

# The Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research

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**Dr. Racheli Berger**

**Dr. Mooli Brog (of blessed memory)**

**Dr. Batya Brutin**

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**Paula Greta Barak**  
**Natali Beige**  
**Miriam David**  
**Batia Dobrecki**  
**Netta Ehrlich**  
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**Orit Ehrenberg**

**Gil Faran**

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## **Dr. Itzik Pass, Finkler Institute Coordinator and Coordinator of the Spiegel Fellows Forum**



**Dr. Itzik Pass, is the coordinator of the Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, and coordinator of the "Spiegel Fellows" forum.**

Dr. Pass is also a researcher at the Institute. He completed his doctoral studies at the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University and wrote his dissertation on the "Lehi's Legacy between the Radical Right and the Radical Left: Israel Eldad and Nathan Yalin-Moore", under the supervision of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.

He investigates various aspects of Israeli politics and is now focusing on an essay called "Between the Two Joels: Joel Brand and Joel Pelagi" that deals in the activity and *weltanschauung* of Israeli paratrooper Joel Palgi and Joel Brand, a partner of Israel Kastner in the "Assistance and Rescue Committee" in Budapest, during the Second World War.

He has published articles on the history of Israeli right-wing activity early in research journals such as *Iyunim Betkumat Yisrael*. He is married to Orya (formerly Zerbiv) and has five children.

# Yuval Alpan



Yuval Alpan was born 1951 in Kibbutz Haogen to Tova and Moshe Alpan, who were members of the "Zionist Youth Resistance Movement in Hungary in 1944" and until the end of the War. "Pil", his father was one of the leaders of this Resistance Movement which saved tens of thousands of Jews.

Alpan served in a Naval Commando Unit, studied Industrial Engineering at the Technion in Haifa, and managed several companies until his retirement.

He joined the Society for the Research of the Zionist Underground Resistance Movement in Hungary during the War, and is now leading it together with David Gur, the last person remaining from those who were active in 1944.

Alpan also serves as the deputy chairman of the "Committee to Recognize the Heroism of Jews Rescuers during the Holocaust" and is active in trying to change the "Yad V'ashem" law in this respect.

Alpan is especially active in trying to promote the story of the brave youngsters in Hungary who saved tens of thousands of Jews during the Holocaust, whose story is not known to the public.

## Dr. Lior Alperovitch



**Dr. Lior Alperovitch** received his BA, MA and PhD Degrees from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in General History, Jewish History and International Relations. He is presently completing a second MA in Jewish Philosophy at the Hebrew University. He wrote his doctoral dissertation with Prof. Moshe Zimmerman about "The Influence of the Relationship between Israel and the German Federal Republic on the Shaping of Holocaust Commemoration in Israel between 1948-1965".

Dr. Alperovitch's research focuses on three topics: the influence of Holocaust consciousness in Israeli society on forms of Holocaust commemoration; the uniqueness of the Holocaust as an unprecedented example of genocide; teaching Jewish law and keeping the commandments during the Holocaust. His articles have been published in academic and semi-academic publications.

Dr. Alperovitch teaches courses on the Holocaust and its commemoration at Bezalel, the Holon Institute of Technology, and he has a position in the Mandel Center for Educational Leadership.

### **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Alperovitch studies "Teaching Jewish Law and Keeping the Commandments during the Holocaust".

# Asfahan Bahaloul



**Asfahan Bahaloul** is a Hebrew University PhD candidate and recipient of a Mandel scholarship for outstanding doctoral students on the subject of "Shaping the Holocaust in the Arab Newspapers", supervised by Dr. Amos Goldberg and Professor Hillel Cohen.

She completed her MA in Communication Studies at the Department of Communication at the University of Haifa with the thesis "Between Al-Karitha and Al-Holocaust: The Framing of the Holocaust in Israel's Arab-language Newspapers".

Asfahan Bahaloul received the Strochlitz Intstitute scholarship for the study of the "Representations of the Holocaust in the Israeli Press in Arabic Language", under the supervision of Dr. Oren Meyers and Prof. Mustafa Kabha.



# Biniamin Avrahami



**Biniamin Avrahami** was born in Transylvania, then part of Communist Romania to Holocaust survivor parents. He is familiar with Yiddish, Hungarian and Romanian cultures. He made *aliyah* in 1958 with his parents and sister, and grew up in Rehovot. He studied biochemistry for a bachelor's degree at Bar-Ilan university and a MSc degree at the Hebrew University. He was a lecturer, an educator and a board member of the Academic College "Givat Washington".

In 1987, he joined Bar-Ilan University as Assistant Head of the Department of Life Sciences, accompanying the development of the department. Upon the department becoming a faculty, he became its first Head of Administration, a post he held until his retirement.

He has been interested in and has studied Yiddish literature for a better understanding of the Jewish world before the Holocaust.

For the past six years he has been an active member of the board of directors of "Testimony House" for the heritage of religious Zionism and the commemoration of the Holocaust, located in Nir Galim.

Biniamin's main concern is the characterization of local leadership in the Dej and the Maros-Vasarhely communities, during the Holocaust. Particularly, the connections with the National Rescue Committee, the treatment of refugees from Poland and Slovakia, the attitude towards the Zionist youth movements, the connection with the forced laborers from their community and other questions that can teach us about their functioning at such a crucial time for our people.

## Paula-Greta Barak



**Paula-Greta Barak** holds a BA and MA in Comparative Literature and Jewish Studies awarded by Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and a second MA in Israel Studies, from the University of Haifa. She received the Israel Foreign Affairs Scholarship for the summer Hebrew Ulpan (2015) and a second grant for 8 months' enrollment in the Israel Studies MA Program, at the University of Haifa (2016-2017).

Both her BA and MA thesis dealt with Holocaust and its memory representations in literature. Part of her BA thesis was published as an article in *Studia Judaica*, 2015 (English): "The Identity Construct Between Fiction and History in Amos Oz's Tale of Love and Darkness". Other academic publications: "The Image of Bukovina in Aharon Appelfeld's writing. Specters of marginality", *Studia Judaica*, 2017 (English); "Nava Semel, a Voice of Holocaust Memory and Commemoration. In memoriam", in *Trenul Nostru*, 2017 (Romanian).

She worked as a researcher at Hashava (The Company for Location and Restitution of Holocaust Victims' Assets), where she engaged among other things, in historical, genealogical and archival research about Holocaust victims in Northern Romania. She was an active contributor to The Remembrance Museum/The Virtual Museum of the Holocaust in Northern Transylvania of Babeş-Bolyai University, interviewing Holocaust survivors from Northern Transylvania and cataloguing documents for the museum exhibition. After relocating to Israel, she continued to work as an independent researcher in the field of Romanian Jewry. She also held a position as paralegal in a lawyer office, conducting historical research and giving her expertise on the Holocaust in Romania – mainly for legal support of Holocaust survivors' compensation claims, from Germany and Romania.

**As a Spiegel Fellow**, Greta will engage in preliminary research on a future PhD proposal dealing with the Romanian Jewry during Holocaust. The main focus will be the evacuation of the Romanian Jewry from villages and small towns to ghettos inside the Kingdom of Romania, ghettos' mapping, day to day Jewish life in the ghettos, Holocaust survivors' memories of the ghettos etc.

## Natali Beige



**Natali Beige** received her MA in Holocaust Studies from the Weiss-Livnat International MA Program at the University of Haifa in 2016. The subject of her thesis was "Chronicle of Destruction: The Jews of Raseiniai County during the Holocaust", under the supervision of Dr. David Silberklang and Prof. Hagit Lavsky.

Since 2017, Natali is a PhD student at Tel Aviv University and is writing her dissertation on, "As the sky darkened: The Jews of the Šiauliai region in Lithuania, during World War II and the Holocaust 1941-1944" under the supervision of Prof. Havi Dreifuss.

The study focuses on the various aspects of the inter-ethnic relations in the rural areas of the Šiauliai region in Lithuania, examines how communities of co-existence have transformed into communities of violence and murder in extremely short period of time under the German occupation, as well as attempting to reconstruct the individual and collective story of Jews throughout the Šiauliai region.

## **Dr. Michal Ben Ya'akov**



**Dr. Michal Ben Ya'akov** taught at the Efrata College for Education, Jerusalem, for twenty years, chaired the History Department for ten years and was one of the founders of a unique inter-disciplinary M.Ed. program, 'Memory, Jewish Heritage and Education', which she headed (2016-2018) until her retirement.

She holds a B.A. in history from the University of Wisconsin, Madison (USA). After her aliyah in 1972 and several years of teaching in public schools, she returned to academic studies, and received an M.A. from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a Ph.D. in historical geography from the Geography Department, also at the Hebrew University, simultaneously teaching and lecturing in various venues, writing teaching materials and working on various research projects.

Her principle areas of research deal with Jews in Eretz-Israel and North Africa in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, focusing on women in these communities, migration, and the Jews in North Africa during World War II. She has published over forty articles, edited four volumes and has lectured in conferences in Israel and abroad. As a research fellow she has spent time at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute at Brandeis University (Waltham, MA), the Fordham University-New York Public Library in Jewish Studies and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (Cincinnati, OH).

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will be researching the meeting of European Jews, Moroccan Jews and American Jews in Morocco during the war years and its implications for activities the 1950s.

## **Dr. Racheli Berger**



**Dr. Racheli Berger** is an art researcher and lecturer at the Talpiot Academic Education College and other colleges. She studied at Bar Ilan University: BA in Jewish Art, Comparative Literature and Psychology, and MA and PhD in Jewish History - Contemporary Jewry. Her doctoral dissertation, submitted in 2008 on "The Impact of the Holocaust on the Israeli Visual Arts of the 'First Generation'", was written under the supervision of Prof. Dan Michman and Dr. Mirjam Rajner.

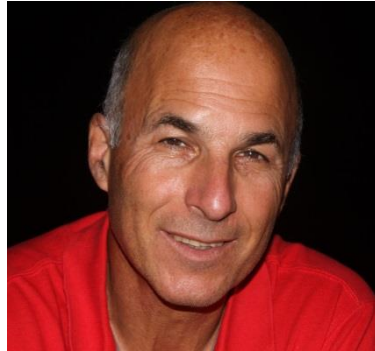
Her research interests: The impact of the Holocaust on art, Israeli art, art and education. Among her publications: The Use of Documentary Materials in Contemporary Art Dealing with the Holocaust (2005-2015); Naftali Bezem: The Survivor and Israeli Society; 'I Came After a Catastrophe': The Impact of the Refugee Experience on Mordechai Ardon, Miron Sima and Lea Grundig 1933-1945; Survivor Artists in Israel Deal with the Holocaust 1980-2010: Historical and Artistic Aspects; 'From the Blood of My Heart': Christian Iconography in the Response of Israeli Artists to the Holocaust.

She is married to Eyal and a mother to five.

### **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow, she will be writing articles based on her Ph.D. She is currently writing an article about Yossl Bergner and Holocaust Memory.

## Dr. Mooli Brog (of blessed memory)



**Dr. Mooli Brog** was born and raised in Kibbutz Mishmar Hasharon.

He served in the IDF as a Captain in the paratroopers. Worked as a tourist guide in Israel and led Israeli groups abroad. Served as Educational Director at the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem; National Educational Emissary for the JNF in Canada; Program Director and Chief Knowledge Officer at *Taglit – Birthright Israel* since its Inception, for 16 years.

Received his B.A. in Anthropology and Philosophy of Sciences, his M.A. (Cum Laude) and his Ph.D. in Sociology, all from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2019 he published the book *Who Should Be Remembered? The Struggle for Commemorative Recognition at Yad Vashem*, based on his PHD thesis, which focused on the process of shaping the Holocaust's collective memory in Israel from 1942 to 1996.

Dr. Brog studies dealt with social - geography of sacred spaces, which examine the influence of religious beliefs or ideology on turning a common geographical site into a hallow ground. His articles dealt with analyzing the cultural meaning of the Zionist's monumental commemoration of sites associates with its myth of heroism, such as the Maccabees tombs in Modiin, Tel Hai, Massada and Yad Va'Shem.

### **Research**

As a Spiegel Fellow Dr. Brog studied the goals of tourist groups visits to Yad Vashem and Memorial Mount, as set by their organizers, and the reaction of the tourists to the tour. He planned to inspect his findings in the context of Heritage Tourism and Dark Tourism, a combination of visiting cemetery sites and the formalization of personal and national identity. Unfortunately, he passed away in December 2022 before being able to complete his research. May his memory be a blessing.

# Dr. Batya Brutin



**Dr. Batya Brutin** is an art historian researcher of art during and after the Holocaust and Holocaust monuments in Israel and worldwide. From 2000 to September 2018 she was the director of the Holocaust Teaching in Israeli Society Program at Beit Berl Academic College in Israel.

She published academic essays and educational materials on these subjects mentioned above. She is the author of the books *Living with the Memory: Monuments in Israel Commemorating the Holocaust*, (Beit Lochamei Hagetaot, 2005). (Hebrew); *The Inheritance, The Holocaust in the Artworks of Second Generation Israeli Artists*, (Jerusalem: Magnes and Yad Vashem 2015). (Hebrew); and a co-editor with Sroka Lukas, *Polish-Israeli cooperation experience, From Zionism to Israel*, (Pedagogical University, Kraków 2017). She received the Yad Vashem award of lifetime achievement in the field of Holocaust education 2018.

**Research:** Dr. Brutin will continue her research about Terezin-Auschwitz-Jerusalem: the drawings at the Eichmann trial, and expressions of art in the Lodz ghetto.

# Meir Bulka



**Meir Bulka's** devotes his time and energy to the preservation of Poland's Jewish heritage. In 2015 he founded J-NERATIONS, the Jewish forum for the preservation of the Jewish heritage of Poland and has been its director since its inception. J-NERATIONS preserves Jewish cemeteries and heritage sites, synagogues, graves of *Tzadikim* and more using scientific means to locate mass graves and graves of *Tzadikim* whose location has been forgotten over the years.

Meir Bulka performs research work that combines academic studies and activity in the field at various sites and he operates every day with a variety of employees including archaeologists and geologists, genealogy researchers and historians. They locate undiscovered mass graves, Jewish cemeteries and the hidden graves of *Admorim* that were destroyed during and after the Holocaust, locating Jewish hiding places as well as Jewish treasures hidden in Poland. Bulka works to document and produce physical and digital maps of Jewish cemeteries and heritage sites of importance to Jewish history.

Along with this activity, he researches the history of Hasidism in Poland and also takes a practical part in research and exposures that enable new discoveries related to the recognition of the "Righteous Among the Nations" with a view to the future as a topic of great importance for the education of the future generation, both Jewish and non-Jewish. In recent years, his name appears as a partner in many studies regarding the Jewish heritage of Poland as well as in hundreds of articles and revelations related to the history of European Jewry that followed the revelations he uncovered. Bulka is also a genealogy researcher working to locate finds and family documents and is working to establish new Hasidic centers in Poland for Hasidic and Rabbis that renew the Jewish heritage in Poland and neighboring countries. In his free time, he lectures and guides Family heritage tours in Poland to Hasidim and *Admorim*.



# Ruth Cohen-Dar



**Ruth Cohen-Dar** was born in the Negev, her mother was a third generation Jerusalemite and her father was an immigrant from Salonica, Greece. She comes from a family of pioneers, who established a village near Ashkelon.

Before enlisting in the IDF, she did a year of community service working with disadvantaged children and young adults in a rural community. She served in the IDF for 3 years as an officer.

While studying in the Hebrew University, she joined the technology department at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serving in various positions in the headquarters as well as abroad.

In a post abroad, she served as deputy ambassador in Warsaw Poland for 4 years, after which she was posted in the European division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Currently Ruth is the director of the Department for Combating Antisemitism and Holocaust Remembrance.

