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## **Education:**

- PhD, Israel Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, currently studying.  
*Dissertation: The Old Roots of the New Jew: The Role of Jewish Motifs in the Official National Narrative of the First Independence Days of Israel, 1948-1958* (Guided by: Prof. Avi Bareli & Prof. Ofer Shiff) - To be submitted July 2019.
- M.A., Jewish History, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2014, *summa cum laude*.  
*Thesis: Jewish Traditions and the Creation of a New Israeli Narrative: Study on the Formation of the Israeli Independence Day* (Guided by: Prof. Ofer Shiff).
- B.A., Jewish History, The Open University of Israel, 2009, *summa cum laude*.
- Post High-School Yeshiva Studies, Har Etzion Yeshiva, 2009.

## **Awards and Fellowships:**

- From 2018: Library Fellow – Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute.
- From 2016: Rotenstreich Fellow – The Council for Higher Education of Israel.
- From 2015: Kreitman Fellow – Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 2018: Efra Goren Prize – Shitim Institute.
- 2012-2013: The Department of Jewish History Excellence Scholarship – Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 2006-2008: The President Scholarship for Excellence – The Open University of Israel.
- 2002: Employment & Welfare Minister Prize.

## **Academic Work Experience:**

- From 2017: Sub-Editor of the Israeli Autobiography Project, Academic Assistant to Prof. Avner Ben-Amos and Prof. Ofer Shiff.
- From 2016: Editor of *Israelis* - Bilingual Academic Periodical for Israel Studies.
- From 2015: Teacher at The Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International Program, The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism.
- 2015-2016: Assistant Professor at Achva Academic College.
- 2015-2016: Teaching Assistant of Dr. Paula Kabalo, head of The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism. Academic coordinator of Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership Faculty Training Program (SIGNAL FTP).

- 2013-2016: Member of the editorial board of *Israelis* Periodical.
- 2012-2013: Teaching Assistant of Prof. Hanna Yablonka, head of the Israel Studies department at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

**Participation in Academic Conferences & Invited Lectures (Selected):**

- 2019 (upcoming): *Mamlakhtiyut from Across the Ocean: Ben-Gurion and the American-Jewish Community*, The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Kinneret Collage.
- 2019 (upcoming): *The Creation of an Israeli Folklore: The Case of Ben-Zion Dinur*, Realms of Memory in Israeli and Jewish Folklore, The Annual Meeting of Israeli Folklore Researchers, Haifa University.
- 2019: *Between the Jewish and the Israeli: Tow Archetypes in Israel's National Holiday*, Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute.
- 2019: *Ben-Gurion and the State of Israel Bonds*, Israel Economic History 1948-1968: A Reexamination, The Economic History Association of Israel.
- 2018: *The National Holiday and the Jewish Rituals: The Case of Yom Ha'atsmaut*, Interpreting Rituals: Historiographical Perspectives and Pluralistic Contexts, Leiden University.
- 2018: *Looking at Them Looking at Us: The Israelis and Ben-Gurion's Journey to the US (1951)*, Israel at 70, The Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies at Concordia University.
- 2018: *The Road Not Taken? Ben-Zion Dinur's Israeli-Jewish National Approach*, The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies at UC Berkeley.
- 2018: *The Discover of (the Jews of) America: The Israeli Public and Ben-Gurion's 1951 Journey to the U.S*, World Jewry: Views from Israel, Center for Israel Studies at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism.
- 2017: *Hatikvah and Other National Poems in Israeli Schools*, Between Desperation and Hope in Israeli Society, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.
- 2017: *The National Holiday and the Jewish People: The Collective, the Nation and the Land as Portrayed in the First Independence Days*, 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2017: *Exporting Israel to the Diasporas: The Attempt to Make the Israeli Independence Day into a Worldwide Jewish Holiday*, World Jewry: Views from Israel, Center for Israel Studies at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism.
- 2017: *The Jewish Collective and the Israeli Narrative: World Jewry as Presented in Israel's First Independence Days*, The British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference: Jews on the Move: Exploring the Movement of Jews, Objects, Texts, and Ideas in Space and Time, Divinity School at the University of Edinburgh.
- 2017: *Ben-Gurion and the City: The Journey of the First Israeli Prime-Minister in the Jewish-American Shtetel*, Annual Lecture in the Memory of Hillel Kook at Ben-Gurion University of

the Negev.

- 2016: *Old Roots and New Narrative: The Case of Israel National Holiday*, Roots and Legacies: Inter-Disciplinary Network at Mansfield College, Oxford.
- 2016: *Rediscovering, Reinterpreting and Revising Jewish Traditional Texts in a Modern Israeli Context: The Case of Yom Ha'atzmaut*, The British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference: The Texture of Jewish Tradition: Investigations in Textuality, University of Birmingham.
- 2016: *"Got to be Happy": Secular Frameworks and Jewish Content on Israel's Civil Religion & Ritual System*, The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.
- 2016: *Genocide and Nation-Building: The Holocaust as a Component of the Israeli National Narrative*, Intersections: Holocaust Scholarship, Genocide Research, and Histories of Mass Violence, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.
- 2016: *An Idea and its Implementation: Different Expressions of the "Negation of the Diaspora" on Israeli National Cultural-Products*, Jewish Identities in Transition, Mandel Scholion at Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2015: *The Old Jewish Roots of the New Israeli Narrative: The Israeli Ritual System as a Case Study*, Jewish History in Context: National, Transnational and Comparative Perspectives, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University, The Center for Jewish History and American Jewish Historical Society.
- 2015: *The Holocaust as a Component of the National Narrative*, Genocide in World History, NERWHA & Bryant University.
- 2015: *The Old Roots of the New Narrative: National Days as a Case Study*, The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Researchers Conference of European Studies, The Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev & Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.
- 2014: *Jewish Traditions and the Creating of a New Israeli Narrative: Study on the Formation of the Israeli Day of Independence*, The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism.
- 2009: *Others and 'Otherness' in the Religious Zionist Public in Israel: Transforming Identities Vs. Feelings of Exclusion*, Identities in Transition in Israeli Culture; Tel-Aviv University and The Open University of Israel.

