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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

1. **Personal Details**

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1. **Higher Education**

##### Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

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| **Year of Approval of Degree** | **Degree** | **Name of Institution and Department** | **Period of Study** |
| 1990 | B.A. (Magna Cum Laude). | Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University | 3 years |
| 2003 | M.A. (Summa Cum Laude). | Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University | 3 years |
| 2007 | Ph.D. | Department of Communication, Tel Aviv University | 3 years |

##### B. Post-Doctoral Studies

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| **Year of Completion** | **Degree** | **Name of Institution, Department and Host** | **Period of Study** |
| 2009 | Scholar in Residence | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandies University; MA, USA. Host: Prof. Shulamit Reinharz. | 1 year |
| 2022 | Specialization internship in innovation and digital learning design in academia | The school for professional specialization studies, Mofat Institute, Tel Aviv. | 1 year (180 hours) |
| 2023 | Specialization internship in group guidance in the academy | The school for professional specialization studies, Mofat Institute, Tel Aviv. | 1 year (180 hours) |

1. **Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education**

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| **Rank/Position** | **Name of Institution and Department** | **Dates** |
| Tenure track; Lecturer | The Communication Department, Sapir College | 2007-2011 |
| Post Doc.; Scholar in Residence | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University.Host: Prof. Shulamit Reinharz. | 2008-2009 |
| Research Associate | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University. | 2009-2017 |
| Tenure; Senior Lecturer | The Communication Department, Sapir College | 2011-present |

1. **Offices in Academic Administration**

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| **Position** | **Dates** |
| Head of the journalism track, The Communication Department, Sapir College | 2008-2016 |
| A member of the teaching committee, The Communication Department, Sapir College. | 2009-2013 |
| A member of the syllabi committee, The Communication Department, Sapir College. | 2013-2014 |
| The commissioner for preventing sexual harassment, Sapir College. | 2017-2019 |
| A member of the teaching committee, The Communication Department, Sapir College. | 2019-2012 |
| Head of the thinking team on Sapir's vision following the Oct. 7th terror attack. | Oct. 2023-Feb. 2024 |

1. **Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution**
2. **Active positions in professional association**

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| **Dates** | **Position** / **Association** |
| 2015-2018 | A Board member of The Israel Communication Association |
| 2018-2023 | The treasurer of The Israeli Association for the Study of Religions |

1. **Membership in professional associations**

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| **Dates** | **Association** |
| Since 2006 | The Israeli Communication Association |
| Since 2007 | The International Association of Communication |
| Since 2009 | The Association for Israel Studies |
| Since 2010 | The Association for Jewish Studies |
| Since 2015 | The Israeli Association for the Study of Religions |
| Since 2021 | The Israeli Sociological Society |
| Since 2021 | The British Sociological Association, the Sociology of Religion Division |

1. **Reviews for Professional Journals**

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| **Dates**  (At least one review since--) | **Journal** |
| 2008 | *The Public Sphere* (Hebrew) |
| 2009 | *Children and Media* |
| 2009 | C*ommunication, Culture and Critique* |
| 2009 | *Feminist Media Studies* |
| 2010 | *Media Frames* [Hebrew] |
| 2011 | *Giluy Da'at* [Hebrew] |
| 2015 | *Journal of Contemporary Religion* |
| 2018 | *Contemporary Jewry* |
| 2000 | *Israel Studies* |
| 2023 | *Journal of Communication* |
| 2023 | *Israeli Readings* [Hebrew] |
| 2023 | *Mortality* |
| 2023 | *The Israel Studies Review* |

1. **Reviews for Academic Publishing House**

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| **Dates** | **Name of book and publisher** |
| 2018 | Gutkowski, S. (2019), Jewish Atheists in foxholes? Existential Beliefs and How War Feels. Brill Publishing |
| 2019 | Levin D. (2020), Democracy and Communication: Mutual Looks. The Open University of Israel Press. [Hebrew] |

### **Reviews for Academic Grants**

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| **Dates** | **Name of book and publisher** |
| 2022 | Israel Science Foundation |