Ruth holds both B.A. and M.A. in Political Science, from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She speaks English, Spanish, Polish and some German.

# Dr. Tehila Darmon Malka



**Dr. Tehila Darmon Malka** completed her BA, MA and PhD at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Her doctoral dissertation: "Between Survivors and Victims - Missing persons in the aftermath of the Holocaust" was written under the supervision of Prof. Hanna Yablonka, approved in 2018.

She is the head of the Multidisciplinary Program and a lecturer at Herzog College.

Her research areas are the "Zero Hour" at the DP's camps, personal aspects of rehabilitation, rebuilding of families after the Holocaust, and the impact of the Holocaust on Israeli society.

She was born in Israel, her parents immigrated to Israel from France and she is a mother of four.

## **Research:**

As a post-doctoral Spiegel Fellow, she seeks to research the writing and rulings of the Halacha (Jewish law) by Holocaust-survivor rabbis in the DP's camps in Germany, and to examine the effects of the Holocaust on this writing. In addition, she intends to turn her dissertation into a book.

# Miriam David



**Miriam David** is a doctoral student at the Department of Literature of the Jewish People, at the Center of Yiddish Studies, under the supervision of Prof. Kotlerman. She holds a BA in Hebrew Literature and Bible Studies and an MA in Hebrew Literature from Bar-Ilan University. She submitted her PhD dissertation on the topic: “**The Historiography of the Holocaust in the Orthodox Yiddish Press**”.

Miriam David is the author of the book “A Candle for One is a Candle for Hundred”, depicting what her mother went through during the Holocaust. In addition, she is a delegation manager and guide in Poland.

She is a member of the Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors Association, and for the past four years has been conducting courses for the general public on the subject of "Remembrance of the Holocaust".

As part of the "Spiegel Fellows" program, Miriam plans to adapt her doctorate into a book in order to tell the story how the grand-rebbes were rescued during the Holocaust.

## **Dr. Efrat Davidov**



**Dr. Efrat Davidov** is an educator and researcher in the philosophy of education and the history of ideas in education. Her work has particularly focused on the educational thought of Janusz Korczak. She earned an MA from the History and Philosophy of Education program at Tel Aviv University and a PhD from the Department of Philosophy at Bar-Ilan University. Her master's thesis, titled "The Educational Utopia as a Literary-Philosophical Genre: Literature, Philosophy, and Educational Practice in the Works of Rousseau, Korczak, and Bernfeld" (2017), was supervised by Prof. Avihu Ronen and Prof. Avner Ben-Amos. Her doctoral dissertation, "Changes in the Concept of Childhood at the Turn of the 20th Century as Reflected in Janusz Korczak's Thought" (2023), was completed under the guidance of Prof. Avi Sagi, as part of the Presidential Scholarships for Outstanding Students in Bar-Ilan.

Over the years, she has held various positions in research, teaching, education, and civil society organizations. For several years, she served as a teaching and research assistant to Prof. Avihu Ronen, a historian and Holocaust researcher, particularly contributing to projects focusing on the involvement of members of Zionist youth movements in ghetto uprisings and underground resistance.

**Research:** Currently, she is engaged in translating and adapting part of her doctoral dissertation into an article. The article focuses on Korczak's enigmatic statement regarding "the right of the child to die" and its significance within his philosophy of children's rights. She plans to present this article at a conference in Vilnius in September 2024, a conference that marks the centenary of the "Geneva Declaration" on the Rights of the Child.

## **Batia Dobrecki**



**Batya Dobrecki** has a B.A in economics and M.A in Business Administration, both from the Hebrew University. She has a second master's degree from Bar Ilan`s department of Jewish Philosophy - Kabbalah studies; Thesis topic: Kabbalistic analysis of Lewis Carroll's Alices. She is a PhD student in the Department of Jewish Philosophy at Bar Ilan University, Research Topic: Rivka Schechter's Doctrine, Philosophical- Theological - Mythical. She is a graduate of the Polish Guides course at Yad Vashem where she gives official guided tours.

## Dr. Ronnie Dunetz



**Dr. Ronnie Dunetz**, 63, Second Generation, is a doctoral student at an online university that offers an individualized and flexible program for students around the world. The emphasis at this institution, [Ubiquity University](#), is on social activism, ancient philosophical and spiritual traditions and academic writing that is integrated with strong self-reflection. His research is entitled: *Reflections of children of Holocaust survivors in their second half of life, on their life experience*. The emphasis of the research is on assessing how the second generation views the influence of the Holocaust on their lives from the perspective of a person who is already in a later phase of their lives. In the framework of this qualitative research project, he interviewed 34 Second Generation individuals from Israel and various other countries.

For the last 19 years he has worked in life and business coaching as well as group and workshop facilitation. In recent years he has focused on the development of meaning and wisdom in the second half of life, by means of two disciplines: Logotherapy, created by the psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor, Viktor Frankl, and *Sage-ing*, which deals in the personal and spiritual development of later life. Ronnie's website is: [www.wisdom-opportunity.com](http://www.wisdom-opportunity.com)

# Orit Ehrenberg



**Orit Ehrenberg** has a B.A and M.A degree in Historical Geography from Bar Ilan University. She is a grandchild of Holocaust survivors from Poland who immigrated to the State of Israel in 1948. They did not share stories about their life before and during the Holocaust and passed away in the early 1990s.

In the desire to find the missing details of her grandparent's life story, in 2006 she joined a special project in Tel Aviv municipal – documentation of Holocaust survivors life stories and later joined the "*Amutat Dor HaHemshech* - Offspring of Holocaust survivors" organization where she served on the management committee for 10 years as represented of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. She organized study tours to Poland, meetings between young Israelis and Poles, and was one of the project team of "Holocaust memorial ceremonies at workplaces and companies."

She became a high school teacher in order to teach young Israelis about the Holocaust and is a Geography and History teacher at Ben Zvi high school in Kiryat Ono. Last year she joined the project. "A child remembers a child", where high school students research and write the life stories of children who were murdered during the Holocaust. These stories are published on memorial websites such as Yad Vashem and the Dorot memorial site.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will promote this project in her school and other schools as will and make connections between researchers and teachers who participate in this project in order to further for collaborative projects between them.

## Netta Ehrlich



**Netta Ehrlich** is a Ph.D Student at NYU Skirball department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. She graduated Summa Cum Laude her MA in the department of Jewish History and Eastern European Studies at Tel-Aviv University. Her MA thesis dealt with the image of the Jewish Order Service in the Warsaw ghetto. Previously, she graduated with distinction from the History School honors program at The Hebrew University. Her BA thesis on “The Polish Army in The Land of Israel 1940-1944” was recognized for excellence by the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in 2018. Concurrent with her studies, for the past four years Netta has been working at the Education Department at the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem.

Netta Ehrlich’s MA thesis, *The Image of the Jewish Order Service in the Warsaw Ghetto (November 1940 – July 1942)* was written under the supervision of Prof. Havi Dreifuss. The Jewish Order Service is a painful and controversial issue in Jewish history and remains a symbol of a rift in Jewish society. This divide between the Jewish policemen and the rest of the Jewish community culminated during the Great Deportation which began in July 22nd 1942 and lasted three months, during which the majority of Warsaw Jewry, some 300,000 Jews, were deported to the Treblinka extermination camp. The participation of the Jewish Order Service alongside the Germans in this deportation, retrospectively and irreversibly shaped the overall historical characterization of the Jewish Order Service. The research’s aim was to circumvent as much as possible the retrospective judgments, and to study the social role of the Jewish Order Service in the Warsaw Ghetto during its first twenty months of “ordinary” daily routine, from the walling of the Ghetto until the beginning of the Great Deportation.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, Netta Ehrlich will continue working on this study as well as other important aspects of Jewish life during and before the Holocaust which have not yet been thoroughly studied.



# Dr. Mali Eisenberg



**Dr. Mali Eisenberg** is a historian at Bar-Ilan University and several teachers' colleges. Her research focuses on Holocaust memory. She wrote her doctoral dissertation on "From Personal Experience to Life Work: The Holocaust as a Constitutive Motive in the Personal and Public Career of Moshe Prager—A Key Ultra-Orthodox Personality in the Yishuv and Israel" in the Department of Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University under the supervision of Prof. Dan Michman and Prof. Kimmy Caplan.

Between 2012-2018 Dr. Eisenberg worked as a researcher and research assistant for Prof. Dan Michman at the Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar-Ilan University. She is currently the head of the History Teaching track at the School of Education at Bar-Ilan University. She is also the academic director and vice school-director of the Central School for Holocaust Studies at Massuah - The International Institute for Holocaust Studies.

Her research: "From Personal Experience to Life Work: The Holocaust as a Constitutive Motive in the Personal and Public Career of Moshe Prager—A Key Ultra-Orthodox Personality in the Yishuv and Israel", will be published by the Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

Among her publications: **Witness, Crier, Documenter, and Commemorator: Rabbi Moshe Prager and the Holocaust (1940–1984)**, Research Infrastructure Series (no. 14), Ramat Gan: Arnold and Leona Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University, 2006; "From Mila 14 to Mila 18: 'Hasidic resistance' as an counter orthodox historiography", **Bishvil Hazikaron** 20 (2015) pp. 24-31.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Dr. Mali Eisenberg is examining the "Schwarzbaum Collection" and self-rescue efforts in the Holocaust.

# Dr. Hava Eshkoli



**Dr. Hava Eshkoli** was born in Tel Aviv in 1944 to parents from Poland who lost their families during the Holocaust. She studied history and psychology at Bar-Ilan University and taught history in high school. Her MA thesis dealt with "The Attitude of the Leadership in Eretz Yisrael to the Rescue of European Jewry", and her dissertation about Mapai during the war years was published by Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi.

Dr. Eshkoli taught in the Department of Jewish History and the Center for Basic Jewish Studies at Bar-Ilan University, and at the Levinsky College. As a senior researcher at the Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar Ilan University and a fellow at Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research, she examined religious Zionism during the Holocaust. Her book, *Religious Zionism in Eretz Yisrael During the Holocaust* (in Hebrew), received the Aminach Prize.

Dr. Eshkoli edited a sourcebook about religious Zionism during the Holocaust and a booklet about the rehabilitation of religious Zionism among the DPs in postwar Europe. She has published over 40 articles about the Holocaust and has spoken about the topic at numerous conferences.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Eshkoli is continuing her research on Territorial solutions to the plight of European Jewry under the Nazis.

# Orit Argaman Fadida



**Orit Argaman Fadida** is a doctoral student in the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar-Ilan University. Her dissertation deals with fashion journalism during the first decade of the State of Israel, under the supervision of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Yechiel Limor.

She is an image and styling consultant, accompanied by personal consulting, workshops and lectures, and runs a fashion blog.

Graduated with a BA in Communication and Management from the College of Management and a Master's degree from the Department of communication at Bar-Ilan, and focuses on the connection between communication, fashion and society in Israel.

Orit is married to Avi and mother of three children.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she studies various aspects of fashion and anti-Semitism, and fashion and Holocaust survivors in Israel.

# Gil Faran



**Gil Faran** holds a Masters degree in public administration from Bar-Ilan University. He served in the Israeli army for 25 years. During a mission to Poland as part of "Witnesses in Uniform" (Nov. 2005) he decided to become a guide for educational groups travelling to Poland. In 2009 he completed the guide course and since then he has accompanied dozens of educational missions to Poland. He is a member of the "third generation", a grandson of Holocaust survivors and a "second generation" educational guide to Poland. His mother, Ruth Farbman is a veteran educational guide.

In 2010 he began a series of studies commemorating Holocaust victims. In his first study – "victims of the mass grave in Brzezczce – the first victims of the Auschwitz Death March" he identified the victims buried in this grave, most of whom were Jewish. Consequently, a new memorial stone was set in July 2012 listing the victims. Since then he has been active in commemoration, and together with Polish groups and individuals, has been instrumental in establishing memorial for Holocaust victims in mass graves throughout Poland. His desire to give victims back their names led him to organize a project in the Auschwitz luggage room where visitors can obtain personal and family information about 20 owners of suitcases on view in Block 5.

**Public Activity:** He is the chairman of the Organization of Educational Mission Leaders to Poland and fosters Israeli-Polish cooperative commemorative ventures. In 2018 was awarded the "goodwill ambassador" award from the Polish Institute in Israel for his contribution to the Polish-Israeli dialogue.

# Dr. Miriam Farber



**Dr. Miriam Farber** studied chemistry and mathematics in the Bar Ilan University. After that she earned a diploma from the University of Sheffield in Information Science. Returning to Bar Ilan she completed an MA in Medieval History (cum laude and the rector's award for "an outstanding" thesis) and then received her PhD in Information Science at the same university.

In 1985 she established the Information Unit at the Weizmann Institute of Science (first of its kind in the Israeli academic world) in addition to teaching at Bar Ilan University in the Department of Information Science.

She has organized many conferences on Information Science, published papers and lectured, served on the editorial board of *The Journal of Information Science*.

She retired in 2018.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Dr. Farber will be continuing her research into the history of the Hungarian Jews during the Second World War and to the present.

## Dr. Talia Farkash



**Dr. Talia Farkash's** dissertation comprises a study of the Jews of the Polish city of Tarnów during World War II and the Holocaust. Written under Prof. Sara Bender's supervision, at Haifa University, it deals with different aspects of the lives of the Jewish community in Tarnów, and the major changes and processes the town's Jews experienced during various stages of Nazi occupation. The study points to the formation of different groups in Jewish society, and their interactions.

She also discusses the question of internal Jewish social relations in her article, “Labor and Extermination: The Labor Camp at the Dęblin-Irena Airfield Puławy County, Lublin Province, Poland- 1942–1944”, published in *Dapim*, 29 (2015), which was based on her thesis and examined various aspects of Jewish prisoners' life in this unique forced labor camp.

She teaches history with an internship in the Holocaust courses, at the Open University.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Talia Farkash is writing two articles on topics that were examined in her dissertation: one deals with the development of the Jewish police in Tarnów during 1942-1943, and the other, about the development of a Jewish underground in the city during the second half of 1942.

# Noam Federman



**Noam Federman** was born in 1969. Married to Elisheva, father of ten children (three of whom were wounded in the War and despite their injuries returned to serve).

Son of the late David Federman, one of the leaders of the world leadership of Beitar and an Etzel fighter, and the late Reina Eva, a successful poet in Argentina, who gave up her career in order to immigrate to the State of Israel. Resident of the Federman Farm, Kiryat Arba - Hebron.

Holds an MA, Department of Israeli History, Bar Ilan University, a Bachelor of Laws University of Manchester UK, and a Bachelor's degree in education, Herzog College. He completed the Abroad Tour guide course, University of Haifa, the Herzog College Holocaust Education course, the Lander College Association Management course, and the guide course in Poland, University of Haifa in collaboration with the Ghetto Fighters Museum.

**Research:** engaged in researching family versus the commitment to the war against the British, of the underground exiles in Africa, during the British Mandate period, under the guidance of Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz.

# Chaim Fischgrund



**Chaim Fischgrund** was born in 1947 in Straubing Germany to parents who were Holocaust survivors. The family moved to Israel in 1950 and migrated to the United States in 1958. He graduated Yeshiva University with BA in History and BJE in Jewish education and received an MA in history from the City University of New York. In 1974 he and his wife and son moved to Israel and another son and daughter were born in Israel. He and his wife are grandparents of six grandchildren.