### **Academic Papers:**

#### Published and Accepted Articles:

- "Exporting Israel to the Diaspora: The Attempt to Make the Israeli Independence Day into a Worldwide Jewish Holiday", *Israel Studies* (accepted for publication).
- "Looking at Them Looking at Us: The Israelis and Ben-Gurion's Journey to the U.S. (1951)", in: *The Jewish World: Views from Israel* [Working Title] (Ed. Tanya Zion-Waldox & Ofir Abu), Sde-Boker: Ben-Gurion University (to be published August 2019).
- "The Jews and the Polish Uprisings of 1794", *Yeda-Am* 77 (2017), pp. 167-186.

- "Others and 'Otherness' in the Religious Zionist public in Israel", in: *Identities in Transition in Israeli Culture* (Ed. Sandra Meiri, Yael Munk, Adia Mendelson-Maoz, Liat Steir-Livny), Ra'anana: The Open University of Israel & Tel-Aviv University (2013), pp. 244-272.

#### Edited Volumes:

- Adi Sherzer & Oren Kalman, *Israelis* 9 (to be published April 2019).
- Adi Sherzer, *Israelis* 10, Thematic Issue on Israel-Jewish World Relations (currently editing).

#### Book Critiques:

- On David Barak-Gorodetsky, "Jeremiah in Zion: The Religion and Politics of Judah Leib Magnes", *Zion* (to be published summer 2019).

#### Submitted Articles:

- "Mamlakhtiyut from Across the Ocean: Ben-Gurion and the American-Jewish Community", under review in *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*.

#### Academic Interviews:

- Adi Sherzer, Oren Kalman & Ezra Brom, "Interview with Dorit Beinisch", *Israelis* 9 (to be published April 2019).
- Adi Sherzer, Lee Bartov & Na'ama Zigdon, "Interview with Rav Adin Steinsaltz", *Israelis* 8 (2017), pp. 3-25.
- Adi Sherzer, Lee Bartov & Roby Raizel, "Interview with Aharon Yadlin", *Israelis* 7 (2015), pp. 3-35.
- Ayelet Sanders, Adi Sherzer & Roby Raizel, "Interview with Geula Cohen", *Israelis* 6 (2014), pp. 5-29.

#### **Unrefereed Papers (Selected)**

##### Textbooks:

- *Mikra'ot Israel for Officer's Course: Heritage & History Textbook for the Course Entrance Test*, Mitzpe-Ramon: Officers' Training School (2012, 2018).
- *Yitzhak Navon - The People's President*, Jerusalem: Hasbara Center (December 2016).

##### Magazines, Daily Newspapers and News Websites:

- "A Short History of the IDF Education Officer", *Ma'archot* (to be published April 2019).
- "Two Full Carts", *HaShiloach* 2 (December 2016), pp. 36-38.
- "The Education Minister and the Haredi Education", *Ynet*, 25/03/2009.
- "Beyond the Good Will of the Elites: Poland's Jewish Challenge", *Musaf Shabbat*, 21/11/2008.
- "A Jewish State, Or a State for the Jews: A Comparative Analysis of Two Secular

Approaches for the Relationship between Church and State", *E-mago Magazine*, 15/06/2008.

#### Podcasts:

- "Ancient Roots in a Modern Framing: Israel's First Decade", in: *Macadamia: JLMfm*, 31/01/2017.
- Adi Sherzer & Yuval Malchi, "The Independence Day Haggadah", in: *Kta'aim Behistoria*, 14/05/2016.
- "Civil Religion, Israel Style: Independence Day Case Study", in: *Tel-Aviv Review*, 25/12/2015.

#### Reports:

- *Bravery and Heroism in the Jewish and Israeli Culture*, 2016 (Israel's National Ceremonies and Information Center).
- *Ethics from the Field No. 4: Reliability, Credibility & Professionalism*, March 2016 (IDF Department of Education).
- *Ethics from the Field No. 3: Who Are We and How Do We Want to Be Seen?*, February 2016 (IDF Department of Education).
- *Ethics from the Field No. 2: Ethics as Professionalism in Daily Missions*, January 2016 (IDF Department of Education).
- *A Short History of the Education Officer*, October 2014 (IDF Department of Education).
- *The Holocaust as a Chapter of the Israeli-Jewish Identity: Towards a New Educational Approach*, August 2010 (IDF Department of Education).

#### **Non-Academic Work Experience:**

- From 2019: Instructor of "Zionism Beit-Midrash" at the Israeli Masorti Movement.
- From 2018: Lecturer at Michael Gal Center for Leadership.
- From 2015: Academic advisor to Israel's National Ceremonies and Information Center.
- From 2015: Writing Advisor at the Chief Education Officer Headquarters.
- 2016: Producer of the *Forgotten Heroes* lecture series at Beit Avi-Chai.
- 2014-2015: Education Officer of Divisional Commanders' course.
- 2013-2015: Main Education Officer at *Magal* Formation, Center for the Training of Combat Support Recruits in the IDF.
- 2011-2013: Head of R&D department at Education & *Hasbara* Branch on the Chief Education Officer Headquarters.
- 2009-2011: R&D officer at Education & *Hasbara* Branch on the Chief Education Officer Headquarters.
- 2009: Administrative assistant to MK Rav Shay Piron at *Hakol Hinuch*.