1. **Reviews for Professional Conferences**

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| **Dates** (At least one review since--) | **Name of Conference** |
| 2010 | The Annual Conferences of the Israeli Communication Association. [Hebrew] |
| 2015 | The Annual Conferences of the InternationalCommunication Association (the Feminist studies, and the journalism studies divisions) |
| 2017 | The Annual Israeli Conferences for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities and New Religions. [Hebrew] |
| 2018 | The Annual Conferences of the International Association for Israel studies |

1. **Reviews for Academic Dissertations and Study Proposals**

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| **Dates** (At least one review since--) | **Name of Institution** |
| 2009 | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University |
| 2013 | The Communication Department, Tel Aviv University |
| 2017 | The Department of Communication studies, Ben Gurion University |

1. **Public activities related to academic fields of expertise**

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| **Dates** | **Position and organization** |
| 2005-2008 | Board member - KESHEV – The Center for the Protection of Democracy in Israel. |
| 2007-2008 | Academic Supervisor **-** KESHEV – The Center for the Protection of Democracy in Israel |
| 2009 | Co-founder and member, The Feminist Forum, Sapir Academic College |
| 2013-2016 | A communication adviser of The Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel\* |
| 2014-2016 | Operating a blog concerning Sociology of faith. The blog name: God without a Yamaka, <http://hagarlahav.com/>**\*** |
| 2021-2022 | A member of the advisory team, The Initiative Against Gendered Violence, Shitufim – Strategies for Social Impact |

1. **Participation in Scholarly Conferences**
   1. **Active Participation in Conferences**

a1. **International Conferences**

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| **Role** | **Subject of Lecture / Discussion** | **Place of Conference** | **Name of Conference** | **Date** |
|  | The One: God’s Unity and Genderless Divinity in Judaism | Liverpool University | Women and the Divine | 2006 |
|  | 'If you don't earn enough – teach': Journalists as journalism teachers | Cardiff Uni., Wells, UK. | The Future of Journalism | 2007 |
| With Prof. Dalia Gavriely-Nury | Women's representation in the Israeli press during the Yom Kippur War (1973) | Montreal, Quebec, Canada | The International Communication Association 58th conference | 2008 |
| With Prof. Dalia Gavriely-Nury | Women's representation in the Israeli press during the Yom Kippur War (1973) | NYU, New York, NY | The Association for Israel Studies's 24th conference |  |
|  | The giver of life and the griever of death: Women in the Israeli TV converge of the Second Lebanon War (2006) | Chicago. IL. | The International Communication Association's 59th conference | 2009 |
|  | 'Hard' news, 'soft' news, and the gendered discourse of 'important' and 'interesting' | Chicago. IL. | The International Communication Association's  59th conference |  |
| **Invited lecture** | New arenas for 'doing' Jewish feminist thought | Waltham, MA. | Hadassah- Brandies Institute, Brandies University |  |
|  | Spiritual but not religious: Gender ramifications of faith among secular Israeli Jews | Los Angeles, CA. | The Association for Jewish Studies' 41st conference |  |
| **Invited lecture** | A feminist reading of public and academic discourse about religiosity and secularism among Israeli Jews | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and Bar Ilan University | Gender and Jewish Identity |  |
|  | A feminist perspective on the Israeli religious-secular discourse | Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan | The International conference on Gender and Jewish Identity | 2010 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | 'Living ugly or dying beautifully': A case study of the interpretation and rejection of an innovation in journalism | Cardiff Uni., Wales, UK | The Future of Journalism conference | 2011 |
|  | Secular believers: Post-secularity and Jewish feminist theology in Israel | Boston, MA | The Association for Israel Studies's 27th conference |  |
| With Prof Zvi Reich. | Mapping [ir]replaceable elements of news reporting: A “quasi-experiment | Boston, MA | The International Communication Association's 61st conference |  |
|  | From a problem to an opportunity: Post-secular feminist theology in Israeli Judaism | Brighton, UK | The European Conference on Ethics, Religion and Philosophy |  |
|  | A post-secular reading of Martin Buber and A.D. Gordon | Haifa University | The Association of Israel Studies's 28th conference | 2012 |
|  | Where is the Post-Secular Theology? A Critical Analysis of Jewish Feminist Discourse in Israel\* | The Hebrew University, Jerusalem | The Association of Israel Studies' 29th conference | 2013 |
|  | 'It’s complicated’: Secular-believer Jews in Israel\* | Brighton, UK | The European Conference on Ethics, Religion & Philosophy | 2014 |
|  | 'It’s complicated’: Secular-believer Jews in Israel\* | Azrieli Institute, Concordia Uni., Montreal, Canada | The Association of Israel Studies's 31st conference | 2015 |
|  | What do Israeli secular-believer Jewish women believe in?\* | Yed Ben Zvi, Jerusalem. | The Association of Israel Studies' 32nd conference | 2016 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | “Living ugly or dying beautifully”: Interpreting a journalistic innovation\* | Cardiff University, Wales, UK | The Future of Journalism | 2017 |
|  | Through the Looking-Glass: Secular- believers, sociology of faith and gender-sensitivity in the study of the Jewish-Israeli secular-religious landscape\* | San Diego, CA. | The Association of Israel Studies's 35th conference | 2019 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | What do journalists know: A new model of knowledge brokers' expertise\* | Golden Coast, Australia (by Zoom) | The International Communication Association's 70th conference | 2020 |
|  | Sociology of Belief and secular-believer Jewish women in Israel\* | By Zoom | The British Sociological Association, the Sociology of Religion Study Group's annual conference | 2021 |
|  | Terms of despair: The Israeli press and the Gaza Wars\* | By Zoom | The Association of Israel Studies's 37th conference |  |
|  | The 'Jewish values' of Jewish-Israeli secular believers\* | Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan | The Association of Israel Studies's 38th conference | **2022** |
| With Yosi David and Pascal Jürgens | When Facebook turns silent: Religiosity and social media use beyond religion and Christianity\* | Paris, Franch | The International Communication Association's 72nd conference |  |
|  | The 'Jewish values' of Jewish-Israeli secular believers\* | The Hebrew University, Jerusalem | The 18th International Congress of Jewish Studies |  |