From 1974 - 1980 he taught history and Bible in various educational frameworks, both formal and informal. He was on the staff of the Masua Institute leading seminars and developing educational material about the Holocaust. From 1980 - 1983 he served as a Jewish Agency emissary in Cape Town South Africa. Upon his return to Israel he joined the staff of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. At the same time he taught in the Mosenson Youth Village and directed a special project for English speaking Olim until 1993. In 1991 he was appointed Educational Director of AMHSI and in 1999 was appointed as its Headmaster and Director of the School in Israel. His responsibilities included curriculum development and staff supervision. He also taught groups of teens and adults, including teachers from abroad and led tours throughout Israel to Poland and the Czech Republic. He retired in 2014.

In 2010 he joined the Israeli Second Generation organization and participated in several study trips to Poland. He is active in the Events Committee and the Forum for Holocaust Studies in the Tel Aviv area and in Netanya and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will continue activities in the field of Holocaust education and commemoration.



## Dr. Atarah Fisher



**Dr. Atarah Fisher** has a BA in Special Education and Music from Bar Ilan University, and studied Music Therapy at David Yellin College of Education. She has an MA in Pedagogy and a second MA in Music Therapy. Her thesis "Music as a Means for Coping amongst Holocaust Survivors, During and After World War II" received an award from Ghetto Fighters' House. Her dissertation was on "The Role of Music in Terms of the Relationship between Holocaust Survivors and their Children, from the Perspective of the Second Generation".

Her articles: "The role of music on Holocaust survivor offspring and how it influenced their relationship with their parents" and "The roles of music amongst musician Holocaust survivors before, during, and after the Holocaust" were published in the *Psychology of Music Journal*. An additional article was published in German in *Musiktherapeutische Umschau*.

Dr. Fisher lectures at conferences locally and internationally on the subject of Music Therapy, Music and Trauma emphasizing the Holocaust. Today she is a lecturer at Efrata College, Levinsky College and Beit Rivka College.

**Research:** As part of "Speigel Associates" program, Dr. Fisher will research how to preserve the memory of the Holocaust using the arts, with an emphasis on music, for high school students.

# Dr. Ronit Fisher



**Dr. Ronit Fisher** was born in Israel, to Holocaust survivor parents. Since 2010 she teaches courses about the Holocaust for MA students, at the department of Jewish History at the University of Haifa.

Since mid-2013 she also works as a "Historian-Consultant" specialist for the history of Romania Jewry during the Holocaust at the legal division of the Authority for the Holocaust survivors' rights, at the Israeli Ministry of Finance. In the past she was the Academic coordinator of the Research Center of the history of Romanian Jewry at the Hebrew University, the **Dean of Students** at the Academic Yzreel Valley College (2006 – 2008), and the Director of the Haifa's branch of the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (NGO), (2004-2006).

Dr. Fisher has published numerous publications, books and articles, about the Holocaust with emphasis on the fate of Romanian Jewry. She has lectured at symposia and conference on the Holocaust in Israel and abroad.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow" she will continue her studies of the history of the Jews of Czernowitz during the Holocaust and of love and marriage during the Holocaust

# Dr. Baruch Furman

**Dr. Baruch Furman** holds a BA from the Hebrew University in Bible and Jewish History. He wrote his MA in Jewish History about "The Kingdom of Judea after the Destruction of the Kingdom of Israel" at Tel Aviv University. Dr. Forman wrote his doctoral dissertation at Bar-Ilan University with Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz about "Hapoel and the Role of Sport in the Absorption of Immigrants in Israel 1945-1960".

Dr. Furman retired from the educational system and deals with topics having to do with combat fitness. He authored the first chapter ("Preparation for Combat Fitness during the British Mandate") in the book *Seven Decades of Combat Fitness in the Israeli Defense Forces* (in Hebrew) published by the IDF. This book is given to all graduates of the combat fitness instructor's course.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Furman will study gendered sports programs among the DPs, sports organizations among the immigrants in Israel 1945-1960, including among Holocaust survivors, and the rise, fall, and reestablishment of Maccabi Jaffa, a team composed of Bulgarian Holocaust survivors.

# Dr. Lea Ganor



**Dr. Lea Ganor** was born in Israel to Holocaust survivors from Poland who immigrated from Wroclaw in 1957. She speaks Hebrew, English, Yiddish and has a partial command of Polish, Russian and French.

Together with the Kiriya Motzkin Municipality and the Ministry of Education, in 1994 she founded the Mashmout (Holocaust, Tradition, Values, Rebirth) Center in Kiriya Motzkin.

Dr. Ganor holds a BA in History and Bible, an MA in Education from the University of Haifa, and an MA from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem where she wrote about "The Holocaust and Heroism as seen in the army newspaper Bamahaneh 1948-1973". She has a PhD from Bar Ilan University about "The IDF's attitude towards Educational Trips of Soldiers to Poland 1987-2004" that she wrote with Prof. Judy Baumel-Schwartz and Prof. Dalia Ofer. She did her post-doctorate at the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism at the University of Haifa where she examined the history of Holocaust survivor air crews in the IDF.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Ganor will continue her study of Holocaust survivor air crews and will also study gender issues in the life of the Jewish of Wroclaw 1945-1957.

# Ruti Glick



**Ruti Glick** is a PHD student in the Gender Studies Program at Bar-Ilan University, specializing in History and Gender.

Her dissertation, under the supervision of Prof. Lilach Rosenberg Friedman, is the immigration story of Hungarian speakers, women and men, who came to Israel after The Second World War and the Holocaust - from their point of view, based on their writing in Hungarian in real time.

Her Thesis, under the supervision of Prof. Margalit Shilo, explored the immigration story of Hanna Szenes, based on her personal writing (full diary and hundreds of letters in Hungarian) that were censored and rewritten in the versions which appeared in Hebrew. The thesis was published as a book titled: **Captive in a New Land** (in Hebrew) (Pardes, 2013).

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Ruti Glick will continue her research on the topic of her doctorate: "The Immigration Experience and the Construction of Israeli Identity of Hungarian Speakers, women & men in the years 1948 – 1960 in "Uj Kelet".

By exploring the immigration story of this group, Ruti Glick intends to learn about the experience and everyday life of other marginal groups in the first decade of Israel – such as bourgeois immigrants, women and Holocaust survivors – and tell the history of Israeli society from a different and new point of view.

# Dr. Yossi J. Goldstein



**Dr. Yossi J. Goldstein** has a Ph.D. in Contemporary Jewry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1994). He teaches at the Blended MA Program in Jewish Education the Melton Center for Jewish Education, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He lectures and is involved as a historian in advanced programs for Latin American educators at the International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem.

He was a Research Fellow at the Liwerant Center for the Study of Latin America, Spain, Portugal and the Jewish Communities at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem during the years 2011-2015, as international coordinator of the research Project published as "The Latin American Jewish Educator in a Transnational World", with research teams in Israel, Mexico and Argentina. He was also a Research Fellow at the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, in 2016-7 and at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM, Washington DC, in 2019. Research project: "Holocaust Survivors in Latin America: Memories and Cultural Narratives."

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he is married with three children and 3 grandchildren.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will continue the collective Memory of the Holocaust and Survivors of the Holocaust in Latin America.

## Prof. Gideon Greif



**Prof. Gideon Greif** is an Israeli historian, educator and pedagogue. He is Chief Historian and Researcher at the "Shem Olam" Institute for Education, Documentation and Research on Faith and the Holocaust, Israel, Chief Historian and Researcher at the Foundation for Holocaust Education Projects in Miami, Florida and a senior Researcher and Historian at the Ono Academic College in Israel.

Prof. Gideon Greif is a world renowned expert on the history of Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration and Extermination Camp. His most famous contribution to the history of Auschwitz is his pioneering and groundbreaking book *We Wept without Tears*, on the history of the “Sonderkommando”, a special Jewish prisoner squad in Auschwitz-Birkenau, compelled to work at the mass killing installations. First published at Yad Vashem, the book has become an international best seller and was translated into 12 languages. The book inspired the Hungarian movie “Son of Saul”, which won an Oscar in 2016. Gideon Greif worked as a historical advisor for the film.

Together with Itamar Levin, Greif wrote the book *Uprising in Auschwitz* about the 'Sonderkommando' uprising in Auschwitz, on Oct. 7, 1944. He recently published *Jasenovac - Auschwitz of the Balkans*, which won the first prize at the Belgrade International Book Fair in November 2018.

# Nurit Grossman



**Nurit Grossman**, born in Haifa (1952), served as sales manager in the shipping industry until her retirement in 2012. In 1975 she received her B.A. in English Language & Literature + Sociology & Anthropology and in 2009 completed her studies for MLS in Information Sciences and Librarianship Studies at the University of Haifa. In 2017 she earned her master's degree from the Weiss-Livnat International MA Program in Holocaust Studies at the University of Haifa.

Her thesis written under the supervision of Prof. Hagit Lavsky, "The Emergence of the *Kindertransport* in Prague 1938-1939 – A Humanitarian Response to a Refugee Crisis", argues that the Prague scheme was not part of the large-scale *Kindertransport* that emerged in Berlin and Vienna, but rather originated from a different wide-scale response to the refugee crisis of unprecedented magnitude. The thesis offers a comprehensive approach to the emergence of the *Kindertransport* in Prague, focusing on its unique features as a humanitarian effort involving a platform of activists from different niches of life.

After completing her thesis, Nurit Grossman continued to research independently the topic of the British Missionaries, The Barbican Mission to the Jews, and their part in getting some 100 children out of Prague before the outbreak of WWII. Last January, she presented her research at an international conference held at UCL, London.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, Nurit Grossman will conduct further research on The Barbican Mission to the Jews during the pre-war period.



## Lili Haber



**Lili Haber** is a social activist promoting the commemoration of the Heritage of the Jewish communities in Poland and Eastern Europe. She is an active board member and head of numerous associations and NGOs, Chairperson of the Forum of Polish Immigrants in Israel, of the Association of Cracowians in Israel, of the Phoenixes Association; Member of the Board and Executive Committee of the Center of Holocaust Survivors Organizations in Israel; Active director of The Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (FODZ); Member of the Presidency of the International Auschwitz Committee; Secretary of the Israel-Poland Mental Health Association.

Born in 1947 in Cracow, Poland, first daughter of Holocaust survivors deported to the Cracow Ghetto and later incarcerated in the Plaszow concentration camp. Her father was saved by Oscar Schindler and her mother survived the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and the Death March to Ravensbruck and was liberated in Neustadt-Glewe, Germany.

In 1949 the family immigrated to Israel, settled in Holon. Served in an intelligence unit, studied Political Science and Sociology at the Hebrew University. Began a career in public relations serving as a senior aide to the spokesman of the Israeli National Insurance Institute. Later she completed professional training in programming and IT systems analysis and founded, with her husband, their own Software Company. In 2000 they sold their company to a large public conglomerate.

She is married Yehuda Haber since 1969 and has 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

## Dr. Jehuda Hartman



**Dr. Jehuda Hartman** specializes in the history of Hungarian Jews in modern times. He holds a Ph.D. in Jewish History from Bar Ilan University and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of California in Los Angeles. Was associated with several universities and research institutions in Israel, the US and Canada. Hartman developed computerized mathematical systems for an international consortium, which were implemented in Europe, Japan and the US. He founded an Israeli company for developing industrial optimization systems and was its chief scientist. Hartman is a recipient of the Israel national defense prize. His book 'Patriots without Homeland: Hungarian Jewish Orthodoxy from Emancipation to Holocaust' appeared in 2020.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Hartman wishes to further his study of Hungarian Jewry since the Emancipation. He is also collecting material on Holocaust Heroine Mala Zimetboim.

## Dr. Tsilla Hershco



**Dr. Tsilla Hershco** holds a doctorate in History from Bar-Ilan University. Since 2003 she is a senior researcher at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA) at Bar-Ilan. In the past, she lectured in the Department for French Culture and the Department of Political Science.

While in Paris between 1989-1994 Dr. Hershco wrote her dissertation about "France, the Yishuv in Eretz Yisrael and French Jewry between 1945-1949" under the guidance of Prof. Shimon Schwartzfuks. Simultaneously she also began studying the Jewish Resistance in France.

As a BESA researcher Dr. Hershco publishes articles, participates in conferences and interviews about various topics. She was a visiting researcher at CERI – Center Des Recherches Internationales – Center for International Studies in Paris. She has published books and numerous articles about topics connected to Zionism, France, and the Jewish Resistance Movement in France during the Holocaust.

She is a member of the Israeli Association for the study of European Integration – IASEI, a member of the Public Committee to create the Museum of the Jewish Fighter during the Second World War in France, and active in the Committee to Honor Jews who saved Jews during the Holocaust.

**Research:** In addition to belonging to the "Jews Saving Jews" Forum, Dr. Hershco is also a "Spiegel Fellow" at the Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar-Ilan University. She continues to study the history of the Resistance Movement in France during the Holocaust.

# Dr. Sylvia Hershcovitz



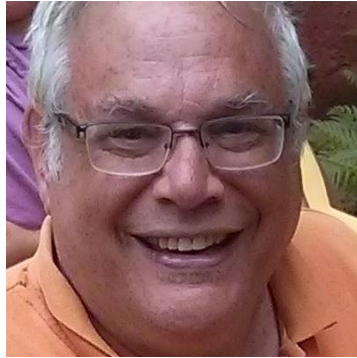
**Dr. Sylvia Hershcovitz** received her PhD from the Israel and Golda Koschitsky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry at Bar Ilan University. She is also the coordinator of the Institute's "Rumania Forum".

Her doctoral research was about the missing link: The Jewish Women and their Organizations in Romania during the First Part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. She concentrates on the daily life of these women, their identity, activities and their unique contribution to the women and children's lives during this period of time in Romania. In addition, the research illuminates the role of Jewish women role as part of the Zionist movement and their participation in the Nation building process.

The dissertation also includes the challenges the women met while trying to carry on their activities during the Holocaust in Romania and the part they took in rescuing thousands of children and orphans including the Transnistria orphans.

**Research:** As a Spiegel fellow, she will prepare her dissertation for publication.

# Martin Herskovitz



**Martin Herskovitz** was born in the United States in 1955 to parents from Czechoslovakia, his mother a Holocaust survivor. He completed a BA in psychology at Yeshiva University and an MA in safety and occupational hygiene at NYU. In 1986, Martin, his wife, Pearl, and two sons, immigrated to Israel. After a position as a work supervisor at the Ministry of Labor, 1989 Martin began his work as a safety officer at the logistic center in the IDF, a role he fulfilled until his retirement in 2018. In 1990, he enlisted in the IDF and went to training at Shlav Bet -Rifleman 4 as an exemplary soldier. Martin received a number of outstanding employee awards during his work in the IDF and was awarded a Life Achievement Award by the Head of Technology and Maintenance Corps.

Martin began a Second-generation activity in 2000 as part of a listserv of the Second generation, in which he began to publish poetry in the field of second generation experiences. His poems were published in Midstream and Maggid. On the basis of his poems, he prepared a lecture on the subject of "Poetry and Second generation" which he presented at the University of Illinois, Leslie University in Israel and twice at the annual educators' conference at Yad Vashem. After retiring from the IDF, Martin began to increase his activities in the field of Holocaust remembrance to insure the continuation of the narrative in future generations.

**Public activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow Martin devises programming to help the coming generation formulate a credible and authentic narrative of the Holocaust in lieu of the generation of Survivors who are slowly disappearing. He also encourages innovative approaches in poetry, art, and performances to ensure the continuation of the emotional connection to the Holocaust Remembrance.

## **Dr. Ayelet Hillmann**



**Dr. Ayelet Hillmann**, Academic Coordinator of the Education Department at the Ghetto Fighters' House, has been teaching about the Holocaust in the formal and informal education system for many years as a history teacher, as a guide for youth and adult delegations to Poland, and as a senior guide at the museum. She has contributed to the research for two permanent exhibitions at the museum: "Jewish Warsaw: A Story of the Human Spirit" and "Among the Trees: The Holocaust in the Soviet Union 1941-1945".

