

Yigal Levin - CV

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Academic Degrees:

1986-1988 – B.A in Land of Israel Studies+ General History, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, IL.

1989-1990 – M.A. in Land of Israel Studies Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, IL (Transferred to direct PhD).

1991-1999 – PhD in Land of Israel Studies Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, IL.

Subject of PhD Dissertation: *The Historical Geography of the Chronicler*

Names of PhD Advisors: Prof. Anson F. Rainey; Prof. Aaron Demsky

Academic Awards and Grants:

Straus Fund –1989

Moskowitz Chair – 1990

Ben-David Fund – 1992

Moskowitz Chair – 1992

Yad Ben-Zvi – 1992

Philip and Rivka Mayer Fund – 1994

Yad Ben-Zvi – 1999

Bar-Ilan University Awards Committee – 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture – 2001-2002

Pinchos Churgin Prize – 2008

Archaeological Field Experience:

Participation in “Land of Ephraim” Survey –1987

Sumaqa (Mt. Carmel) Excavations – 1986-1988

Kefar Hanania Excavations – 1989

Tel Beth Shemesh Excavations – 1990-1993

Tell es-Safi/Gath Excavations – 2005-2008 (as academic program director)

Appointments at Universities and Academic Institutions:

2017 - Bar-Ilan University, Dept. of Jewish History – associate professor (full time, tenured)

2017- Bar-Ilan University, Multidisciplinary Department of Jewish Studies – Head of Department

2008-2017 - Bar-Ilan University, Dept. of Jewish History – senior lecturer (full time)

2006 - Jerusalem University College - instructor

2004-2014 - Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Rothberg International School - adjunct lecturer

2004-2009 - Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies - visiting lecturer

2004-2008 - Ashkelon Academic College - lecturer

2004-2008 - Ariel University Center of Samaria - lecturer (senior lecturer from 2006)

2003-2008 - Bar-Ilan University, Jewish History+Land of Israel Studies - adjunct lecturer

2001-2003 - University of Tennessee at Chattanooga - visiting research fellow

2002-2003 - Vanderbilt University Divinity School - visiting lecturer

1990-2001 - Bar-Ilan University, Land of Israel Studies - assistant lecturer

1991-2001, 2005 - Jordan Valley Academic College - lecturer

1996-2000 - Judea and Samaria College – lecturer

1992 - Safed Regional College - adjunct lecturer

1993-2000 - Bar-Ilan University, Land of Israel Studies - assistant head of the Department.

Additional Information:

Licensed tour guide and occasionally teaches at tour-guide training courses and lectures at various forums.

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Israel Association for Assyriology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies and the Israel Exploration Society.

Member of the Minerva Center for the Study of the Relations between Israel and Aram in the Biblical Period.

Organization of Academic Conferences

1. *Settlement and Security in the Southern Hebron Hills in Ancient Times* (The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies), Ramat-Gan, 1994 (with Z. Safrai)
2. *Ninety Years since the Founding of the Eretz-Israel Office*, Ramat-Gan, 1998
3. *Settlement Patterns in Times of Change*, (The Nineteenth Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies) Ramat-Gan, 1999 (with D. Hacohen)
4. *Changes in Settlement and Culture in the Persian Period* (part of the 14th World Congress of Jewish Studies), Jerusalem, 2005
5. *The Eighth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Ramat-Gan, 2007

6. *Israelite and Jewish Identity in the Biblical and Second Temple Periods*, Ramat-Gan, 2008
7. *The Ninth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Jerusalem, 2009 (with A. Demsky)
8. *War and Peace in Jewish Tradition*, Jerusalem, 2009 (with A. Shapira, Y. Brandes and M. Hellinger)
9. “*And They Went Up and Toured the Land*, (The 30th Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies) Ramat-Gan, 2010 (with A. Faust and S. Bunimovitz)
10. *The Tenth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Ramat-Gan, 2011 (with A. Demsky and B. Kotlerman)
11. *New Studies on Jerusalem - the 18th Annual Conference*, Ramat-Gan, Dec. 2012 (with E. Baruch and A. Levy-Reifer)
12. *Jewish Religion in Light of New Inscriptions and Papyri*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 19 May 2013 (with E. Eshel and A. Lange)
13. *Economic History of the Jews through the Ages: Sources, Methodologies, Narratives*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 5-6 June 2013 (with G. Bacon, O. Meron and A. Schremer)
14. *The Eleventh International Conference on Jewish Names*, Jerusalem, 29 July 2013 (with A. Demsky)
15. *The Twelfth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Ramat-Gan, 18 March 2015 (with A. Demsky and I. Breier).
16. *The Thirteenth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Jerusalem, 7 August 2017 (with A. Demsky)
17. *The Fourteenth International Conference on Jewish Names*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 3 June 2019 (with A. Demsky).
18. *Hameir La- 'Aretz – A Conference on Jewish Society and Culture In Honor of Prof. Meir Bar-Ilan on the Occasion of his Retirement*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 16 January 2020 (with E. Friedheim).

