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From the Department Chair Prof. Yaron Harel



The 2013-2014 academic year saw the department's activities reach new heights. During this year, the Graduate Program for Contemporary Jewry was incorporated into the department, and all of the program's faculty were integrated into our faculty.

This expanded the areas of research and study that the department can offer its students. The department is now officially "The Israel and Golda Koschitzky Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry".

The department hosted four major conferences over this year, three of them international. These conferences were attended by important scholars from Israel and the world. This undoubtedly helps solidify the department's place in the center of the contemporary research of Jewish history.

The four new faculty members that were hired last year have been integrated into the department, and we have all been able to see their considerable contribution to the department in research and in teaching. In this coming year we will be joined by Dr. Debra Kaplan, an expert on Medieval and Early Modern Ashkenazi Jewish communities. Dr. Kaplan comes to us from Yeshiva University, and we are certain that she will be a significant addition to our department.

We continued to award our graduate students with scholarships and prizes. For the first time this year, several students received additional aid that enabled them to travel to conferences or to visit archives abroad. We also aided students who wished to enhance their research abilities by learning languages and methods for oral documentation.

This year saw the inauguration of our M.A. program for teachers. This, together with an advertising campaign, has brought about a significant rise in applications for our M.A. and PhD programs. Our undergraduate enrolment is still low, a problem that we share with all of the departments of Humanities and Jewish Studies. We have joined a forum of history departments from several universities which will seek to address this problem.

I wish to thank the outgoing Rector, Prof. Haim Taitelbaum, who has supported our department throughout his term and has done all that he could to help us to grow and prosper. I wish to extend my blessings to the new Rector, Prof. Miri Faust, who as vice-rector spared no effort to help our department and was always ready to assist.

The department's proper functioning depends on the close cooperation between the faculty and our hardworking administrative staff. We also wish to thank the Koschitzky family, whose contribution to the department's growth and development has been invaluable.

New Faculty Member: Dr. Debra Kaplan



Debra Kaplan comes to Bar Ilan after nine years at Yeshiva University in New York, where she

held the Dr. Pinkhos Churgin Memorial Chair in Jewish History. She recently directed the undergraduate program in Jewish history at Yeshiva College. Debra made aliyah in August 2014 with her husband Donny Ebenstein, who works in conflict resolution, mediation, and negotiation, and with her three sons, Avishai (8), Noam (6), and Elitzur (almost 3). A native New Yorker, Debra received her BA in History from Barnard College, and her MA and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

We spoke to Debra briefly about her move to Israel and to Bar-Ilan:

Debra, tell us a little about your research and teaching so far.

I am a social historian who studies daily life in pre-modern Ashkenaz. My first book, *Beyond Expulsion: Jews, Christians, and Reformation Strasbourg* (Stanford University Press, 2011) explores Jewish-Christian relations in Strasbourg, a city in which Jews were banned from residence for approximately four hundred years. Through archival research, I discovered that notwithstanding this official policy, the Jews who lived in the Alsatian countryside entered Strasbourg on a daily basis, where they interacted with Christians in a variety of ways. The book is being translated into Hebrew and is forthcoming from Merkaz Zalman Shazar. I am excited to reach a Hebrew-speaking audience, and to expose new readers to the daily experiences of Jews who

lived in this fascinating and understudied environment. Since having completed *Beyond Expulsion*, I have been engaged in a variety of research projects. I have written several articles about Jewish women and economics, about Jewish autobiographical texts, and about Jews and the Reformation. I am working on a book about Jewish charity in three German cities, which explores the various socio-economic and gendered hierarchies within Jewish communities. The research has been awarded grants from the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

And what about your wider interests?

I am also active in various organizations that bring history to the larger public. I have served on the Academic Advisory Council of the Center for Jewish History in New York for five years, on the Advisory Board of the Early Modern Workshop for 9 years, and I am involved in an international research group that seeks to digitize *pinkassim*. I find it exciting to share my research with my students and with the general public. For me, this is an essential part of what scholars do, and I look forward to doing this in Israel, where Jewish history and all its complexity forms an important part of intellectual and cultural life.

How are you and your family preparing for your upcoming aliyah?

My family is thrilled to be making aliyah. We will be living in Jerusalem. I am very much looking forward to teaching at Bar Ilan, and to contributing to the department's offerings in medieval, early modern, and social history.