Ayelet's masters' thesis deals with the interactions and relationships between the Ghetto Fighters' Kibbutz as a community of life, and the museum - The Ghetto Fighters' House in Memory of Yitzhak Katznelson for the Heritage of the Holocaust and the Uprising - as a memorial site.

Dr. Hillmann wrote her doctorate at the Department of Israel Studies at the University of Haifa under the supervision of Prof. Yehiam Weitz on the subject: **Not Hewn Stone nor Marble but a Living Enterprise - Holocaust Survivors and the Establishment of Institutions of Holocaust Commemoration in Israel 1950-1990.**

**Research:** As part of the Spiegel Fellows program, Dr. Hillmann seeks to study second and third generation descendants of Holocaust survivors, who chose to address the commemoration of the Holocaust in its various manifestations.

# Dr. Tamir Hod



**Dr. Tamir Hod** is a historian and educator who specializes in the Israeli society and Holocaust remembrance and teaches at Tel Hai college, the Western Galilee College and the Kinneret Academic college. Dr. Hod is a member of the "Spiegel Fellows" and the "Polish Forum". His PhD research investigated the Damianiuk Affair in Israel between the years 1986-1993. The research was written at Ben Gurion University under the guidance of Prof. Hanna Yablonka. For many years he worked as an educator in high-schools. His proximity to the educational world is expressed in his academic research that studied the educational system's coping mechanisms vis a vis Holocaust remembrance and the effect of this tragic event on the national identity of students in Israel.

Dr. Hod is writing several articles based on his doctorate. These include "The Damianiuk Affair in Israel - why did we remember to forget?" that focuses on repressing historical events that are seen as a failure and "The Damianiuk Affair - first prove, then educate" focusing on the way the educational system dealt with the Damianiuk affair in Israel.

In addition to research and education, he is a musician who performs in different bands all around the country and lectures about famous Jewish musicians' lives and their compositions. These include Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Simon & Garfunkel, Meir Ariel and others.

**Research:** Dr. Hod is investigating everyday life of the Ukrainian collaborators who were stationed at the Reinhard camps: Belzec, Sobibor, and Treblinka. He will track the perpetrators' actions and conversations and examine the incentives and the circumstances that brought about this collaboration or in rare cases caused the refusal to collaborate.

# David Holits



David Holits was born in 1947 in Transylvania to parents who survived the Holocaust. The family immigrated to Israel in the summer of 1950. About half a year after difficult assimilation hardships similar to many of the immigrants, they settled in Petah Tikva where his parents lived all their days and where he spent his youth.

Holits worked in ELTA (the Israel Aircraft Industry) in Ashdod, where he worked in advanced high-tech fields and at the same time completed his master's degree studies at Tel Aviv University. His master's thesis, which dealt with the "labor service" in Hungary between 1939 - 1944, was written under the guidance of Dr. Rafi Vago .

David Holits continues his research, independently, on the Hungarian labor service and especially on the issue of the Jewish prisoners in the Soviet camps. In this context, he brings the story of the labor service to the general public through lectures in various places, among them Yad Vashem, the Beit Haedot in Nir Galim, the Israel Aircraft Industry, the geriatric institution "Ganim" and more.

On May 14, 2008, he published an article in the "Shabbat" supplement of "Makor Rishon", "From Camps to Camps" dealing with the Jewish prisoners from the labor service in the Soviet camps. On October 2, 2008, Yalkut Morsheth [85] also published his article "Jewish recruits in labor service companies in Soviet captivity".

Additional subjects he investigates are: 1. The death march to Volary in Czechoslovakia. 2. The activities of Rabbi Weissmandel from Slovakia to stop the Holocaust. 3. The various aspects of the absorption of the immigration wave to Israel in the early 50's.



## Gitit Hoze



**Gitit Hoze** is a doctoral student at the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry of Bar-Ilan University under the direction of Prof. Dov Schwartz. She wrote her MA thesis, “Personal and Universal Lessons: Yitzhak Mayer’s Memory of the Holocaust” at Bar-Ilan University. She received a scholarship from the Zerah Warhaftig Institute for the Study of Religious-Zionism and was awarded a prize granted to doctoral students by the President of the University and the Dean of the School for Advanced Studies for the publication of an article in the journal *Religious Zionism*, "The Memory of the Holocaust in the Poems and Writing of Yitzhak Mayer".

Hoze’s dissertation focuses on the conceptual, educational, and literary philosophy of Yitzhak Mayer (1934-2020), who was a Holocaust survivor. Mayer’s writing integrates universal and particularistic messages that emerge from the lessons of the Holocaust.

**Research:** As part of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum, Gitit Hoze will continue to research and analyze the memory of the Holocaust among survivors and will study the connections between Mayer’s conceptions in the study of the Holocaust and his pedagogical approach as reflected in his leadership at the Yemin Orde Youth Village.

## Nir Itzik



**Nir Itzik** is the Guiding Department Director in the Ghetto Fighters House Museum. In his previous role he was the research director of the Ethiopia Jewry Heritage Center in Israel and Before that he worked a researcher and archivist at Moreshet, Mordechai Anielevich Memorial. In addition, for many years, he worked as a research assistant for Prof. Havi Dreifuss of the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University.

His master's thesis was written in the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University, under the guidance of Prof. Havi Dreifuss, and dealt with the testimonies of Yitzhak (Antek) Zuckerman about the Jewish Fighting Organization in the Warsaw ghetto. An article based on the thesis was published in Moreshet Journal for the Study of the Holocaust and Antisemitism, volume 16, English version, in the name, "The Testimonies of Yitzhak (Antek) Zuckerman from Wartime to *Those Seven Years*: A Reassessment."

### **Research:**

As part of the "Spiegel Fellows" program, Nir will engage in preliminary research on his research proposal for his Ph.D. which will deal with "The Reflection of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in the Israeli Historiography of the Holocaust."

# Dr. Nadav Kaplan



**Dr. Nadav Kaplan** holds a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from Bar-Ilan University, an M.Sc. in Management from The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and a Ph.D. from The University of Haifa.

Prof. Maoz Azaryahu served as his advisor for his interdisciplinary doctoral dissertation, “A Hero Forgotten and Recovered: The belated commemoration of Raoul Wallenberg in Sweden and Hungary”.

In addition to his continuous business career, Dr. Kaplan remains actively engaged in several fields of academic research relating to Memory Studies. In addition to his work on the belated commemorations of historical events and individuals, he studies the Holocaust in Hungary. One recent project involves the 1957 assassination of Dr. Israel Kasztner. He is currently completing a monograph and several articles, forthcoming via various academic platforms.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will focus on “Jews saving Jews”, and work to establish a Hungary Forum.

# Prof. Yael Katzir



**Prof. Yael Katzir** holds a PhD from the Hebrew University in Medieval History. Her historical documentaries were aired on Israeli television and abroad, as well as in festivals in Israel and worldwide. She won international festival awards in India, Europe and the USA. Katzir taught History at the Hebrew University, and Film at the film Department at Tel Aviv University. She was the Team Leader and designer of the Open University Course **Jerusalem Throughout the Ages** which includes 6 films on the history of Jerusalem that were aired on Israeli Educational Television. She chaired the History Department at Beit Berl Academic College, and taught documentary film at the College's film Department. Katzir started the college's communal TV Channel of the college and headed it for 12 years during which it aired over 120 programs nationwide (Channel 98). She has written two books, and published numerous articles about History and Film.

Among her best known documentaries are: **The Albanian Code, 2019**; **Shores of Light- Salento 1945-7, 2015**, **Now I am talking** – the story of the Partisan Vitka Kovner, **2014**, first prize NY Jewish women Film festival, **Violins in Wartime 2012**, First Prize in Palermo, Italy, International Film Festival, second prize L. A. Jewish film festival, **What Hitler has done to Tel Aviv ,2010**, (Produced with Bar- Ilan support and the Jewish Memorial foundation for Jewish culture). **Praying in her own Voice, 2009**; **Shivah for my Mother, 2004**; **Company Jasmine, 2000**; **From Rachel's Window, 1996**; **To Brave a dream, 1993**.

**Research:** as a "Spiegel Fellow" Katzir is working on a film about Surika Braverman a WWII parachutist from pre-state Israel, entitled **My Grandma had a gun, 2020**

# Prof. Yitzchak Kerem



**Prof. Yitzchak Kerem** is a historian of Sephardic and Eastern Jewry, and the Holocaust; Editor of **Sefarad vemaMizrah**, and researcher, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem since 1992; Contributor to **Pinkas Kehilot Yavan**, Yad Vashem; Founder of the Foundation of Jewish Diversity, Los Angeles (2009) and the non-profit organization “The Heritage House for Sephardic and eastern Jewish Communities” (Jerusalem, 2010) in order to establish an all-encompassing Sephardic and Eastern Jewish Museum in Jerusalem that would also highlight the experience of the Sephardic and eastern Jews in the Holocaust in 18 countries. Was sub-editor for the Balkans in the *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*; editor for the Greek section in the *New Encyclopaedia Judaica*.

Nominated hundreds of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem since the 1980s; key expert historical witness in Israeli class action suits for victims of the Iraqi 1941 Farhud pogroms and Moroccan Jewry to be recognized as Holocaust survivors; interviewed 99 Greek Jewish Holocaust survivors in 4 countries for Spielberg oral history archive; worked 4 years on permanent exhibition of Holocaust museum in Skopje; currently consulting Warsaw Ghetto Museum in Warsaw on inclusion of Salonikan Sephardic survivors in Warsaw Ghetto camp and Moroccan Jewry in the Holocaust; and past lecturer at University of Denver, Aristotelian University (Thessaloniki), and the American Jewish University of Los Angeles.

## Dr. Nili Keren



**Dr. Nili Keren** is a well-known scholar and a gifted lecturer of many issues concerning the history of the Holocaust and Holocaust Memory in Israel and abroad, and on the artistic representations of the Holocaust (theatre, movies museums and memorials).

Born in Israel, she studied in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and was a student of prominent teachers such as Prof. Yehuda Bauer, and Prof. Israel Gutman. Her Ph.D was written under the guidance of Prof. Bauer and was focused on the Developments in Holocaust Education in Israel (1948-1980) (1986). She taught at the Kibbutzim College of Education in Tel-Aviv, created the college's Holocaust Education Center which she directed for many years. She was a member of Yad Vashem's board of directors as well as a member of the directorate of the Holocaust Research Center in Yad Vashem. She is involved in numerous projects that deal with shaping the memory of the Holocaust in countries throughout Europe.

Dr. Keren wrote several books and dozens of articles which were translated into English, French, German, Polish and Czech. From 2011 to 2015 she was a visiting professor in Stockton University of New Jersey.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will continue studying shaping Holocaust memory in the future in view of the demographic changes in Europe, Israel and the United States (an immigrants' society, passing of the survivors, the Righteous of Nations, and general apathy).

## Gadi Kfir



Gadi Kfir holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the Technion in Industrial Engineering (Master's degree cum laude). For the past twenty years he has begun sculpting in wood and stone material. Inspired by the sculptures he made, he wrote his first book: "Sculptures and Stories", his second book: "Zionism and Board Games 1948-1900", and the third was published in March 2020 "Non-liberating work": children and adolescents who were forced to work in the Sosnowiec ghettos, Warsaw, and Lodz.

All of his books are based on primary sources hitherto unused. The book includes testimonies of 25 people who worked in the Lodz ghetto whom he interviewed.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow", he plans to continue researching the issue of children in forced labor in Israel and around the world. He also intends to deal with the issue of the nutrition of children in the ghetto compared to the amount of calories they consumed.

# Dr. Malka Kinast



**Dr. Malka Kinast** graduated with a BA in Education at Efrata College of Education with honors. She pursued a Master's degree in the Israel Heritage Department at Ariel University, receiving the prestigious dean's honors. Her Master's thesis focused on a comprehensive examination of the unique characteristics exhibited by the "Le'Ever Hayrden" group, a kibbutz of the "Bnei Akiva" in Lodz after the Holocaust.

Her doctoral thesis, on the subject: "In a place where there is no man: The Endeavors and Contribution of Sara Stern Katan" (2023), was supervised by Prof. Yossi Goldstein at Ariel University. The study explored Stern Katan's work as a religious Zionist leader, considering the historical periods in which she operated, the changes that occurred during those periods, and her influence on them. The research encompassed Stern Katan's activities during and after the Holocaust, her role as a member of Knesset representing the National Religious Party, and her leadership of the religious women's movement, "Emuna." The study was conducted as part of the Research Award for Postgraduate Studies at Ariel University and received an encouragement scholarship from Yad Vashem.

Currently, she serves as a Lecturer in the Department of Education at Ariel University, providing pedagogical instruction to students specializing in humanities. Additionally, she has experience as a history teacher in high schools for girls and delivers lectures on the Bible and history to diverse audiences, including adults and youth.



# Dr. Ben-Tsiyon Klibansky



**Dr. Ben-Tsiyon Klibansky** holds a BA and MA degrees from Tel Aviv University in Electrical and Electronics Engineering and a Ph.D. from Tel Aviv University in the history of the Jewish People. His doctoral thesis dealt with the Lithuanian Yeshivas in Eastern Europe between the two world wars.

Dr. Klibansky is an independent researcher on the history of Lithuanian Jews and teaches in a master's program in memory, Israeli heritage and education at Efrata College on issues in the history of Lithuanian Jewry.

A book based on his doctoral dissertation was published in 2014 by the Zalman Shazar Center, entitled *Ketzur Halamish: The Golden Age of the Lithuanian Yeshivas in Eastern Europe*, and its English version will be published in 2020 by Indiana University Press.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, Dr. Klibansky plans to write a book of prose based on his research on the director of the Kovna Orphanage, who was murdered with her students in Fort IX, while creating a credible historical background image of Jewish Lithuania during the interwar period.

# Iris Lifshitz Klieger



**Iris Lifshitz Klieger** is a journalist at the Yedioth Achronoth newspaper for 36 years, fighting consumer injustices as a consumer reporter and in research, raising awareness of social issues such as childhood violence, alcohol and drug addiction among teens, suicides among individual soldiers, struggle for the benefit of ill patients, Nursing and helpless seniors, including survivors of the Holocaust.

She is the daughter of the late Noah-Norbert Klieger, the oldest journalist in the country at the Yedioth Achronoth newspaper, who passed away in December 2018 (aged 93), who survived the imprisonment in Auschwitz 3 (Buna-Monowitz) as prisoner 172345. He even met his parents, Auschwitz\Birkenau survivors, after the war. Iris continues to tell the story of the Holocaust and be a voice of the survivors, and the second and third generation.

Iris' father wrote about the Holocaust and she continues to tell the story, especially as part of the Holocaust Day Supplement each year. On the last March of the Living in Auschwitz, she marched for the first time without her father, who had participated for many years.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow, Iris Lifshitz Klieger will continue to tell the story of the Holocaust and write about it in the press, fulfilling her father's will, who as a young boy dreamed of surviving hell, coming to Israel and telling the world about the Holocaust. He fulfilled his hopes and Iris Lifshitz Klieger now follows his path.

# Dr. Rachel Kollender



**Dr. Rachel Kollender**, born in 1953, completed all her academic degrees in Bar-Ilan University, where she also graduated from the journalism and communication department and the language editing unit. She has taught in Bar Ilan University since 1973, and since 2000, also at the Jerusalem College, where she heads the music department. Dr. Kollender also taught music in high schools and conservatories, as well as at "Oranim" and "Talpiot" colleges. Dr. Kollender takes part in conferences in Israel and abroad, where she lectures in public and academic institutions such as "Yad Vashem", universities and museums.