Presentations at Academic Conferences

1. "The Territories of Ephraim and Manasseh in the Book of Chronicles", *Judea and Samaria Studies – The 3rd Annual Conference*, Ariel, 1993.
2. "The South of Judah According to the Biblical Lists", *Settlement and Security in the Southern Hebron Hills in Ancient Times* (The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies), Ramat-Gan, 1994.
3. "The Burial Place of Joab son of Zeruiah, Chief of David's Hosts", *Judea and Samaria Studies – The 4th Annual Conference*, Ariel, 1995.
4. "Earthly Jerusalem in the Book of Chronicles: Contemporary or Historical?", *New Studies on Jerusalem – The Second Conference*, Ingeborg Rennert Center of Jerusalem Studies, Ramat-Gan, 1996.
5. "The Changes in the Borders of Yehud During the Persian Period", *Judea and Samaria Studies 5*, Ariel, 1996.
6. "The Connections Between the Tribes of Asher and Benjamin", *Judea and Samaria Studies 7*, Ariel, 1998 (with A. Faust).
7. "The Land of Goshen, Gibeon, and the Southern Frontier of Saul's Kingdom", *Judea and Samaria Research Studies 11*, Ariel, 2002.
8. "The Galilee in the Kingdoms of Saul and David", *New Studies on the Galilee 3*, Tel Hai, 2001.
9. "Who was the Chronicler's Audience?", *The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion*, Atlanta, 2002.
10. "From Goshen to Gibeon: The Southern Frontier of the Early Monarchy", *The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion*, Atlanta, 2002.
11. "Chronological Aspects of the Chronicler's Genealogies", *The Society of Biblical Literature – American Academy of Religion*, Toronto, 2002.
12. "Geographical Aspects of the Chronicler's Genealogies", *The Society of Biblical Literature – American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, 2003.
13. "The Political Status of the Tribe of Benjamin and the Joseph Story", *Judea and Samaria Research Studies 14*, Ariel, 2004.
14. "Galilee in the Book of Chronicles", *New Studies on the Galilee 6*, Tel Hai, 2004
15. "'In Hebron He Reigned Seven Years': Notes on David's Rule in Hebron", *Judea and Samaria Research Studies 15*, Ariel, 2005.
16. "The Southern Frontier of Yehud and the Creation of Idumea", *The Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, 2005.

17. "Baal-Shalishah, Baal-Perazim, Baal-Hazor and Baal-Tamar: On 'Baal' Toponyms in the Central Hill Country", *Judea and Samaria Research Studies* 16, Ariel, 2006.
18. "The Idea of Nation in the Book of Judges", *Israelite and Jewish Identity in the Biblical and Second Temple Periods*, Ramat-Gan, 2008.
19. "The Contribution of Historical Geography for the Atlas", *MedArchNet/DAAHL*, November, San Diego 2008.
20. "Was the Ark Present at the Battle of Michmash?", *Judea and Samaria Research Studies* 19, Ariel, 2009.
21. "Sheshonq I and the Negev Haserim", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, November 2009.
22. "The Characters of Joab and Samuel in Chronicles", *Memory and History in Chronicles*, Ramat-Gan, 2010.
23. "Joshua and Judges: Literary Features and Historical Reality", *The Ancient Near East in the 12th-10th Centuries BCE: Culture and History*, Haifa, June 2010.
24. "A New Proposal for the Identification of Khirbet Qeiyafa", "And They Went Up and Toured the Land" (The 30th Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies), Ramat-Gan, 2010.
25. "Conquered and Unconquered: Reality and Ideology in the Geography of Joshua", *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense - The Book of Joshua and the Land of Israel*, Leuven, Belgium, July 2010.
26. "The Inheritance of the Land according to Joshua, Judges Samuel and Kings", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, November 2010.
27. "The Biblical Period in One narrative of Jewish History", *What Happened to Jewish History? An Academic Conference on the Research and Teaching of Jewish History*, Ramat-Gan, 2010.
28. "Khirbet Qeiyafa – The Ma'agalah?", *Between Bible, Linguistics and Biblical Archaeology*, Orot Yisrael College, Elkanah, 2011.
29. "The Haqars/Hagars in the Shishak List – A New Solution", *Place Names in the Land of Israel*, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, 2011.
30. "Baal Worship in Early Israel: An Onomastic View", *The Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, London, July 2011.
31. "Joshua and Judges: Historiography and Historical Reality", *The Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, London, July 2011.