Thank you. We wish you much success in this next stage in your career, and of course hope that you and your family have an easy klitah in your new home.

Post-Doctoral Fellows

This year our department had the privilege of hosting two post-doctoral fellows. We attribute great importance to the addition of these scholars to our academic environment as they provide inspiration for our students and enrich all of us with their research.

Dr. Olena Bagno-Moldavsky



spent the 2013-14 academic year as a post-doc in the department after completing her PhD dissertation on the political culture of Russian speaking Jews and the natives in Ukraine, Germany and Israel under the supervision of Prof. Michal Shamir at Tel

Aviv University. In 2011 she received the best dissertation award from the Israeli Political Science Association. In her summary of the year spent with our department she wrote:

I am thankful to the Inter-University Academic Partnership, the Head of the department Prof. Yaron Harel, the academic and administrative staff that enabled me to spend the year in the Department of Jewish History. The guidance and attitude of Prof. Moshe Rosman were invaluable for my integration in the university.

Being trained in political science, I particularly enjoyed research seminars in Jewish history. These seminars helped me to acquire new perspectives on the workings of culture, construction, and social function of individual and group memories.

I am leaving the department with an impression that it consists of brilliant scholars, who manage to sustain a strong, vibrant and successful academic organism, very dynamic and susceptible to new trends. The conference on World War II veterans that was initiated and hosted by the department in June 2014 was the outcome of this dynamism and enthusiasm to rediscover less-known areas of Jewish history. The conference hosted scholars, politicians, community activists and veterans. All had the chance to present their version of the history of WWII, while overall the event illuminated how immigrant experiences of veterans and community activists influence the history that they choose to preserve in memoirs and physical artifacts.

During this year, I co-authored a paper on the effect of diversity in human networks on tolerance toward political and social "others" (forthcoming in *Political Behaviour*). My manuscript on Diversity, Nationalism and Immigration in Ukraine, Germany and Israel approaches completion, and a new paper on political behavior of Jewish diasporas during the Ukrainian crisis of 2014 was sent for review to *Post-Soviet Affairs*. It is my first paper that relies on qualitative methods that was inspired by ideas and knowledge that Prof. Rosman shared in our conversations.

I hope that my connection with the department will continue after my upcoming move to the Centre for Jewish Studies in the University of Toronto.

Dr. Yuval Haruvi

completed his dissertation on the rabbinic elite of Tunis in the 19th and 20th centuries at Tel Aviv University, under the guidance of Prof. Yaron Zur and Prof. Shalom Ratzabi. His academic work focuses on the rabbinic elites, especially in Islamic countries, and the ways in which they dealt with modernization and secularization. During his time at Bar-Ilan under the guidance of Prof. Yaron Harel, Dr. Haruvi researched the affair that developed around the will of Rabbi Nissim Shamama, which had a huge impact on the rabbinic world in the second half of the 19th century. The research project is based on halakhic rulings made at the time and archival material. Additionally, Dr. Haruvi participated in a research group in Bar-Ilan's faculty of law on "halakhic attitudes to Gentile realities: governmental and legal institutions". Dr. Haruvi is also active in the project for the documentation of Jewish communities in Islamic countries at Tel Aviv University's faculty of humanities.



Peretz Family Installs Torah Scroll



In a festive procession and ceremony held on 26 March 2014, a new Sefer Torah was installed in the old synagogue in the Schliefer

building on campus. The scroll was donated by the department alumnus Dr. Moshe Peretz, president of the "Peretz Bonei Hanegev" construction company, who attended the event with his family. This was the second Sefer Torah donated to the university by Dr. Peretz, and this one was specifically intended as a sign of the close personal ties between the Peretz family and the Department of Jewish History. The joyous procession was led by Dr. Peretz, department chair Prof. Yaron Harel and campus rabbi Shlomo Shefer, and many of the department's members and students joined the procession, the ceremony and the festive lunch which followed.

Conferences

The Third Annual International Conference: "Chief Rabbis – Between Religious and Political Leadership".



Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ya'akov Me'ir

The third annual international conference of the Koschitzky Department of Jewish History was held on Sunday, June 8th, 2014. The subject of the conference was: "Chief Rabbis –

Between Religious and Political Leadership", and the event marked the 75th year since the passing of the Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ya'akov Me'ir. The goal of the conference was to examine the spiritual and political aspects of the chief rabbi's role, both in Eretz Israel and other countries. During the conference, twenty five scholars from Israel and abroad – including historians, scholars of Jewish Law and sociologists – presented the results of their innovative studies. The response to the conference's call for papers was tremendous, and due to the many interesting proposals which were received, the members of the organizing committee decided to arrange for parallel sessions. The papers given examined different issues regarding the character and work, both religious and political, of the chief rabbis of Israel and the communities in Europe, the Middle East, the Maghreb and America, from the early modern era up to the 20th century. The circumstances of the times in which these rabbis operated and the influences on their leadership styles were also examined.

In addition to academic lectures, two current chief rabbis participated in the conference.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel, David Lau, spoke on the topic of "The Chief Rabbinate as Spiritual Leadership", and the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Prof. Shmuel (Riccardo) Di Segni, lectured on the "The Complex Position of the Chief Rabbi of Italian Jewry". Rabbi Lau's presentation was part of a special festive session, during which some of his future plans for the Chief Rabbinate of Israel were presented.

The Members of the organizing committee were Prof. Yaron Harel (chair), Prof. Adam Ferziger, Dr. David Ashkenazi and Dr. Yuval Haruvi.

The Middle Ages, Now!

On 3 April 2014 the department hosted the conference "The Middle Ages, Now!", together with the Historical Society of Israel. The lectures dealt with varied topics, such as Mameluk Acre (Reuven Amitai, HU), Christian-Jewish relations in Provence (Pinchas Roth, BGU), the world of emotions of the Jewish-Muslim encounter (Dotan Arad, BIU) and the trial of the Talmud in Paris 1240 (Yosseph Schwartz, TAU). Among the organizers were Dr. Dotan Arad, who joined the department two years ago, and Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten, who left the department last year. The department took advantage of her visit and presented her with a gift from the department staff and faculty.



The Siege of Acre. The Hospitaller Master Mathieu de Clermont defending the walls in 1291. Painting by Dominique Papety- Chateau de Versailles

"Travelers, Travelling and Journeys: Experiences, Representation and Meaning":

The 37th Conference of the Historical Society of Israel

On 9 June 2014 the department hosted the 37th conference of the Historical Society of Israel, focusing on the topic: "Travelers, Travelling and Journeys: Experiences, Representation and Meaning". Our department's Prof. David Malkiel served as the chair of the conference academic committee.



Prof. Joan Pau Rubiés

The conference included 32 papers that were distributed over eight sessions, two parallel sessions at a time. The keynote speaker in the final plenary session was Prof. Joan Pau Rubiés from Barcelona, one of the leading scholars in the field. He spoke about "Travelogues and the beginning of the Enlightenment". Scholars from various institutions in Israel, France, Germany, Spain and the United States took part in the conference. Our department was represented by Prof. Shmuel Feiner and by Dr. Yuval Haruvi.

On the day after the conference, the department and the Historical Society of Israel held a workshop for seven doctoral students from different universities who are writing their dissertations on topics connected to the conference theme. In each of two sessions, one of the students presented his work, Prof. Rubiés responded and then the floor was opened for discussion. The workshop was moderated by Prof. Malkiel.

First International Conference on Red Army Veterans:

On 19 June 2014, the Department of Jewish History, together with the Ministry of Absorption, the Institute for National Security Studies and the Inter-University Academic Partnership held the first international conference on "Red Army Veterans in Israel and Worldwide: Memories of War, Experiences and Meanings". The conference was attended by about 100 scholars from Israel and from leading universities in Canada, Germany and the US, and, unusually for an academic conference, also by the veterans themselves, who took an active part in the discussions. The conference opened with the screening of a film documenting the lives of the veterans in 21st-century Israel and an exhibit by Israeli artist Shai Aloni, who was first exposed to the veterans' stories a decade ago and decided to document their lives here in Israel. One of the speakers, Bar-Ilan PhD candidate David Kalantarov, spoke of the Bukharian Jewish soldiers in the Red Army. It turns out that 6,000 of the 30,000 Bukharian Jews in the Soviet Union enlisted, nearly half of whom did not return from the front.

Besides the academic value of this conference, its organizers, Dr. Olena Bagno-Moldavsky and Prof. Moshe Rosman, expressed their satisfaction from the recognition given to the veterans' contribution to victory in the war and to the establishment of the State of Israel only a few years later.