As a member of musical organizations, Dr. Kollender acted as secretary and treasurer of the Israeli Musicological Society, and is an active member of the directorship of "Renanot". She is a member of the board of Bar-Ilan University graduates, and head of the Organization of Jews and their descendants from Bochnia and its surroundings.

The wide range of Dr. Kollender's research in traditional Jewish music, music of Jewish women, and music during the Holocaust, has been supported by various academic funds and scholarships. She has published numerous articles on these subjects in various periodicals and books, in Israel and abroad.

# Billie Laniado



**Billie Laniado was** born in Israel in 1949. Her mother was a survivor of the Plaszow concentration camp and Auschwitz. Her father was an officer in Polish units in the Red Army, was among the liberators of Majdanek, and active in the *Bricha*. Both moved to Israel.

She was a career army officer in the IDF, married and studied Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies at Tel Aviv University. She later worked in the Government Center for Public Information while studying for a teaching certificate at the David Yellin Teachers Seminar, then lived with her family in Cairo where she worked for the Israeli embassy.

After returning to Israel she worked for the Government Center for Public Information. She initiated two international conferences in Jerusalem for the Second Generation, helped initiate the “Each person has a name” project, and later worked at Yad Vashem as the head of Information & Commemoration department. Afterwards, she worked alongside her husband as marketing director and events producer in their family's public relations firm.

She is the Chairperson of the Israeli Second Generation Organization, initiated the “Next Generation of the Story”, the Forum for the Studies of the Holocaust and Jewish Heritage, and the first gathering of the children born and raised in the displaced persons camps.

She is a grandmother of six with a seventh grandchild on the way.

**Public Activity:** as a Spiegel Fellow she will continue her activity with the Second Generation to pass on the memory of the Holocaust to future generations.

# Daniel Lerner



**Daniel Lerner** is a civil service retiree, having worked there for twenty-eight years, fourteen of which as human resources director and then as senior deputy director general of administration and human resources at the Israeli central bureau of statistics.

Daniel Lerner holds a BA from Bar Ilan University; MA from Haifa University; Currently a doctoral student at Bar Ilan University. The subject of his thesis is: "The Jewish-Communist Underground in France – A Unique Venue of Jewish Resistance to the Nazis and Their Collaborators, 1940-1944". The study focuses on whether this was a "Jewish-resistance" or a "Resistance of Jews".

The study is based on a plethora of archival materials, most of them from France, testimonial books and personal testimonies, interviews with key activists of the time, and relevant research literature.

Daniel Lerner attended an international expert workshop held at the University of Southern California (USC) in 2014 in partnership with Yad Vashem. He also participated in two international conferences, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of France, in which he presented his study. One was organized by Oxford university in London (2014). The second was organized by the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, in conjunction with Global War Studies (2015).

## **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow Daniel Lerner plans to complete his doctoral dissertation and publish it, both as a book and in relevant articles and magazines. He also plans to publish an article on the work of his late wife Roni Lerner on the subject "National Vengeance as a Component of Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust 1939 – 1945".

# Aaron Leshem



**Aaron Leshem** holds a B.Sc. in Physics and Mathematics from the Technion Institute in Haifa and an M.Sc. in Engineering Science from Tel Aviv University. Aaron's thesis dealt with "Target Detection from Thermal Images" using Image Processing Techniques.

He worked in the Test Range of Rafael as a T&E (Test and Evaluation) expert, and last 15 years as the Director of the Test Range Unit. He is the founder of the Israeli chapter of the International T&E Association and served as a chapter President for 20 years.

He is an author of several technical papers, participated and presented in International T&E Symposiums and Technical Working Groups.

**Research:** After retiring, Aaron Leshem is an MA student in the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University. His research interest lies in Jewish religious life in small towns in Poland during the Holocaust with emphasis on small Hasidic courts.

# Tova Leshem



**Tova Leshem** was born in Memel, Soviet Union (today Lithuania) in 1950 to Holocaust survivor parents. Her father, Joseph Feigilstein born in Stefak Grudak in the Wohlyn province, was a partisan and later a soldier in the Red Army. Her mother, Inna Feigilstein (Pichersky) was born in Odessa and survived using a false identity. In 1960 she and her family immigrated to Israel (the Gomulka immigration) and settled in Petach Tivka.

She has a BA in General and Jewish History and an MA in Education and Archeology from Tel-Aviv University. Her thesis dealt with developing an educational, computer supported environment for teaching history.

She was certified to teach in Israel and was a teacher in middle school and high school. She also developed educational programs for different groups including the Israeli Education Ministry, the Diaspora Museum and others. She organized and accompanied educational, historical and cultural trips to Eastern Europe and did so as a representative of the Jewish Agency.

She is active in the Israeli Second Generation organization as the head of the Events committee and as a member of the Board of Directors.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will advance educational values based on cooperation with the ORT school chain.

# Itamar Levin



**Itamar Levin** is a journalist (legal editor at News1.co.il) and a Holocaust scholar and author. His work in the field began at the 1990s in investigating reports concerning the victims' property and since then has broadened to a wide variety of subjects. Levin is the author of 15 books and hundreds of journalist and academic reports and articles in Hebrew, with dozens of them translated to other languages.

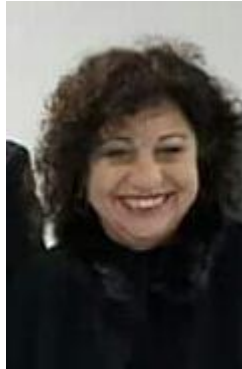
Among the topics dealt with by Levin: the life in Warsaw Ghetto, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, religious life during the Holocaust, Jewish humor under the Nazis, Jewish moral resistance to the Nazis, the Wannsee Conference, the Sonderkommando uprising in Auschwitz, Holocaust victims' accounts in Swiss banks and trials in Israel of Jews accused in assistance to the Nazis.

Levin had worked in archives in Israel, UK, US, Czech Republic and Hungary. He won the Buchman Award (given by Yad Vashem), a special award by the Jewish Agency and a citation by B'nei B'rith. He teaches and gives lectures in a wide range of educational, academic public and private institutions.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Levin will continue to research various topics related to the Holocaust.



# Dr. Rachel-Shelly Levy-Drummer



**Dr. Rachel-Shelly Levy-Drummer** was born in Skopje Macedonia (1956). The only offspring of the (Dr. Haim) Abravanel and (Aron) Levy families from the Macedonian Jewish community of which very few survived. Has a BSc in Chemistry and Statistics, MSc in Chemistry and PhD in biomathematical modeling, and diploma studies in business management all from Bar-Ilan University. Since 1982 she serves as lab manager and research fellow in the faculty of life sciences at Bar-Ilan university. She established the biostatistics support unit in the Life Sciences faculty and the "Bio medical informatics for MD" with prof. Ron Unger from Bar-Ilan and Prof. Gidi Rechavi from Sheba medical center. She managed the program till 2014 when appointed as the secretary of academic affairs of Bar-Ilan University.

Since 2008 she has been active in reviving the history and heritage of the vanished Jewish community of Bitola and Macedonia and moderates the commemorative events in Yad Vashem for the Macedonian Jewish community. She lectures at high schools and other groups.

Since 2015 she is active together with the Israeli Ambassador to Macedonia Mr. Dan Oryan, in the project of restoring and reviving the ancient Jewish cemetery in Bitola-Monastir. Developed the Erasmus joint programs Israel (Bar-Ilan) with Macedonian universities and institutions for research joined programs and student exchange on the topic of the Jewish history and heritage of Bitola-Monastir and Macedonia and develops teaching program for high schools.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow she continues researching and commemorating Bitola-Monastir and Macedonian Jewry.

# Rabbi Dr. Yechezkel Shraga Lichtenstein



**Rabbi Dr. Yechezkel Shraga Lichtenstein** is a graduate of several Yeshivot, a lecturer in the Faculty of Humanities at Bar-Ilan University and previously a lecturer at Orot Israel College and other academic institutions.

His research deals mainly with the study of Jewish law and its history.

He is the author of: *Consecrating the Profane – Rituals performed and prayers recited at cemeteries and burial sites of pious* (Heb.), Hillel Ben Haim Library of Jewish Studies, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv, 2007; *Suicide – Halakhic, Historical, and Theological Aspects* (Heb.), Hillel Ben Haim Library of Jewish Studies, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv, 2008; *And the Bush was not Consumed, Issues from the Holocaust through the Halakhic Prism* (Heb.), Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, 2015; *And Thy Faithfulness in the Night Seasons, Issues from the Holocaust through the Halakhic Prism* (Heb.), Carmel, Jerusalem 2017.

# Prof. Yehiel Limor



**Prof. Yehiel Limor** has taught in the Communication Departments at Tel Aviv University and Bar Ilan University. He was head of the Schools of Communication at Sapir College and at Ariel College. His research focuses on the study of the media map in Israel, the history of the press and journalism in Eretz Israel, and on media ethics. So far he has published nine books and tens of articles.

Prof. Limor holds a B.A. degree in History and Political Sciences and an M.A. degree in Communication from the Hebrew University, and a PhD in Political Sciences and Communication from Bar Ilan University. For four years he was head of the Israeli Communication Association, and currently he is head of the Ethics Court of the Israel Press Council.

**Research:** In the framework of the "Spiegel Fellows" Forum Prof. Limor intends to study aspects of Shoah representation on stamps in Israel and other countries, as well as on posters.

## Boris Maftsir



**Boris Maftsir** was born in Riga, Latvia. In 1970, Maftsir was arrested by the KGB and was sentenced to one year in prison on charges of Zionist activity. He immigrated to Israel in 1971. He graduated from the first graduating class of the Department of Film and Television at Tel Aviv University.

In 2009 Maftsir founded and until 2014 managed the documentary film department at the Haifa WIZO Academic Center.

Management positions: Director of the Department of Culture and Art, Ministry of Education and Culture (1998-1999). Director General of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption (1999-2001). Head of Delegation of the Jewish Agency in Russia, Belarus and the Baltic States (2003-2005). Director of the Yad Vashem Project to recover the names of the Jews murdered in the Holocaust in the Soviet Union territories (2006-2012).

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Maftsir will continue his work on a documentary project on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union. He is the producer over 200 documentary films and television documentaries.

# Dr. Nir Mann



**Dr. Nir Mann** is a historian and the editor of the academic journal *Alei Zayit Vacherev* (Olive Leaves and Sword), published by The Galili Center for Defense Studies. The journal deals with historical issues relating to the security of the Yishuv and the State of Israel – the Shomer association, the Haganah organization, the dissident undergrounds (IZL and LHI), Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine, the Yishuv recruitment to the British army at Second world war, strategic settlement, the political campaign for the Israeli sovereignty, the War of Independence, national security and topics of society, literature and art from the security aspect.

Dr. Mann studies Israeli regime infrastructures such as the presidency, the Israeli parliament, the government and the general headquarters of the Israeli Defense Forces. He has focused on the history of the city of Tel Aviv and in particular the Kiriya compound. He wrote his dissertation, under the guidance of Prof. Judy Tydor (Baumel) Schwartz, on: "The Historical Development of The Kiriya in Tel-Aviv: 1948–1955". This research had a direct influence on documenting the history of the Templer society.

Dr. Mann has published books about the Sarona colony in Tel Aviv, the governmental compound and the military base of the general headquarters at the Kiriya in Tel Aviv.

## **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow, Dr. Mann researches the role of Dr. Moshe Sneh in the Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine during 1947.

# Dr. Tirza Markovitz



**Dr. Tirza Markovitz** is a teacher, librarian, and advisor for the Board of Education. She has taught history, reading skills and Jewish studies.

She has a BA from the Jerusalem College, an MA from Touro College and an MA and PhD. from the Department of Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University. Her doctorate deals with the construction of Jewish life in ego-documents by Orthodox women Holocaust survivors in Israel (2018). In it, she shows that writing of memoirs is largely influenced by the author's gender and their religious affiliation.

She does joint research for the Institute of education at the Jerusalem College and lectures on Judaism during the Holocaust to students, youth and adults.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will join the post-doctoral group and as a first stage she will write a number of articles based on her doctorate.

# Varda Meidar



**Varda Meidar** was born in Israel to Holocaust survivors from Poland. She has a BA and MA in pharmacology and a degree as a sculptor from the "Basis" school. She held two exhibitions called "Borrowed Identity" about her identity as a member of the Second Generation in Israeli society. For the past five years she has dealt with her family history during the Holocaust within the frameworks of the "From Generation to Generation" program and also as part of the "Zikaron Basalon" (Memory in the Living Room) series.

She has also dealt with the Holocaust in local schools through using art as a form of expression in order to teach children tolerance and acceptance of the other. She is also involved in commemorative activity surrounding her mother's birthplace, Chelm.

She studies the history of her father's family in order to find additional testimony that she can use regarding her grandfather's activities in the theater as he established the Yiddish theater in Opatow, Poland.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will continue to create artistic expressions of the Holocaust.

# Dr. Roni Mikel-Arieli



**Dr. Roni Mikel-Arieli** received her PhD in Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Israel), under the supervision of Professor Louise Bethlehem and Professor Amos Goldberg. She was also a Junior Post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Holocaust Studies at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich (Germany) in July 2019, as well as a Scholion Post-Doctoral fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem during the academic year of 2018-2019. She was an adjunct lecturer at the Conflict Management & Resolution Program at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in the spring semester of 2019.

Dr. Mikel-Arieli is the author of numerous publications, most recently “Between Apartheid, the Holocaust and the Nakba: Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Pilgrimage to Israel-Palestine (1989) and the Emergence of Political Protest,” in *Journal of Genocide Research* (2019); ); Her first authored book, *Remembering the Holocaust in Apartheid South Africa*, was slated for publication dependent on final approval after review, to be published in De Gruyter series “New Perspectives on Modern Jewish History.”

She was awarded a 2019-2020 Phyllis Greenberg Heideman and Richard D. Heideman Fellow at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, for her research project, “Memories of Migration and Migration of Memory: The Transnational History of the Jewish Refugees Deportation to Mauritius (1940-1945).”

**Research:** Drawing upon Museum resources, she will examine the intersection between the history of British imperialism, Palestine, Jewish displacement, and the Indian Ocean during World War II, with the aim of producing a research monograph. To this end, she will read and juxtapose official colonial records of correspondence; memoirs, personal letters, and material objects; oral history interviews with the Jewish detainees, and testimonies of local Mauritians who remember the detainees, in order to explore the intersections between local and transnational narratives and memories of this forgotten traumatic episode in contemporary Jewish history.



# Debbie (Deborah) Morag



**Debbie Morag** was born in the Bergen Belsen displaced person camp (DP camp). She holds a BA in International Relations and French Culture from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She is a certified translator – Translation Studies, Bar Ilan University. MA (Cum Laude) from the Interdisciplinary Arts program, Tel Aviv University. She is certified in Phototherapy Studies – Photography as a therapeutic instrument from the Department of Social Work, Tel Aviv University. She worked for over thirty years in Israeli Educational Television as editor and producer, Director of Program Acquisition and Channels/Programming Division.

She is an art photographer, who has in recent years participated in numerous photography exhibitions including "Local Testimony", where she was awarded third prize for series photography. Her photographs deal mainly with the subject of memory and manners of preserving it. Her latest photographic project is: "INDELIBLE", in which she displays thirteen women, all daughters of Auschwitz survivors. The project addresses the issues of identity erasure and intergenerational transference.