32. “The Formation of Samaritan Identity between the Rule of Assyria and the Rule of Persia”, *In the Highlands Depth: The Second Western Benjamin Conference*, Hashmonaim, October 2011.
33. “The Character of Joab in the Book of Chronicles”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011.
34. “The Identification and Function of Khirbet Qeiyafa: A New Suggestion”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011.
35. “Rab-shakeh’s Hebrew Speech: History versus Rhetoric”, *New Studies on Jerusalem, The Seventeenth Annual Conference*, Ramat-Gan, 25 December, 2011.
36. “David, Hiram and Solomon: Friendship or Dependence?”, *The Jews of Lebanon: Identity and Heritage*, Ramat-Gan, 15 May 2012.
37. “Shishak and the Negev Haserim”, *The Negev: Landscape, Population, Settlement* (The 32nd Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology), Ramat-Gan, 31 May, 2012.
38. “What is the Purpose of the Genealogical Introduction to the Book of Chronicles?”, *Lists in Epigraphy, Administration and History of the Pre-Modern Age*, Mandel Center of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 5 June 2012.
39. “The Struggle over the Right of Return: The Conflict between the Returnees to Zion and the People of the Land”, *Conflicts and Debates in Jewish Communities through the Generations*, Ramat-Gan, 20-21 June, 2012.
40. “The Formation of Idumean Identity”, *The Idumeans and the Nabataeans* (Aram Thirty Fourth International Conference) , The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, 24-27 July 2012.
41. “The Development of Religious Identity in Idumea”, *Jewish Religion in Light of New Inscriptions and Papyri*, Ramat-Gan, 19 May 2013.
42. “The Identification, Function and Context of Khirbet Qeiyafa: Archaeology, Historical-Geography and Historiography”, *Judea and Samaria Research Studies – The 23rd Annual Meeting*, Ariel, 13 June, 2013.
43. “Rab-shakeh's Hebrew Speech: History vs. Rhetoric”, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, St. Andrews, Scotland, 7-11 July 2013.
44. “Why Did the Adversaries of Judah and Benjamin Emphasize Their Foreign Origins?”, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, St. Andrews, Scotland, 7-11 July 2013.

45. “By Whose God did Goliath Curse and Where did David Take his Head?”, *International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT) 21st Congress*, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany, 4-9 August 2013.
46. “The Concern with Mixed Marriages in Ezra-Nehemiah in Light of Epigraphic Evidence”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, 23-26 November 2013.
47. “The Divorce of the Foreign Women in Ezra and Nehemiah and its Place in the Formation of Jewish Identity in the Early Second Temple Period”, *Ethnicity and Nationhood in the Land of Israel through the Generations (The 34th Annual Conference of the Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology)*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 19 June 2014.
48. “Why did Zerubbabel’s Adversaries Emphasize their Foreign Origins?”, *European Association of Jewish Studies 10th Congress*, Paris, July 21, 2014.
49. “By Whose God did Goliath Curse and Where did David Take his Head?, Three Notes on 1 Samuel 17”, *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense LXIII*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, July 30, 2014.
50. “‘My Father was a Wandering Aramean’: Biblical Views of the Ancestral Relationship Between Israel and Aram”, *Wandering Arameans: Arameans outside Syria: Textual and Archaeological Perspectives*, Institut für Altes Testament der Universität Leipzig, 21-23.10.2014.
51. “‘And There Was Peace between Israel and the Amorites’ (1 Sam 7:14): Israelites and Canaanites in Late Iron I”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Diego, 22-25 November 2014.
52. “‘And There Was Peace between Israel and the Amorites’ (1 Sam 7:14): Israelites and Canaanites in Late Iron I”, *Archaeology and Text: Toward Establishing a Meaningful Dialogue between Written Sources and Material Finds*, Ariel University, 10-12 May 2015.
53. “The Jordan River in Biblical Geography: The Border of the Land or a Part of the Land?”, *The River Jordan (ARAM Forty First International Conference)*, The Oriental Institute, University of Oxford, July 13-15, 2015.
54. “The Jordan River in the Bible: The Border of the Land or a Part of the Land?”, *In the Highlands Depth: The Sixth Western Benjamin Conference*, Hashmonaim, 8 October, 2015.
55. “The Role of the Levites in Chronicles: Past, Present, or Utopia?”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, 21-24 November 2015.