a2. **Local Conferences [in Hebrew]**

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| **Role** | **Subject of Lecture / Discussion** | **Place of Conference** | **Name of Conference** | **Date** |
| With Dalia Gavriely-Nury | Women in war: The media representation | David Yalin College, Jerusalem | The Israeli Association of Language and Society | 2008 |
|  | Secular faith as a feminist tool | Haifa University | The 1st Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities |  |
|  | A gendered view of Israeli television coverage of the 2006 Lebanon War | Tel Aviv University | The Israeli Communication Association's annual conference |  |
|  | Secular faith as a feminist tool | Haifa University | The 3rd Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2010 |
|  | The Divine as a Verb: Gender/political spirituality in Mary Daly's philo-theology \* | Haifa University | The 5th Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2012 |
|  | A post-secular reading of Martin Buber and A.D. Gordon \* | Haifa University | The Association of Israel Studies's 28th conference |  |
|  | A.D. Gordon and Martin Buber as Post Secular Theologians \* | Tel Aviv University | The 6th Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2013 |
|  | Secular-believer Women in Israel \* | Tel Aviv University | The 7th Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2014 |
|  | Buber and Gordon as post-secular philosophers \* | Haifa University | The 8th Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2015 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | Measuring reporters' performance \* | Sapir College | The Israeli Communication Association's annual conference | 2017 |
| Session chair | Gender and Spirituality\* | Haifa University | The 11th Israeli conference on Contemporary Spiritualities | 2018 |
|  | On the awe: Sociology of faith and perceptions of sanctity\* | The Hebrew university and Van Leer Institution, Jerusalem | The Israeli Association for Religion Studies | 2019 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | What the heck do reporters know? | Hadassah College, Jerusalem | The Israeli Communication Association's annual conference |  |
| Session chair | An honorary symposium on Shenhav-Shahrabani's *Laborers and Actors in Translation\** | Sapir College | The annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society | 2021 |
| With Prof. Zvi Reich | Dimensions of journalistic expertise\* | Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem. | The Annual Conference of the Israeli Society for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science |  |
|  | Sociology of belief and Jewish secularism in Israel\* | The Hebrew University, Jerusalem | The annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society | 2022 |
|  | Have we lost all boundaries? The sociology of religion under the wings of the post-secular paradigm\* | By Zoom | The annual conference of the Israeli Religion Studies Association |  |
|  | In the atheist prison\* | Achva College, by Zoom | The convention on the politicization of human and social studies |  |