She is a member of the board of directors of the Israeli "Second Generation" organization, was in the committee of the "children and babies of the D.P. camps" convention, member of the board of "Elifelet", management member of the Umbrella Organization of the Disabled organizations in Israel and a member of the Israeli Academy of Film and Television.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellows Debbie Morag continues to examine the subject of intergenerational transference. During her research Debbie will continue working on her book "INDELIBLE" and developing a sequel project dealing with fourth generation offspring of Holocaust survivors through photography and text.

# Prof. Yehuda Moraly



**Prof. Yehuda (Jean-Bernard) Moraly** is professor emeritus of Theatre Studies at the Hebrew University. He studied theatre studies and philosophy at the Sorbonne. Since 1972, he taught at the Sorbonne, Rio de Janeiro University, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University and Hebrew University, where he served as the head of the Theatre Studies Department (1998-2000, 2007-2012).

His fields of research are mainly French theatre and film, and he has written numerous books and articles on these subjects. Since 2000, he has devoted himself to the veiled representations of Jewish characters in Occupied France's theatre and film (*Les Enfants du Paradis*, *Volpone*, *La Folle de Chaillot*, etc...). In his book *Revolution au Paradis* (Elkana, 2015), translated as *Revolution in Paradise* (Sussex Academic Press, 2019), he shows that, contrary to the accepted view, some of these works were intimately linked to the political situation. Many films shot in France during the German Occupation convey the demonization of characters that, while not specifically presented as Jews nevertheless manifested anti-Semitic stereotypes of the Jew as ugly, rootless, low, hypocritical, immoral, cruel and power hungry. As such, these works demonstrate, implicitly, central themes of explicit anti-Semitism.

Yehuda Moraly is also a playwright. His plays have been produced and published in France and in other countries : *Les Catcheuses* (Maison de la Culture de Nanterre, 1973), *Sissi en enfer* (Maison de la Culture de Rennes, 1975), *Cendrillon* (Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, 1980), *Gimpel* (Khan Theatre, 1982), *Le Tombeau des poupées* (Palais de Chaillot, 1983), *Strip* (Avant-Scène, 1986), *Etrangle-moi, mon amour* (Jaffa, 1990; *The Barcelona Dispute*, Jerusalem 1992), *La Musique* (France Culture, 1992), *Le Grand Tombeau des Beaux-Arts* (Orizons, 2020)

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, Yehuda Moraly will expand his research on veiled representations of Jewish characters in theatre, opera and film, especially in the radio plays performed during the German Occupation of France.

# Emmanuelle Moscovitz



**Emmanuelle Moscovitz** is a PHD candidate at the University of Tel Aviv. The topic of her dissertation is: “The Chaplain Rabbis of *the Aumônerie générale des israélites de France*: From Spiritual Aid to Active Resistance.”. She completed her M.A. at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2012. Her M.A. thesis title was: “Fathers Couturier, Delos and Ducattillon: Three Dissident Priests in the Canadian Free French Movement, an Inexorable Moral Commitment.”

She has been employed at Yad Vashem since 2013 and is currently working in the Yad Vashem Archives.

**Research:** Her research focuses on the efforts of a group of chaplain rabbis active in French internment camps during the Second World War.

# Tilly Moshe



**Tilly Moshe** completed her MA degree in general history at Haifa University, specializing in the subject of the Nazi rise to power and years of persecution, 1933-1939. She has a history teacher's certificate from Haifa University.

Tilly was a guide at the Hedva Eybeschutz Institute of Holocaust Studies in Haifa. She teaches at the HILA Youth Advancement Program (a program of basic studies and education completion), where she prepares students for a 12 years of study examination in history with an emphasis on the rise of nationalism in Europe and Zionism.

As part of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, she served as a guide at the "Pisgat Ahuza" Nursing Home in Haifa and gave a lecture on the topic "From Antisemitism to Holocaust".

She is writing an MA thesis at the Jewish history department in Haifa University on the subject of forced labor in the Regat in Romania between 1941-1945.

## **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow forum, Tilly Moshe studies the subject of forced labor in the Regat in Romania between 1941-1945.

# Meir Nachshon



**Meir Nachshon** was born in Budapest, Hungary, after World War II, to parents who were Holocaust survivors. He immigrated to Israel with his family in 1963. He enlisted in the IDF and served three years mandatory service, followed by an additional four years, out of which two years were in a Security Establishment in Europe.

Nachshon studied at the Technion in the Faculty of Industrial Engineering Economics and Management, graduating with honors. He was an executive in large companies (Solel Boneh, Africa-Israel), predominantly in the field of finance, marketing, entrepreneurship and as a CEO for nearly two decades. He was also one of the owners of a software company specializing in the real estate industry that operated in the mid-2000s in 17 countries around the world.

Since 2018, Meir has been engaged both in writing, but mainly in documenting Hungarian Jewry in all its facets and nuances on the Hebrew Wikipedia. He wishes to give the Israeli reader a complete and unique picture of Hungarian Jews. There will soon be 4000 articles on the subject, a huge volume of documentation that has no equal in the Hebrew Wikipedia.

# Dr. Ayala Nedivi



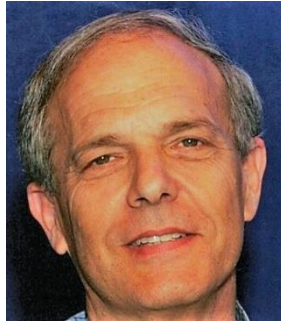
**Dr. Ayla Nedivi** taught history and civics in high school, and as a teaching supervisor. At the same time, she studied at the University of Haifa in the departments of Jewish History, Hebrew Literature and Eretz- Israel Studies. The subject of her dissertation was "**The Palestine Office in Budapest: Its actions in saving Jews from 1943-1945 and their formulation in the collective memory**" (2009).

She worked at the Jerusalem College, at the Institute for Holocaust Studies, and has been involved in a variety of issues related to the Holocaust and its inclusion in the education system, such as writing quiz books and questions for a bi-annual Holocaust quiz. She also participates in research on various subjects, most of them related to Hungary, such as the project on introductions in the books of rabbis that constitute a historical document on the Holocaust, as well as diaries and memoirs

She published various articles and the book "**Between Krausz and Kasztner - The Struggle for the Rescue of the Hungarian Jews**" (2014), and the book "**Rescue from Tangier**" (2017), which she wrote with Rebbetzin Esther Farbstein.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, she will explore the rescue program known as the "**Kasztner Train**". Among the questions that should be explored: When, how, and why was the program developed? What was the train's real destination? What were the politics conditions when the train departed? What happened during the three days that the train stopped at the Hungary-Austria border and why? Who were struggled for the release the passengers from Bergen-Belsen and in which conditions? How did the implementation of the rescue program affect the efforts of the rescue of Hungarian Jewry? And more.

# Dr. Amos Blobstein Nevo



**Dr. Amos Blobstein Nevo** is a journalist, historian, lecturer and researcher at the Ariel University School of Communication. He has a BA in geography and history from the Hebrew University, an MA in Jewish history at Tel-Aviv University, and a PhD from Bar-Ilan University.

He brings with him to the academy a rich professional experience of over 40 years in the media: he was a screenwriter and editor on **Channel 1**; correspondent, editor and presenter of news flashes on the Israeli army station radio **Galei Zahal**, a member of the station's acceptance committee and instructor in its correspondence course; senior correspondent and news editor in the **Yedioth Ahronoth** newspaper, winning prizes for his magazine writing and journalistic investigations.

He serves as a judge at the **Press Council Ethics Tribunal** and taught communication at Tel-Aviv University, Bar-Ilan University and the Yezreel Valley College.

He became acquainted with the Holocaust through stories he published over the years on the Kapos; about unimaginable loves between Jewish prisoners and their Nazi guards in camps; the absorption of Holocaust survivors in Israel; and locating witnesses in Poland who knew John Demjanjuk and more.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Dr. Nevo investigates the media's involvement in the absorption and rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors in Israel; the effects of the Holocaust on the professional world of newspaper editors and reporters; the reflection of the Jewish world in the Holocaust in Halacha Books, and more.

## Dr. Gila Oren



**Dr. Gila Oren** is a Senior Lecturer, Head of Marketing & Strategy Studies, and a faculty member of the School of Business Administration at the College of Management. She holds BA and MBA degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a PhD degree from the Faculty of Management at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (2015).

Dr. Oren brings over 20 years of experience in the marketing and advertising industry. She is a Yad Vashem graduate and is a Certified Guide to Poland, serves as an official Yad Vashem guide, and since 2009 has been leading groups on the March of the Living journeys to Poland. She is on the Board of Directors of the Yad Mordechai museum and is a member of OFEK, the Israeli Association for the Study of Group and Organizational Processes, focusing on victims and victimizers in World War II.

In her capacity as Head of Marketing & Strategy Studies, Oren leads innovative initiatives designed to offer students a comprehensive up-to-date curriculum. She initiates, implements, and leads professional pedagogic projects that equip program graduates with skills and capabilities that take them from academe to the workplace.

Oren's main fields of interest are the meeting points between management and heritage, as well as the visitation experience at heritage sites. She is currently involved in Second Generation research, examining the changes in their perceptions of the Holocaust, and is a co-researcher, with Professor Tal Shavit, of well-being among Second Generation individuals.



## Eliot Nidam-Orvieto



**Eliot Nidam-Orvieto** is the Academic Foreign Affairs Coordinator and the Academic Assistant to the Head of the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem. He is a PhD candidate in History of the Jewish People at Tel Aviv University. The topic of his thesis is: “The Hiding of Jews by Roman Catholic Religious in their Convents and Institutions in France.” He holds a MA in Contemporary Jewish History with an emphasis on the Holocaust from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an MA in Religious Studies and BA in Sociology and Social Work from the USA. He was the Judith B. and Burton P. Resnick Invitational Scholar for the Study of Anti-Semitism Fellow at the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in 2018.

He is the author of several articles, including “The Help Given to Jews in Convents in France during the Holocaust: Introduction to the Topic” in *Zagłada Żydów. Studia i Materiały* (2016); “Jewish Rescue by a French Capuchin” in *Yad Vashem Studies* (2014). He has presented papers at conferences in Israel and abroad.

Nidam Orvieto has been involved in different projects of the Research Institute and the Yad Vashem Archives: Children’s Project (Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture) 1999-2003; Righteous Among the Nations in France and Belgium (Ford Foundation Project) 2006-2010; The Hiding Jews in Convents (Cooper Chair) 2011-2014; Collection of Archives from Religious Institutions 2012-present.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow" he will continue researching hiding Jews by Roman Catholic religious figures in France.

## Dr. Françoise (Simcha) Ouzan



**Dr. Françoise (Simcha) Ouzan** received a PhD in History from the Sorbonne (Paris I) and holds an Agrégation (English and American Literature). A former Associate Professor at the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, and an Associate Researcher at the French Research Center in Jerusalem (CRFJ/CNRS), she is currently a Senior Research Associate at the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center of Tel Aviv University.

She has authored a dozen articles for the *Jerusalem Report* and has written for *Le Monde*. Her major publications on displaced persons, antisemitism, and American Jewry include: *Ces Juifs dont l'Amérique ne voulait pas* (Complexe 1995); *Histoire des Américains juifs, de la marge à l'influence* (André Versaille 2008); *De la mémoire de la Shoah dans le monde juif* (edited with Dan Michman, CNRS éditions 2008), *Vivre en Israël après la Shoah, témoignages de survivants venus de France* (edited with M. Getraida, with a preface by Boris Cyrulnik), Paris, L'Harmattan, 2008. She participated in the *Dictionnaire de la Shoah* (Larousse 2009) and in the documentary entitled *La vie après la Shoah* (The Shoah's Aftermath) by F. Gillery 2009.

More recently she co-edited *Holocaust Survivors, Resettlement, Memories, Identities*, (New York: Berghahn Books, 2012) and *Postwar Jewish Displacement and Rebirth, 1945-1967* (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014). Her latest book is entitled: *How Young Holocaust Survivors Rebuilt Their Lives, France, the United States, and Israel*, Studies in Antisemitism, (Bloomington, Indiana University Press, 2018). Her principle areas of research deal with the American Jewish Diaspora and topics pertaining to the Holocaust, memory, and American Jewish soldiers in World War II.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will be researching the impact of diverse post-war political environments on the rehabilitation of Holocaust Survivors (women in particular), and the impact of their war-time experiences on the way they managed to rebuild themselves emotionally.

# Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar



**Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar** holds an MA and PhD in Middle East History from the University of Haifa and a BA in Arabic Language and Literature and Middle East History from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Since 2007 was a research fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, running academic and public projects on Jewish-Arab relations and shared society. Co-director of the Jewish-Arab Center for Peace at Givat Haviva for several years. Taught in universities in Israel and in the USA. Activist in civil society organizations dealing with peace and human rights. A member of the the Jabotinsky Institute's academic committee.

Author and editor of numerous articles, books, and reviews on Jewish-Arab relations and Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. Reviews Holocaust related books for **Ha'Umma** periodical.

Her latest books include: *Locals: Conversations with Arab Citizens in Israel* (with Yoav Stern) translated by Amy Erani, MultiEducator, Inc. NY & the Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research at Tel Aviv University, 2019; *Conditional Citizenship: On Citizenship, Equality and Offensive Legislation* (with Youssef Jabareen) Pardes and the Jewish-Arab Center, University of Haifa, 2016.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she intends to write about her late father Chaim Lazar z"l, who was a partisan in the Lithuanian forests during WWII and active in the *bricha* movement after the war. He devoted his life to research and commemoration of the Holocaust and to the struggle against reconciliation with Germany, the mutual diplomatic relations and the reparations agreement.

# Dr. Daniela Ozacky Stern



**Dr. Daniela Ozacky-Stern** is a research fellow of the Institute of Holocaust Research, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

She completed her PhD in Jewish History at The University of Haifa, Israel, studying the Jewish partisans in the Lithuanian and western Belarus forests during the Second World War and the Holocaust. The research is based on over 300 written, audio and video testimonies of former partisans, and vast amount of documentation.

She completed her MA degree in General History from Tel Aviv University. Her thesis dealt with anti-Semitic Nazi propaganda led by Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels during the final year of the Second World War. Published in Hebrew in 2012, it was entitled: *Twilight of the Gods: Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda, and the Destruction of the Jews during the last year of The Second World War*.

She is the director of the Moreshet Holocaust Archives in Givat Haviva, Israel, and participated in numerous academic conferences and seminars in Israel and abroad presenting her researches. She is also a Lecturer at The Holocaust Studies Program, in Western Galilee College, Israel.

## **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow of the Finkler Institute of Holocaust Research at Bar Ilan University, she plans to turn her dissertation into a book. This book will include additional material she had recently collected, mainly during her fellowship in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, in autumn 2018.

# Elisha Peles



**Elisha Peles** completed his B.A. at Herzog College and his M.A. in Talmud in Bar-Ilan University. He is presently working on his Ph.D. dissertation, titled: “Halakhic Rulings in Times of Change – Holocaust *Agunot* as a Test-Case”, under the supervision of Prof. Havi Dreifuss and Prof. Maoz Kahana at the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University.

His research deals with the responsa literature and rabbinical court protocols, composed in the aftermath of the Holocaust, which address question of *agunot* and examines whether the Holocaust was a significant factor in halakhic rulings and whether the writings of halakhic authorities were affected by their personal experiences during the Holocaust.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will conduct this research and the impact of halakhic rulings about Holocaust *agunot* on rulings from the second part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

# Yael Dvir Perry



Yael Dvir Perry was born in Israel, descendant of immigrants who came from Bialistok and Lodz in Poland, founders of the textile industry in Israel. Most of her family was lost in the Holocaust. She was a graphic designer at the Centre of Educational Technology, developing educational software (including the Terezin Memorial Museum web site), lectures in Colleges and companies in the private sector. She holds an MA from The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies, Tel Aviv University. Her research focuses on innovators and early adopters of technology and new services in the communication and computerization field in Israel.