WWII Veterans at the Conference

The Department Seminar in memory of Prof. Yehoshua Kaniel

The departmental seminar, dedicated to the memory of the late Prof. Yehoshua Kaniel, and chaired by the department chair Prof. Yaron Harel, is a forum in which scholars from Israel and abroad can display the fruits of their research before an audience made up of graduate students and faculty members. In the 2013-14 academic year the seminar was host to a large number of scholars from Bar-Ilan and other Israeli and foreign institutions. The opening session was given by Israel Prize laureate Prof. Chava Turniainsky of the Hebrew University on "One society and two languages – Hebrew and Yiddish in the lives and culture of Ashkenazi Jews". During the year we had the privilege of hearing, among others, Prof. Ivan G. Marcus (Yale University), Prof. Dan Laor (Tel Aviv University), Prof. Nurit Guvrin (Tel Aviv University), Dr. Avriel Bar-Levav (Open University), Prof. Yosef Salmon (Ben-Gurion University) and Dr. Noah Gerber (Tel Aviv University).

The seminar has a long tradition of cooperation with the various chairs and institutes that are connected to the Department of Jewish History. As part of this cooperation, we heard lectures by both Prof. Alon Confino (University of Virginia and Ben-Gurion University) and by our own Prof. Dan Michman, sponsored by the Institute for Holocaust Research of which Prof. Michman is head. Prof. Gershon Bacon represented the chair for the research of Polish Jewry. The chair for research of Prussian Jewry headed by Prof. Shmuel Feiner hosted Prof. Christian Wiese, Martin Buber Professor at Goethe University, Frankfurt, for its annual lecture. Additionally, the seminar heard

lectures from several of our own faculty members: Prof. Shmuel Feiner, Dr. Dotan Arad, Dr. Arie Runa, Dr. Yuval Haruvi, Dr. Olena Bagno-Moldavsky and Dr. Mali Eizenberg, as well as Prof. Avinoam Cohen from the Department of Talmud.

Dr. Yitzhak Conforti, who has coordinated the seminar over the last three years, will now be turning over the task to Dr. Uriel Gellman.

"Jerusalem Neighborhoods" night and award for M.A. student

On the fifth night of Hanukkah, 2 December 2013, the department hosted a fascinating joint gathering of two organizations: the Union of Bukharian Jews in Israel and the Horowitz Family Organization. The evening began with greetings by Prof. Yaron Harel and with the lighting of Hanukkah candles, and continued with a lecture by Dr. Giora Pozeilov on the founding of the Bukharin neighborhood in Jerusalem, followed by a talk by Mr. Gavriel Horowitz on the founding of Nahalt Shiv'ah. During the gathering, a prize was awarded to Ms. Parry Moshe, an M.A. student whose thesis on "Police and Law Enforcement in Biblical Judah" is being written under the direction of Dr. Yigal Levin.



Gavriel Horowitz speaking on the founding of Nahalt Shiv'ah

Faculty News

The following faculty members were promoted during the past year: Adi Schremer – full professor, Adam Ferziger – associate professor, Emmanuel Friedheim – associate professor, Yitzhak Conforti – senior lecturer, Dotan Arad – lecturer, Uriel Gellman – lecturer, Idan Breier – lecturer.

Congratulations to them all!

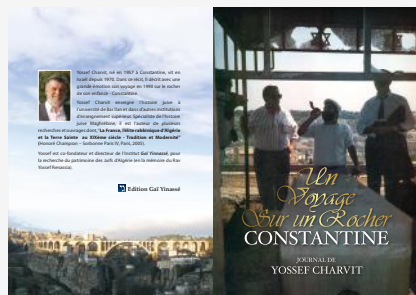
Dr. Dotan Arad

continued his work in the project for the publication of the responsa of the rabbis of the Ottoman Empire that were found in the Cairo Geniza. The project, which is housed at the Schocken Institute, is directed by Prof. Shmuel Glick. The third volume in the series *Seride Teshuvot, A Descriptive Catalogue of Responsa Fragments* was published this year. Dr. Arad's task in this project is the decipherment and copying of manuscripts, dating them and establishing their historical context. The three volumes will include all of the Geniza responsa fragments in the Cambridge library collections.