b. **Organization of Conferences or Sessions**

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| **Role** | **Subject of Conference / Role at Conference** | **Place of Conference** | **Name of Conference** | **Date** |
|  | Co-organizer of the conference | Bar Ilan University | Sexual Harassment in Academic Institutions | 2008 |
|  | Conference's organizer | Sapir College | Journalism in the Digital Age | 2010 |
|  | Co-organizer of the conference | Tel Aviv University | Media and the Arab-Israeli Conflict\* | 2013 |
|  | A member of the Academic Advisory Board | Sapir College | The annual conference of the Israel Communication Association\* | 2017 |
|  | A member of the Academic Advisory Board | Haifa University | The Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities\* | 2018 |
|  | A member of the Academic Advisory Board. | Bar Ilan university | Feminism and Abrahamic religion*\** | 2019 |
|  | A member of the Academic Advisory Board. | Sapir College, by Zoom | The annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society | 2021 |
| Session's Organizer and chair | Honorary symposium on Prof. Yehouda Shenhav-Shahrabani | Sapir College, by Zoom | The annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society |  |
| Session's Organizer | Between religion and secularism studies in the Jewish Israeli society | The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, by Zoom | The annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society | 2022 |

1. **Invited Lectures\ Colloquium Talks**

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| **Presentation/Comments** | **Name of Forum** | **Place of Lecture** | **Date** |
| Presenting my Ph.D | Colloquium talk, Department of Communication | Haifa University | 2007 |
| Journalism in Israel | Colloquium talk, Department of the Near East Studies | Brandies University | 2008 |
| A gendered view of Israeli television coverage of the 2006 Lebanon | Women, Media, and Conflict Symposium | Netanya Academic College |  |
| New arenas for "doing" Jewish feminist thought | Gender and Jewish Thought Conference | Brandies University | 2009 |
| The thin borders of democracy in Israeli journalism | The Israeli Democracy in Crisis Symposium | Haifa University | 2010 |
| A feminist reading of public and academic discourse about religiosity and secularism among Israeli Jews | International symposium on gender and Jewish Identity | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, and Bar Ilan University |  |
| How do the Israeli media encourage pessimism concerning the Israeli-Palestinian conflict? | Media and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Symposium | The Institute of National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University | 2013 |
| 'My private affair with God': Secular-believer women in Israel | The Bar Ilan Congress on Judaism | Bar Ilan University | 2015 |
| A Commentor | International workshop about "post-secular perspectives on the sacred" | Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem\* | 2019 |
| A commentor | A connector on Peled, Y. and Peled Herman, H. (2019), The Religionization of Israeli Society | Tel Aviv University, Department of Political Science |  |
| Belief in secular Judaism in Israel | The 70 faces of Jewish secularism | The Department of Jewish Thought, Faculty of Jewish Studies, Bar Ilan University | 2020 |
| Belief as a feminist haven: Theological perspectives in Sociology of Belief | The Tager International Conference Feminism in Abrahamic Religion: Dilemmas of Gender and Law from Multicultural Perspective. | Bar Ilan University and the Open University | 2021 |
| Presentation of the book *Secular Believer Women* | A public Conversation with Prof. Nissim Leon. | The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem | 2022 |
| Presentation of the book *Secular Believer Women* | Colloquium talk, Department of the Sociology | Beer Sheeva University |  |
| Absence as an online behavior | A session at the annual conference of The Israeli Sociological Society, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem | The Digital Sociology Division, The Israeli Sociological Society | 2024 |