She is a member of the management in High School "Atidim", in Holon and a coordinator of innovative pedagogy. She leads projects in a program of the Education Ministry for improving teaching and learning progress and developing a new professional culture. The program, "A Child Remembers a Child" focuses on children lost in the Holocaust who are not documented in national archive. The program is recognized as part of the alternative assessment in History high school final tests, preparations for the High school journey to Poland and as part of the program of personal development and social involvement. The project is supported by a number of educational establishments including "Yad VaShem". Yael Dvir Perry guides teachers in developing new pedagogy and managing delegations to Poland.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will advance the program "A Child Remembers a Child" and other educational programs of Holocaust commemoration.

# Dr. Leah Prais



**Dr. Leah Prais** was born in Israel. She holds a BA in Hebrew Literature and Jewish History from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and an MA from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at that university. She wrote her doctorate at the Institute about "The impact of the Refugee Problem on Jewish Communal Life in the City of Warsaw and in the Warsaw Ghetto, September 1939- July 1942" under Prof. Daniel Blatman. Her book on the subject was published in English by Yad Vashem in 2015.

Dr. Prais also deals with daily life of Jews in Eastern Europe during the Second World War and their personal writings. She has published over 25 articles and reviews on this topic and has edited six books.

Dr. Prais has worked at Yad Vashem since 1995, initially at the International School for Holocaust Education, and later as part of the historical development team of the Yad Vashem Museum, and as a researcher at the International Institute for Holocaust Research. She headed the online project "The Untold Stories"- murder sites of Jews in the occupied territories of the former USSR and the online Hebrew version of the Ghettos Encyclopedia. Today she edits the online Holocaust Resources Center.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Prais is studying "Hotel Polski, Bergen Belsen, and the Palestinian List".

## Dr. Yoel Rappel



**Dr. Yoel Rappel** holds a BA from Bar-Ilan University, an MA from the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY and a Ph.D. from Boston University. For many years he anchored and edited radio programs for the Israeli Broadcast Authority. He also lectures at Beit Berl College, at the Avshalom Institute and at the Center for Geographic Studies. He established and managed for seven years the late Noble Peace Prize laureate, Elie Wiesel's archive at Boston University.

For eight years he was the editor of the Masua year book. Rappel is the editor of the Hebrew edition of Wiesel's writings, including among fifteen others, five books on the holocaust. He edited 'Moreshet Derech' the professional Israeli tour guides magazine.

Dr. Rappel has written and edited many books dealing with Jewish heritage, the history of the Land of Israel, and Judaic Studies mainly on the Jewish Prayer Book (Siddur) as well as writing and publishing numerous articles on the same topics in journals and various newspapers and magazines. His current research, collaborating with Dr. Tzuriel Rasy from the School of Communication, deals with the journalistic writing of professor Wiesel about the Holocaust in four languages; Hebrew, Yiddish, French and English. In these languages Wiesel published more than two hundred articles. Dr. Rappel is a senior research fellow at the German Center for Elie Wiesel Writings, a collaboration of Postdam and Tubingen universities.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow', Dr. Rappel deals with Wiesel's journalistic writing on the Holocaust in Hebrew in the years 1948-1973, as well as preparing an academic edition of 'Night', Wiesel's leading book on the Holocaust, which will be published in English and German.



# Prof. Daniel Reiser



**Prof. Daniel Reiser** heads the Department of Jewish Thought at Herzog College. He received his PhD in Jewish Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and was an adjunct lecturer in the department of Jewish Thought there. Reiser specializes in Kabbalah, Hasidic philosophy, and theology in the Shoah. He was a *Matanel* and a *Warburg* Post-Doctoral Fellow in The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a *Yad-Vashem* Post-Doctoral Fellow in Jerusalem and a *Claims Conference Saul Kagan* Post-Doctoral Fellow *in Advanced Shoah Studies*, New York. He is the author of five books and several articles (published in Hebrew, English and Polish). His book *Vision as a Mirror* (2014) was awarded the *World Union of Jewish Studies Matanel Prize* for the best book in Jewish Thought published during the years 2013-2014 and his book *Sermons from the Years of Rage* (2017) was awarded the *Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research 2018*.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Prof. Daniel Reiser will be studying the personal archive of R. Yehuda Leib Zimberg (Sochaczew Hassidism) from the Warsaw Ghetto that is in the family's possession.

## Dr. Sara Rosen



**Dr. Sara Rosen** is a historian dealing with the Holocaust in Romania. She wrote her MA at the Institute of Contemporary Judaism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on "The Survival of the Jews in the Shragorod Ghetto in Transnistria", under the direction of Prof. Dalia Ofer. Her PhD dissertation was written under the direction of Prof. Ofer on the topic of "Public and Individual, Organization and Family, The Lives of the Jews in the North Transnistrian Ghettos (Mogilev, Schrogorod, Djurin, Murfa and Bershad) 1944-1941.

During her research, she attended numerous conferences in Israel and abroad in her research, and published articles on the fate of Transnistrian Jews in the Holocaust. Along with Prof. Dalia Ofer, she was the scientific editor of the Diary of Limpens Konstad Ghetto in Transnistria, which should be published in early 2020. Dr. Rosen also served as a historian in Boris's film imploring "Beyond Nistro" about Transnistrian Jews.

Dr. Rosen was a part of the Yad Vashem's team that researched and published the open ghettos report in the Regat, Romania

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Dr. Rosen investigates the history of Appeldorn - Ilania: the children's village in the Netherlands for rescuing children from Romania and bringing them to Israel, as well as the Holocaust events in Romania (in the Regat) 1941-1944.

## Dr. Pnina Rosenberg



**Dr. Pnina Rosenberg** is an art historian specializing in the art and legacy of the Holocaust, focusing on women artists' oeuvres and graphic novels during and after World War II as well as the Holocaust in films. She lectures on those subjects at the Technion (Haifa).

Born in Haifa soon after her parents, both Holocaust survivors, immigrated to Israel. She did her undergraduate and graduate studies at the Tel Aviv University (Comparative Literature, 1971 and History of Art 1992). Her Ph.D. on visual art on French internment camps was completed at the Haifa University (History, 1999). She taught Hebrew studies at the Colegio Bar Ilan and the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (1975-79). She was the art curator at the Ghetto Fighters' House Museum (1997-2009) and taught Holocaust art at the Oranim Academic College (1995-2016) and the Yezreel Valley College (1995-2017).

She has presented papers at national and international conferences, and published books and articles on women artists/gender during the Holocaust, visual art and graphic novels done by inmates and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation artists and theatre in internment camps. Dr. Rosenberg is the art editor of *Prism: Journal for Holocaust Educators*, Yeshiva University, NY. She is divorced and has one son.

# Udi Rothschild



**Udi Rothschild** was born in Kibbutz Gevat in 1980. He was raised in Carmiel since age 7. He graduated from Nissan Nativ's acting studio in Tel Aviv. During the past 15 years he has performed at the Haifa Theater, Habima Theatre, the Khan Theater (for 6 seasons) and in recent years at the Cameri Theatre. He lives in Jaffa with his partner and son.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will work on a special project of themes that arise from a collection of 1500 letters and 500 drawings that belong to his grandfather's family and which describe the history of a German-Jewish family from 1905 until the head of the family's suicide in Frankfurt in 1940. The themes are connected to the "negation of the Diaspora", the "silence" of part of the Holocaust generation, the lack of interest from parts of the Second Generation, and the "awakening" of the Third and Fourth Generations to their family's history. Additional questions pertain to values that were sublimated during the encounter with Israeli society.

# Adi Rubinstein



Adi Rubinstein (1979, Tel Aviv) is a journalist and Jewish sports researcher. After completing his BA in history at Tel Aviv University, he began researching Jewish sports, discovering, among other things, the Jewish sports world in Tunisia, where Jews ruled until the Holocaust. Edited and translated articles and books related to the history of Jewish sports that have been published in Hebrew over the past decade.

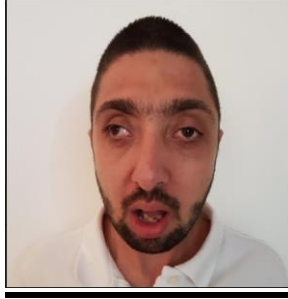
In 2012 he was the curator of "The Game of Their Lives," an exhibition on the history of Jewish sports until the establishment of the State, at the Diaspora House in Tel Aviv. Following the exhibition's success in recent years he has filmed a television series about the history of Jewish sports throughout the world and will soon publish a book about Jews in sports in Britain. He frequently lectures about shattering the myth of the Jew as weak, and reveals new facet of Jews as expressed through the sports field.

Since 2018, he serves as the World Jewish Congress advisor on the fight against anti-Semitism and racism in sports, and is responsible for commemorating the activities of Jewish athletes in the world's largest sporting events against leading sports clubs. He is a member of the Athena Council - the Public Council for the Advancement of Women's Sports in Israel from 2013-2015

Has lived in Tel Aviv all his life, except for a short period in Paris, married and father of two.

**Public Activity:** As a Spiegel Fellow he investigates the sports life of Jewish communities that were interrupted during World War II, and boxing leagues that took place in the large labor camps, where these Jews fought the Nazis.

# Shay Saban



**Shai Saban** was born in Haifa, from 2011-2013 he did his National Service in the "Ghetto Fighters' House" archives. Between 2013-2017, he studied for a bachelor's degree in political science and Holocaust studies at Bar-Ilan University. His specialization was the Holocaust era. From 2017-2019, he studied for a master's degree in the Department of Jewish History at Tel Aviv University.

He is writing a thesis under the guidance of Professor Chavei Dreyfus, about the pre-medical institutions that were in the Lodz ghetto, which included, among others, pharmacies, clinics and first aid stations. He is currently studying for a teaching certificate in History at Tel Aviv University in the Department of Education.

After completing his thesis, he plans to continue engaging in Holocaust research and Holocaust-related medical aspects.

## **Research:**

As a Spiegel Fellow, Shay Saban will continue to study Jewish medicine during the Holocaust medicine in all its various aspects.

# Dr. Ada Schein



**Dr. Ada Schein** was born in Israel to parents who immigrated during the 1930s. She has a BA in history, Hebrew language and teachers' training from Haifa University, an MA on the "Teheran Children Affair" and a Ph.D on "Educational Systems in the Jewish DP Camps in Germany and Austria" from the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University. She studied the beginning of the Holocaust research in the Jewish DP Camps in Germany for a post-doctoral fellowship at Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research.

Dr. Schein taught history, Hebrew language, and citizenship in high school. Since retiring, she has written extensively about health issues among Jewish DPs in liberated Austria and Germany.

## **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Schein is researching health care services for Holocaust survivors in the Jewish DP camps, and the rehabilitation of Tuberculosis patients among the Holocaust survivors in Germany as a challenge for the Jewish world, 1945-1957.

# Alexander Schneidmesser



**Alexander Schneidmesser**, a young historian and scholar, received his MA in Eastern Europe Cultural Studies at the University of Potsdam, Germany, and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, in June 2018, and is currently doing research at Yad Vashem.

His Master's thesis focused on Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, especially Jewish partisans, and in particular the Family Partisan Unit of Shalom Zorin in the Belarusian Naliboki forest. His advisors were Prof. Pickhan, a researcher at the Freie University of Berlin, and Dr. Gloeckner, a researcher at the Moses Mendelssohn Center in Potsdam.

Schneidmesser is a member of a team of Holocaust researchers, led by Dr. Arkadi Zeltser at the Moshe Mirilashvili Center for Research on the Holocaust in the Soviet Union at Yad Vashem, that is working on the English-language internet project "The Untold Stories: The Murder Sites of the Jews on the Occupied Territories of the Former USSR." After successfully completing an intense and comprehensive course at Yad Vashem Schneidmesser also guides individual groups, students, and pupils at the museum, mostly in German and in Russian.

In addition to his research on East European History and the Holocaust, he teaches German at the German Friday School in Jerusalem. The school offers native German speaking children with Jewish and Arabic backgrounds to improve and to consolidate their knowledge of the German language.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow Alexander Schneidmesser will continue to research on various topics related to the Holocaust at Yad Vashem.



# Dr. Chaim Shalem



**Dr. Chaim Shalem** was born in 1946 in Tel Aviv to parents who immigrated from Poland in 1935. In his youth he lived in Netanya. He took part in the liberation of Jerusalem with the Paratroop Regiment and was among the founders of Kibbutz Alumim and was a member of the kibbutz for more than twenty years. He studied and completed all his academic degrees at Bar-Ilan University. He wrote his PhD on: "Agudat Israel in the Land of Israel against the background of the Holocaust" under the guidance of Prof. Dan Michman and Prof. Gershon Bacon.

He is the author of several books including: *A Time to take Action to Rescue the Jews* (Heb.), was published by the Ben-Gurion Institute in 2007. Another, *To the Negev - Neve Yair, the Story of Settlements* (Heb.), was published in 1988. He also wrote two biographies of personalities who were active in the Holocaust, one about rescue activist Benjamin Mintz and another about Rabbi Yerachmiel Eliyahu Botschko who founded the Yeshivat Etz Chaim in Montreux, Switzerland.

He was one of the first guides on study trips to Poland (1987) and takes group there until today. In this context, he wrote *Jewish life in Tarnov between the two World Wars and the Holocaust* (Heb. 2007) and also wrote (together with Rabbinat Esther Farbstein and Rabbi Michael Feder) a guide to the journey through Poland following the life and teachings of Polish rabbis throughout the generations: *In the Land of Life* (Heb. 2009). Both books were published by the Holocaust Research Center, The Jerusalem College, where he taught, researched and wrote. He also taught at Efrata College.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will study Jewish life before and during the Holocaust and in its aftermath.

## **Arie Shoham**



Arie (Leonid) Shoham (Szmelzman) was born in 1947 in Pinsk, Belarus, then part of Soviet Union. He immigrated to Israel in 1957 through Poland. He is a resident of Petah Tikva, married with children and grandchildren. Today he is retired.

He served in the Israeli Army 1968 – 1971 and was discharged as a Captain. He studied Practical Engineering at Ort Singalowski in Tel Aviv and then studied Economics, Philosophy and Geography at Bar-Ilan University.

He was employed at the Israeli Military Industry, and worked at the Consulting Engineers' Office, Electric Command and Control Plant, and was then self-employed in various fields including measurements, consulting and planning of electromagnetic radiation.

Shoham served as a Humanitarian Aid emissary to the Jews in the former Soviet Union between 1992-97. He is a member of the Second Generation, active in Holocaust education, legacy, and history.

## Prof. Efraim Sicher

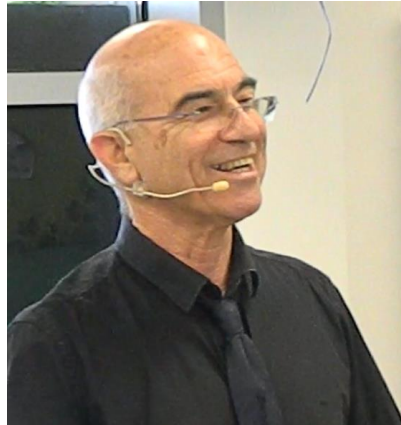


**Efraim Sicher** is emeritus professor of Comparative Literature at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. He has published widely on Holocaust literature and modern Jewish culture, focusing on Jewish identities in the diaspora and Israel. He is the author of the definitive *The Holocaust Novel* (2005) and editor of the DLB volume on *Holocaust Novelists* (2004). Among his recent books are (as editor) *Race, Color, Identity: Rethinking Discourses about "Jews" in the 21st Century* (Berghahn Books, 2013); *The Jew's Daughter: A Cultural History of a Conversion Narrative* (Lexington Books, 2017); *Re-Envisioning Jewishness: Reflections on Identity in Contemporary Jewish Culture* (Brill, 2021); *Postmodern Love in the Contemporary Jewish Imagination: Negotiating Identities and Spaces* (Routledge, 2022); as editor (with Mirja Lecke) *Cosmopolitan Spaces in Odessa: A Case Study of an Urban Context* (Academic Studies Press, 2023). His new book (with Daniel Feldman), *Poesis in Extremis: Literature Witnessing the Holocaust*, was published by Bloomsbury in 2024.

