

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Dr. Yair Paz**

#### **A short bio:**

Dr. Yair Paz is Senior Lecturer in Land of Israel Studies at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. His research focuses on a variety of areas related to the study of history and geography of Israel from the early modern period. He has written on, among other topics, Safed as a Holy City of Eretz Israel in the 16th Century; Jerusalem and its surroundings during the British Mandate and the early years of the establishment of Israel. His research also deals with the phenomenon of pioneering neighborhoods just outside the Old City walls, populated mainly by Oriental Jews who were abandoned during the Mandate period not only for security reasons but also due to socio-economic considerations; as well as the Conservation of the Architectural Heritage of Abandoned Palestinian Neighborhoods following the 1948 War.

#### **Education**

2003: Ph.D. in Land of Israel Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan  
Dissertation: "New-Jerusalem": The Spatial Development and the Symbolic Shaping of Jewish Jerusalem as a Zionist Capital during British Rule (1917-1948)"  
Supervisor: Prof. Yosef Katz  
: M.A. in Jewish Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem 1992  
Dissertation: "Methods of Jewish Education for Facilitating the Absorption of New Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union"  
1992: Completed program in Jewish leadership, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies  
1991: M.A. in Geography, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Thesis: "Land Acquisition by Jews in Jerusalem, 1920-1932"  
Supervisors: Prof. Shalom Reichman and Prof. Yehoshua Ben Aryeh  
1986: B.A. in History and Geography, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
1985: Certified Tour Guide, Society for the Protection of Nature, Jerusalem

#### **Publications**

1988-2016: 24 articles in Hebrew and English in various academic journals as well as M.A. theses and Ph.D. dissertation (complete list provided upon request)  
List of Publications available upon request

#### **Scholarships and Prizes**

Fellowship for outstanding Ph.D. students by the President of Bar Ilan, 1999-2003  
Kekst Prize for Research, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, 2001-2  
JNF-Ben Shemesh Prize for studies on the Land of Israel, 1996  
Greenstein Prize for outstanding M.A. thesis in the study of the Land of Israel, 1992  
Yuvileer Prize for outstanding M.A. students, 1990

#### **Research Grants**

2006-8, The Use of the Yarkon River for Producing Electricity and Irrigation, awarded by the Israel Electric Company and the Yarkon River Authority  
1991, 1996-7, Land Acquisition by Jews in Jerusalem, awarded by Yad Ben Zvi

#### **Academic Conferences**

1987-2007: Lectures delivered at 12 academic conferences on Israel Studies. Most recent lecture: "Zionist-British Competition for Symbolic Sites in Jerusalem during the British Mandate Period; The Jews of Georgia, Tbilisi State University  
Complete list available upon request

## **Work Experience**

1992 and ongoing: Senior Lecturer, academic advisor and head of the Department of Land of Israel Studies, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. Courses include "An Introduction to Jerusalem Studies" and "Cultural Dilemmas in Israeli Geography." Complete list of courses available upon request.

1992 - 2015: Educational Director, Midreshet Yerushalayim, Jerusalem, Israel

1988-1992: Researcher and coordinator of study on the history of Jerusalem, Yad Ben Zvi Ins. Jerusalem

1985-1989: advisor for youth in distress, Ministry of Social Services

1985-1988: Tour guide, Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem

1981-1984: Guide and coordinator, Field School

## **Examples of some articles in English**

. (With S. Reichman & Y. Katz) "The Absorptive Capacity of Palestine 1882-1948" Middle Eastern Studies Vol. 33 No. 2, April 1997, pp. 338-361

. (With Y. Katz) "The Transfer of Government Ministries to Jerusalem, 1948-49: 2 Continuity or Change in the Zionist Attitude to Jerusalem?" in: M. Golani (ed.) Jerusalem in the Past Fifty Years, The second issue for The Journal of Israeli History, Autumn 2004 (Vol. 23, No. 2) pp. 232-259

. "Holy Inhabitants of a Holy City: How Safed Became One of the Four Holy Cities 3 of Eretz Israel in the 16th Century" in: J. Schwartz et al. (eds.) A Holy People, Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Religious Communal Identity (Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series, Vol. 12) Brill, Leiden; Boston 2006, pp. 237-260

. "The Lines of Conflict in Jerusalem – A Comparison between the 1937 Plan and the 1949 Reality" in F. Jacob and S. Danielsson (ed.) War and Geography: The Spatiality of Organized Mass Violence (War Stories) (Paderborn et al.: Schöningh, 2016) pp. 191-212

. A Genealogical-Historical Study of the Residents of the Georgian-Jewish Neighborhood in Jerusalem (1885-1930), Conference Abstract: The Jews of Georgia, Tbilisi State University, 2014