1. **Research Grants**
2. **Submission of Research Proposals – Not Funded**

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| **Score** | **Year** | **Funded by** | **Topic** | **Co-Researchers** | **Role in Research** |
| - | 2020 | ISF | A new conceptualization of religiosity and secularism in Israeli Judaism | Dr. Yossi David, Beer Sheva University | PI |

1. **Scholarships, Awards and Prizes**

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| **Position** | **Funded by** | **Nature of Awar** | **Date** |
| Scholar in Residence | Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University | Post Doc. | 2008 |

1. **Teaching**

###### Courses Taught in Recent Years

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| **Number of Students** | **Degree** | **Type of Course Lecture/ Seminar/ Workshop/ High Learn Course/ Introduction Course (Mandatory)** | **Name of Course** | **Year** |
| 15-20 | BA | A seminar | Journalism in Israel | 2009-2011 |
| 75-100 | BA | A mandatory course | Introduction to Communication Studies | 2009-present |
| 75-100 | BA | A mandatory course | Introduction to Sociological Theories | 2009- present |
| 75-100 | BA | An elective course | Journalism Studies | 2011-2018 |
| 75-100 | BA | A mandatory course | Introduction to language and discourse | 2015-present |
| 50 | BA | An elective course | Belief in secular spheres | 2016-2023 |
| 75-100 | BA | A seminar | Media and religion | 2018-present |
| 40 | BA | An elective course | Feminist approaches to communication | 2020 |
| 8 | MA | A seminar | Digital Religion studies | 2023 |
| 9 | MA | A mandatory course | Introduction to Sociological Theories | 2024 |

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1. **Supervision of Graduate Students**

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| **Students' Achievements** | **Date of Completion** | **Degree** | **Title of Thesis** | **Name of Student** |
|  | Submitted | Ph.D. (With Prof. Eli Avraham, Haifa University) | The image crisis of the Israeli police | Ariela Yoshe |

1. **Miscellaneous**

Being a first-generation scholar, I became an academic researcher only about 15 years ago, as a second career, which followed a similar time of working as a journalist at the *Haaretz* daily newspaper (see the "professional experience" section). For several years, I was torn between the study of journalism and my deep interest in the sociology of faith and the phenomenon of secular-believer Jews. It resulted in a rather diverse collection of publications. However, three years ago, I decided to focus all my attention on the second topic while combining it with my knowledge of media studies. I published my book in Hebrew and started working with Dr. Yossi David (Department of Communication, Beer Sheva University) and Dr. Pascal Jürgens (Department of Communication, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) on research about the online behavior during sacred times. Unfortunately, in May 2022, I fell ill. My writing and teaching abilities were both impacted by it. My full capacity has only been regained in the past two months after having surgery.

1. **Professional Experience**

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| **Position** | **Organization** | **Date** |
| A reporter and a news desk editor | *Haaretz* Daily Newspaper | 1987-1991 |
| A news desk editor | *Yediot Ahronot* Daily Newspaper | 1991-1992 |
| Head of the News Desk | *Haaretz* Daily Newspaper | 1993-1998 |
| Vice head of the News Division | *Haaretz* Daily Newspaper | 1999-2001 |

1. **Future Plans**

As mentioned in the "Miscellaneous" section, after a pause caused by health problems, I am now working again. I am nearing the end of my English book, which concentrates on the spiritual and religious perceptions of non-religious Jews. Besides providing insights and findings about Israel and Israeli Judaism, the book also addresses Jews of No Religion, who are the fastest-growing segment of American Jewry. Chapters dedicated to the Sociology of Faith and its methodologies are also included. Both Brandeis University and Bloomsbury Publishing expressed interest in the book, but I was advised not to sign a contract until I had finished a complete draft. I am expecting to finish the writing and preliminary editing in three months. Two chapters of the book have already been prepared for publication as journal papers and are to be submitted to *Contemporary Jewry* and *Feminist Theology*. I also continue my research with Dr. Yossi David (Department of Communication, Beer Sheva University) and Dr. Pascal Jürgens (Department of Communication, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz) on online behavior during sacred times. The first paper result from this project was accepted for publication in the journal *Media and Religion* (see the List of Publications).