### **Research:**

As Spiegel Fellow Prof. Sicher will research Holocaust memory in the second and third generations after Auschwitz, looking at how narratives of trauma shape identity in collective and personal memory. He is at present working on a book about how contemporary American Jewish and Israeli writers imagine the Holocaust.

## Prof. Arie Sover



Prof. Arie Sover teaches in the Communication Department at the Open University of Israel. He focuses on the study of humor and laughter. He has published five books in Hebrew and English on this subject and the sixth *Jewish humor*, is on the way. He completed his undergraduate and graduate studies in the Departments of Theater, Film and Television at Tel Aviv University where he also taught. Thanks to a scholarship from the French government, he wrote his dissertation on the study of humor and laughter at the University of Paris VIII and attended the National Circus School in Paris. He is the founder and editor of the international scientific journal, *Israeli Journal of Humor Research*, Founder and editor of *Humor Mekuvan*, the first and only Hebrew journal in the field of humor research, Founder and Chairman of the *Israeli Society for Humor Studies*. In addition, he lectures to organizations and large public about humor and laughter.

**Research:** As part of the "Spiegel Fellows" program, Prof. Sover seeks to explore various aspects of humor in the Holocaust.

## Dr. Liliane Steiner



**Dr. Liliane Steiner** has a BA in French and Arabic, an MA in French and a PhD summa cum laude in Comparative Literature from Bar-Ilan University. She is a senior lecturer at Hemdat Hadarom Academic College and currently serves as Head of the M.Teach Program and as the Secretary Academic Affairs at the college.

She is a children's literature author. Her two first books: *Hila's Choice* (Hebrew) and *Bittersweet Chocolate* deal with self-awareness, independence, acceptance of others, and the uniqueness of every child. Her third book "*Two Little Overseers of the Synagogue*" is her own initiative to commemorate IDF soldiers through children's books based on soldiers' biographical details from their childhood.

She ran a project of collecting life stories of Holocaust survivors in the southern part of Israel. In 2011 she initiated a project and wrote an international program that deals with Rutka's Notebook, the diary of a 14 year-old Jewish girl for the three months before she was taken to her death in Auschwitz. An article she wrote- "Broken wor(l)ds" helps teachers in Israel and throughout the world to teach the diary.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will research women's writings on the Holocaust, exploring them with literary and gender studies' tools, making this literature accessible to the public. She plans to conduct comparative research on the writing of female Holocaust survivors in America and France. She also wants to research metaphors and imagery in women's Holocaust writing, and eventually plans to do research on the Holocaust of the Jewish women in North Africa and the Balkans.

## Liat Steir-Livny



**Dr. Liat Steir-Livny** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cultural Studies, Creation and Production at Sapir College, and a tutor and course coordinator for the Cultural Studies MA program and the Department of Literature, Language, and the Arts at the Open University of Israel.

She was born in Israel in 1973 to second-generation parents. Two of her grandparents fled to the USSR during World War II and lived in Siberia. One grandmother is a survivor of the Warsaw ghetto and of Auschwitz-Birkenau. One of her grandfathers is a survivor of the Lodz ghetto, labor camps and a death march. Over the course of her BA (Cum laude 1997), MA (Summa cum laude 1999) Ph.D (Cum laude 2006) and postdoctoral studies she received numerous scholarships including the Fulbright Scholarship for Doctoral Dissertation Students in Israel & USA (2001), and the Dan David Scholarship for young researchers (2006).

Her interdisciplinary research focuses on the changing commemoration of the Holocaust in Israel from the 1940s until the present. It combines Holocaust studies, Memory Studies, cultural Studies, Trauma studies and Film studies. She has authored numerous articles and five books. Her partner is Boaz Albert. Together they raise her two daughters and his daughter.

## Dr. Moshe (Moss) Tarshansky



**Dr. Moshe Tarshansky** was born in New York in 1966 and immigrated to Israel in 1971. He studied at the Har Etzion Hesder Yeshivah combining military service and religious studies (1984-1992) and received rabbinical ordination from Israeli Chief Rabbis (1993).

He received his PhD degree in 2017 from the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel. Research Topic was: "The Communal Activity of Rabbi Ephraim Oshry and the Importance of His *Responsa Mimaamakim* for the Development of a Religious Historiographical Narrative of the Holocaust", advised by Prof. Gershon Bacon.

He continued research focusing on religious life during the Holocaust, specifically the rabbinical responsa literature. He has published various articles on religious and historical topics. He is an educator, independent researcher, and lecturer.

# Dr. Bela Ruth Samuel Tenenholtz



**Dr. Bela Ruth Samuel Tenenholtz** was born in the Netherlands, daughter and sister to Shoah survivors. She grew up in the same place where her parents and older sisters had been part of a small Jewish community, but when she was born, in 1946, they were the only Jewish family left. She married an American Jew and lived in New York for almost five years. Her two sons were born there. The family made Aliyah in 1969 and in Israel four daughters were born. When she was 48 years old, she was accepted to the English language and literature department of Haifa University, and went from BA (cum laude), MA (magna cum laude) to PhD in ten years.

After 25 years as an English teacher in the religious state schools, she moved on to teach English literature, language, and translation studies at Gordon and Shaanan colleges of education in the Haifa area where she taught Shoah literature and Jewish identity in literature. During this time, she published articles connected to her field of expertise and published books: a book of poetry in English, a children's book in Hebrew, and a book which relates the story of her family, in Hebrew and Dutch. She is still involved in translation.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow, she is taking advantage of her knowledge of Dutch in order to translate and make available documents of the war years in the Netherlands, with special focus on the village where she was born and raised, as its story has not yet been told, except in her book.



# Tatiana Tkachenko



**Tatiana Tkachenko** is an MA student in the Department of Jewish History at the University of Haifa, in the Inter-university program: “Russia and Eastern Europe”. Her research topic is “Repatriation of Polish citizens of Jewish nationality from the USSR in 1944-1946” and she is writing under the supervision of Dr. Marcus Silber.

She has a Diploma in Cultural Studies from the Russian State University of the Humanities in Moscow (2009), where she specialized in Western European Culture and wrote about "The notion of 'exceptionality' in Holocaust Studies 1960s-2000". She holds an MA in Cultural Studies and Eastern European Studies from the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow (2012), where she wrote her MA thesis about “Holocaust studies in the context of modern political theory (on the material of Giorgio Agamben’s works)”.

Her research interests include Jewish history and culture, Polish Jews in Soviet Union, World War II, Holocaust studies, Critical theory, History and Historiography of the Holocaust, Holocaust in modern literature. She was an administrative assistant at the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow, at the Russian-French Marc Block Centre for Historical Anthropology, and today she is a teacher and mentor at the "Mashmout" Center in Kiriyat Motzkin.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will continue her research about the repatriation of Polish-Jewish citizens from the USSR after the Holocaust.

# Dr. Michal Unger



**Dr. Michal Unger** was born in a DP camp in Kassel, German. She has a BA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in General History and Art History and received her teacher's certification in history. Her MA thesis: *Jakob Edelstein and Czechoslovakia Jewry during the Holocaust*, was written under the supervision of the late Prof. Israel Gutman and Prof. Yehuda Bauer at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her doctorate: *The Internal Life in the Lodz Ghetto, 1940-1944*, was written under the guidance of the late Prof. Israel Gutman at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A book based on the thesis was later published under the title: *Lodz: The Last Ghetto in Poland* (Heb.), Yad Vashem, 2005. The English version will be published by Alabama University Press.

Dr. Unger was a senior lecturer of Modern Jewish History focusing on Holocaust studies, at the Ashkelon Academic College, and a research fellow at the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem, 2004 and 2018. She edited a number of Holocaust diaries from the Lodz ghetto and published a number of articles dealing with various aspects of life in the Lodz ghetto.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow she will continue her studies about Marriage in the ghettos during the Holocaust, and "After an Alibi: Hans Biebow and the Rescue of Three Jewish Groups from the Lodz Ghetto (1944-1945)".

## Serafima Velkovich



**Serafima Velkovich** received her MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2013. The subject of her Thesis was “Considering the Past for the Future: Young German-Speaking Volunteers at Yad Vashem” under the supervision of Prof. Edna Lomsky-Feder.

Since 2018 she is a PhD candidate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The theme of the interdisciplinary research is "The next chapter: DP born baby boomers in search of their identity", supervisors Prof. Dalia Ofer and Prof. Edna Lomsky-Feder. The topics of interest are microhistory of Holocaust survivors' families in DP camps, DP baby boom, Holocaust memory, former DP babies' personal and group identity.

Serafima Velkovich was EHRI fellow in Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw (ŻIH). She received scholarships from Yad Vashem and The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Her last publication is “Polish Citizenship as a Way to Freedom: How Soviet Jews Escaped Totalitarian Regime Using Polish Documents” in K. Friedla and M. Nesselrodt, *History and Memory of Polish Jews in the USSR*, Academic Studies Press, 2021.

# Noam Wreshner



**Noam Wreschner** is a historian and educator. His research deals with the world of Torah scholars in Poland during the Holocaust, emphasizing their daily life of Torah scholars in the ghettos, and exploring the possibilities of religious life under extreme conditions. His research also deals with the relationship between the Torah world and the Hasidic world between the two World Wars and during the Holocaust, examining the crisis points and continuities that exist in the various Study Houses (*Batei-midrash*).

His thesis "Parliamentary Survivors" was written at the University of Haifa, in the Department of Jewish History, under the guidance of Prof. Yechiam Weitz. The work dealt with Holocaust survivors who served as Knesset members in the first decade of the State of Israel, and received an excellent mark. The subject of his dissertation is "Torah scholars and *Batei-midrash* under the Nazi occupation in Poland (1939-1944). The dissertation is written at the Tel Aviv University, under the guidance of Prof. Havi Dreifuss.

**Research:** As a "Spiegel Fellow" Noam Wreshner will continue exploring the world of Torah Scholars in Poland during the Holocaust.

## Prof. Limore Yagil



**Prof. Limore Yagil** received her PhD in 1992, from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, on the topic of Vichy regime and the "New Man" project. (*L'homme nouveau et la révolution nationale*, PUL 1997). From 1992 to 2004, she taught courses in Political Science, Intellectual history and Communication in several universities: Bar-Ilan, Tel-Aviv, Hebrew University, Haifa University, College of Ariel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She also was a research fellow at Yad-Vashem, Jerusalem (1998-1999), at the United States Holocaust Research Center in Washington D.C, U.S.A (2002-2003), and at Sorbonne University Paris 3 and Paris 4 (2005-2010). Since 2010, after she received her Habilitation to direct research from the Sorbonne university (Paris-IV), she became professor and research at Sorbonne university. Since 2004, she had published 8 books concerning Vichy regime, and especially concerning modalities of Rescue of Jews in France and civil disobedience 1940-1944.

### **Research**

As part of the "Spiegel Fellows" program, Prof. Limore Yagil will investigate aspects of rescuing Jews in several European countries: Hungary, Italy, Belgium, Poland, Romania and France with the intention of understanding who were those people who were willing to save Jews and put themselves and their families in danger. Especially, what was the role of the bishops in those countries that led rescue Jews and the influence of Pius XII, on their behavior and the attitude of other persons, in process of rescuing Jews.

# Miri Yahalom



**Miri Yahalom** is a student (in the research track) in the department of Jewish history at Tel Aviv University. Her research (under the guidance of Prof. Havi Dreifuss) deals with the members of the Jabotinsky movement in the historiography of the Vilna ghetto – the historiography of the "right" and the historiography of the "left". In her research, she examines the actions of the movement members while fighting in the rank of the resistance and serving in the Jewish ghetto police.

Miri is employed as an archivist in the Jabotinsky Institute archive.

As a Spiegel Fellow she will explore the actions of the members of the Jabotinsky movement in the ghettos in Poland and Lithuania.

# Rabbi Dr. Chanan Yitzchaki



**Rabbi Dr. Chanan Yitzchaki** has a BA in education, an MA in Jewish philosophy from Tel Aviv University, and a PhD in Talmud from Bar-Ilan University.

He currently heads the multidisciplinary master's program for teachers in "Memory, Jewish heritage and Education" in Efrata - College of Education, in Jerusalem.

In his lectures and research, he deals with "Jewish memory": various aspects of memory reflected in Jewish sources, Jewish holidays, the practice of observance, and memorial dates in the renewed State of Israel, with emphasis on Holocaust Day.

He is married and a father of eight children.

**Research:** As a Spiegel Fellow he will study fast days and other religious methods of commemorating the Holocaust.

## Dr. Mira Yungman



**Dr. Mira Yungman** is an Israeli historian of American Jewish History with a special interest in American Zionism, and particularly American Women Zionists. She has written books and articles on the subject, the most prominent of which is a book about the history of Hadassah, the largest women's Zionist organization in the United States and for many years the largest in the world. The book (*Hadassah*) was published by the Littman Library of Jewish Civilization in 2012 (Oxford) and was a National Jewish Book Awards Finalist of the American Jewish Book Council. Previously it was published in Hebrew by the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

She is a staff member of the Department of History at the Open University of Israel, as well as in the Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communications. She has been a course developer and teaching supervisor. She has developed the field of American Jewish history at the Open University of Israel for many years and published among others a three volume collection of documents and articles, *The American Jewish Experience*. She is currently editing a book on Women Zionists Worldwide from the first Zionist Congress up to the founding of Israel and is now writing three articles for the book, two of them dealing with women Zionists and women Zionist organizations in America and in Europe during the Holocaust period.

She is a member of the editorial board of *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia (Jewish Women Archives)*, 2020 edition, responsible for the subject of women in Zionism worldwide.



## Dr. Efraim Zadoff



**Dr. Efraim Zadoff** was born in 1948 and made *aliyah* in 1969. He has his BA and MA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry. His main field of research, History of the Jewish Education in Latin America, focused on Argentina and Mexico. His PhD from Tel Aviv University is about the history of Jewish Education in Buenos Aires, from its beginning up to 1957. He has worked at the Israeli National Archives, in the World Zionist Organization, and had lectured at Haifa University.

He established a publishing house – E.D.Z. Nativ Ediciones, Jerusalem, and published fundamental books on Jewish matters in Spanish, among others, an encyclopedia of the Shoah. He is an active member of AMILAT – Israeli Research Association of Latin American Jewry, which promotes research, conferences and an academic periodical on these subjects.

As a result of his research findings about the relations of Latin American States towards Jews in the Shoah, two diplomats from Ecuador and Chile were recognized as Righteous of the Nations. A third case from Peru is now under study at Yad Vashem's special commission. His experience in historical research developed his profound interest in the preservation of archival material, especially archival collections of Jewish institutions in Latin America during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In recent years he became a consultant of the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People in Jerusalem (CAHJP) for Latin America. He promoted the organization of a network of Jewish Archives in Latin America and Israel. He heads a digitization project of archival collections in cooperation with the CAHJP and with the support of the USHMM and the British Library.

### **Research:**

As a "Spiegel Fellow" Dr. Zadoff is continuing his research about the attempts to save Jewish lives with the help of illegal Latin American passports and protection papers.