56. "Understanding Athaliah", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, 21-24 November 2015.
57. "Mixed Marriages in the Book of Chronicles - A Reflection of Social Attitudes in Persian-Period Yehud", *IX Congress on Transeuphratesia in the Persian Period: Unity and Diversity*, Institut Protestant de Théologie de Paris, 7-9.4.2016 (with Iris Hakak-Marsh).
58. "Aram and Arameans in the Book of Chronicles", *Dependency and Autonomy in Intercultural Relations: Israel and Aram as a Case Study*, Institut für Altes Testament der Universität Leipzig, June 5th-9th, 2016.
59. "The Boundary between Judah and Israel", *XXII Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 4-8 July, 2016.
60. "Aram and Arameans in Chronicles", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, 19-22 November 2016.
61. "'We Were Joyous': Jerusalem during the Restoration in Vision and Reality", *Jerusalem through the Ages*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 30 March 2017.
62. "The Chronicler's Presentation of the History of Israel: Between History, Historiography and Utopia", *SBL-EABS International Meeting*, Humboldt University, Berlin, 8 August 2017.
63. "Levites and 'Reforming Kings' in Chronicles", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Boston, 18-21 November, 2017.
64. "'We were like Dreamers': Persian-Period Jerusalem in Vision and in Reality", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Boston, 18-21 November, 2017.
65. "Persian-Period Jerusalem in the Shadow of Destruction", *Writing and Re-Writing History by Destruction*, Institut für Altes Testament der Universität Leipzig, May 14-17, 2018.
66. "The Chronicler's Re-Writing of the History of Israel: Why and How?", *Writing and Rewriting History: Ancient Israel and Near Eastern Cultures*, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, June 17-20, 2018.
67. "Judges, Elders and Officers in Chronicles", *SBL-EABS International Meeting*, Helsinki, July 30 – August 3, 2018.
68. "The Role of Amalek in the Transfer of the Monarchy from Saul to David", *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Denver, 17-20 November, 2018.

69. “The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah - Deliberations and Choices in the Composition of a Commentary”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Denver, 17-20 November, 2018.
70. “David, Hiram and Solomon: A Look at the Geography”, *Between Israel, Aram and Phoenicia: Archaeological and Historical Perspectives - The Minerva Center for the Relations between Israel and Aram in Biblical Times 4th Annual Conference* – Bar-Ilan University, May 27-29, 2019.
71. “Athaliah: An Israelean Princess in the Kingdom of Judah”, *Judea and Samaria Research Studies – The 29th Conference*, Ariel, 20 June 2019 (keynote lecture).
72. “Were there Levites in the Second Temple?”, *EABS Annual Conference*, University of Warsaw, 11-14 August 2019.
73. “Was Kiriath-jearim in Judah or in Benjamin, and was Benjamin in Israel or in Judah?”, *American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting*, San Diego, 19-22 November, 2019.
74. “One Ark, Two Arks, Three Arks, More?”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Diego, 23-26 November, 2019.
75. “Kiriath-jearim and the Border between Judah and Benjamin”, *The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Diego, 23-26 November, 2019.
76. “Memories of the Assyrian Exile in Persian-Period Yehud”, *Mass Deportations: To and from the Levant during the Age of Empires*, Tel Aviv University, January 8–9, 2020.
77. “Did the Levites Sing in the Second Temple”, *Hameir La- 'Aretz – A Conference on Jewish Society and Culture In Honor of Prof. Meir Bar-Ilan on the Occasion of his Retirement*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 16 January 2020.