

On the north side of Mt. Meiron stands the ancient site of Baram, which today is covered by the abandoned village of Birim. The remains of a small fourth-century C.E. synagogue, since destroyed, were discovered here in the 19th century. The front facade and main entrance of a larger synagogue, seen here, have remained standing since the mid-third century C.E., its probable founding date. The right-hand column (beyond the tree leaves), with its architrave on top, has stood since the same date. The other columns, and those in the interior, have been restored. This synagogue was investigated and partially excavated by Heinrich Kohl and Carl Watzinger for the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft in 1905.