Dr. Guy Bracha

was a member of the steering committee of an international conference on "German Jews in the Middle East in Modern Times", held in Jerusalem on February 10-12, sponsored by the Leo Baeck Institute; the Ben-Zvi Institute; The Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden in Hamburg; The University of Southampton; The Richard Koebner Minerva Center; Walter A. Berendsohn Forschungsstelle. During the conference Dr. Bracha gave a lecture on the plans to settle German Jews in Syria and Lebanon after the Nazis rose to power in Germany in 1933, and their influence on the Jewish community of Beirut. In addition to this, Dr. Bracha was this year's recipient of the annual Pinchos Churgin Prize, in memory of the founder of Bar-Ilan University.

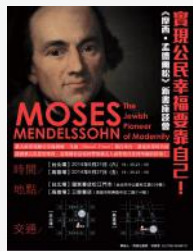
Dr. Yossef Charvit



received the Gaon award for his work on the Jews of Algeria. The prize was awarded in a ceremony that took place in November 2013 at the "Ohel Nechama" synagogue in Jerusalem. Among his many accomplishments, the award committee cited two of Dr.

Charvit's books that were published recently: the historical novel *Vechol Gai Yinasse* (Tzameret books), based on the life-story of Rabbi Joseph Renassia, and his travelogue to the city of Constantine in Algeria, published in French and re-issued in 2014. Dr. Charvit established the Gai Yinasse Institute for the preservation of the traditions of Algerian Jewry.

Prof. Shmuel Feiner



Announcement of Prof. Feiner's book in Taiwan. The events were also attended by the Israeli representative in Taiwan.

Prof. Adam Ferziger

was a visiting fellow at Wolfson College, University of Oxford during the Winter-Spring of 2013 and co-convenor (with Dr. Miri Freud-Kandel of Oxford) of an international research group on Orthodox Judaism and theology at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. The success of the research group led to the creation of a new framework for international scholarly discourse, the Oxford Summer Institute for Modern and Contemporary Judaism. The first annual Oxford Summer Institute for Modern and Contemporary Judaism took place from June 22-July 1, 2014. The topic addressed was: "Modern Orthodoxy and the Road Not Taken: A Critical Exploration of Questions arising from the Thought of Rabbi Dr. Yitz Greenberg". Prominent veterans as well as younger scholars from participated from institutions of higher learning in Israel, Europe, and North America. Formal presentations were prepared in advance as written academic articles which were distributed to all the participants for reading prior to the seminar itself. The articles will appear as a special volume of a first-rate academic journal of Jewish studies.

There was an overwhelming sense

from all involved that they were pioneering a unique framework for



engaged academic discussion of Judaism and that it was imperative Prof. Ferziger speaking at Oxford Summer Institute

to build upon the first successful initiative. To this end, the final session was dedicated to brainstorming about themes for future Oxford Summer Institutes for Modern and Contemporary Judaism.

Prof. Emmanuel Friedheim

was recently appointed as a member of a European research group on the religions and society of the Mediterranean lands during the Roman and Byzantine periods. The appointment was made by the Collège de France, which was founded in 1530 and whose members are at the forefront of research, especially in the humanities. This group is part of the Laboratory of Excellence – Religions and Societies in the Mediterranean World. In April 2014 Prof. Friedheim participated in an international conference at the Collège de France and lectured on "Forbidden foods in religions – between history and zooarchaeology".

Dr. Yigal Levin

was co-editor (together with Prof. Esti Eshel) of "See, I will bring a scroll recounting what befell me" (Ps 40:8): Epigraphy and Daily Life - From the Bible to the Talmud (Gottingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht), that was published this summer. The book



is dedicated to the memory of Prof. Hanan Eshel, and includes first publication of inscriptions from the Biblical Period to the Byzantine Period that were discovered in the Land of Israel and its environs,

together with articles on literacy and on the work of scribes in antiquity.

