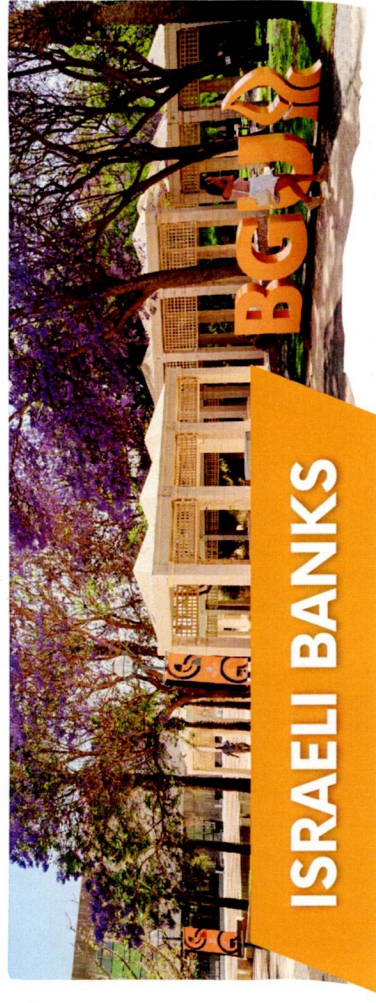
Hop On app



Rav-Kav Online app



Moovit app



OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

While some banks in Israel may be hesitant to open accounts for visiting students, due to the temporary nature of their stay and the lack of regular income deposited into the account, international students at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev have been successful in opening accounts at the following banks in **Beer-Sheva**:

- **Bank Hapoalim**
 - Abraham Avinu 99, Beer-Sheva
 - Yitskhak Rager 17, Beer-Sheva
- **Bank Leumi**
 - Masada 6, Be'er Sheva
 - Yitskhak Rager 11, Beer-Sheva
- **Discount Bank**
 - Henrietta Szold 8, Beer-Sheva
- **First International Bank of Israel**
 - Khayim Yakhil 1, Beer-Sheva
- **Mizrahi-Tefahot**
 - Masada 6, Beer-Sheva



Bank working hours

Please check the bank website as the opening hours of bank branches vary.

In addition, some banks may require making an appointment with a bank teller in advance, so it's important to check with the bank before you go.