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*Cover. Aerial view of the first- to second-century AD caravanserai of Sha'ar-Ramon in the Negev Desert, Israel. The site lies on the 'Incense Route', which connected Arabia with the Mediterranean. The excavation of middens at sites such as Sha'ar-Ramon provides information on the flow of commodities across the desert to Mediterranean markets, as well as the subsistence strategies of the caravanserai along the route. For further details see 'Caravanserai middens on desert roads: a new perspective on Nabatean–Roman trade networks across the Negev' in this issue by Guy Bar-Oz and colleagues (photograph by R. Galili).*

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