Dr. Orly Meron

was awarded the Aminah prize for the research of the Jewish Diaspora by the Histadrut Hapoel Hamizrahi organization for her book *Jewish*



Entrepreneurship in Salonica, 1912-1940: An Ethnic Economy in Transition. The ceremony was held on 8 June 2014 at Beit Zionei America in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Meron receiving Aminah Prize

Prof. Dan Michman

spent the summer of 2013 as scholar in residence at the Mandelbaum House - Center for Jewish Studies in Sydney, Australia. During the past year, he co-organized several conferences at Yad Vashem, the last of which was "Transport: The Deportation of the Jews During the Nazi Period", 7-10 July 2014. In March 2014, he was invited to give the XIIIth Annual Hogo Valentin Lecture at the Hugo Valentin Centre, Uppsala University, Sweden. The title of his talk was "Beyond 'Good and Bad': A Corrective Analysis of the Phenomenon of the Jewish Councils during the Nazi Era". While in Uppsala, he also spoke at the Swedish Centre for Advanced Studies on "Between History, Memory and Politics: The Holocaust as a Challenge for Professional Historiography". In May Prof. Michman was the guest of the Institute of Jewish Studies at Antwerp and spoke on "The Holocaust and the Genocide Phenomenon: Are they Related?"



Prof. Michman delivering the Valentin Lecture at Uppsala

Prof. Moises Orfali's

new book, *Tratado que fez mestre Jeronimo, medico do papa Bento XIII, contra os judeus, em que prova o Messias da lei ser vindo: impresso em Goa por João de Endem, aos 29 dias do mes de setembro, de 1565 anos*, was published by the Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal, Lisboa, 2014. The book is a critical edition with textual emendations, of the Portuguese treatises written against the Jews by the former rabbi and physician from



Alcañiz, Joshua ha-Lorqui, alias Jerónimo de Santa Fe. He wrote this work to justify his conversion to Catholicism and to encourage his Jewish brethren to follow in his footsteps, utilizing persuasion rather than force. Jerónimo de Santa Fe was the personal physician of Pope Benedictus XIII, and he represented the Christian position in the great dispute between Jews and Christians in Tortosa (1413-1414). This edition includes a CD-ROM containing a facsimile of this material.

Additionally, Prof. Orfali was appointed as a member of a special committee established by the head of the Planning and Allocations Committee of the Council of Higher Education, to examine the issue of evaluating publications of faculty members in the humanities. The committee's recommendations will influence the budgeting of institutions and the promotion of faculty members in the humanities.

Prof. Moshe Rosman

was invited to speak before the constitutional tribunal of the Republic of Poland, as part of a special session in honor of Poland's national holiday, which falls on 3 May. By its invitation, the Polish tribunal recognized the unique influence that Polish Jewry had on the political culture of their country, as well as recognizing Prof. Rosman's prominence in the study of Polish Jewry. The session was held on Thursday 1 May rather than Shabbat, 3 May, out of respect for Prof. Rosman. On 19 June, the department held the first international conference on "Red Army Veterans in Israel and Worldwide: Memories of War, Experiences and Meanings". The conference was organized by Prof. Rosman and by Dr. Olena Bagno-Moldavsky.

Bialik Prize awarded to Prof. Aaron Demsky



The Tel Aviv municipality announced that this year's Bialik Prize for an academic book in Jewish studies will be awarded to Prof. Aaron Demsky for his magnum opus *Literacy in Ancient*

Israel. This 500 page study, published by Mossad Bialik in 2012, presents a multi-discipline approach to one of the most central historic issues of biblical times, namely the impact of alphabetic writing and how it influenced and shaped the culture of ancient Israel. The author draws upon a large variety of sources culled from the Bible, epigraphic finds and comparative Ancient Near Eastern literature.

President's Scholarship for Doctoral Student



Mr. Yisrael Shapiro, who is writing his dissertation under the guidance of Prof. David Malkiel, was

awarded the President's Scholarship. The title of his dissertation is: 'As Someone Who Cuts Plantings': Selective Kabbalistic Outlook in the Halakhic Corpus of R. Joseph Karo.

Visit to Beit HaGedudim

On June 18, 2014, the department faculty visited the Museum of Jewish Volunteers in the British Military during the Two World Wars in Moshav Avihayil, and were rewarded with a tour and explanations from the director of the site Ms. Rachel Silko, who is writing her doctoral dissertation under the guidance of Prof. Yaron Harel. After the tour the members drove to the "Golf"



restaurant on the Netanya shore for a festive end-of-year lunch and meeting.



As in past years, Dr. Yigal Levin guided his students on a series of tours to biblical-period sites throughout the country. In this picture: Dr. Levin and students in the City of David, Jerusalem.