

CV & List of Publications

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Employment and Research – Academic Institutions

Senior Lecturer	2018-	The Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Teaching Fellow	2017	The Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Post-doc	2015-2016	Post-doctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, I-CORE (Israeli Centers of Research Excellence) in the Study of Modern Jewish Culture. Supervisor:: Prof. Yfaat Weiss
Research Fellow	2015-2018	Director and Researcher at <i>Manarat</i> : Centre for Jewish-Arab Relations, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Post-doc	2014-2015	Post-doctoral fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Franz Rosenzweig Research Centre for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Supervisor: Prof. Yfaat Weiss
Post-doc	2011-2013	Post-doctoral fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Department of Politics and Government. Host: Prof. Dani Filc and Prof. Neve Gordon
Teaching Fellow	2010	Teaching fellow, the Department of Languages and Cultures, SOAS, University of London

Education

PhD	2007-2012	University of Cambridge, Department of Middle Eastern Studies. Thesis title: “Arabic Studies in Israeli-Jewish Society: In the Shadow of Political Conflict”. Supervisor: Prof. Yasir Suleiman
MSc.	2005-2006	University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), MSc. in Middle East Politics. Graduated with Merit. MA thesis title: “Jerusalem: Between Physical Separation and Formulas of Unification”. Supervisor: Prof. Charles Tripp.
BA	2001-2004	Tel Aviv University, Middle Eastern Studies and Political Sciences (joint BA programme). Graduated with Merit.
Teaching Diploma in Arabic	2003-2004	Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Education, the Arabic studies programme. Graduated <i>Cum laude</i>

(a) Authored Books

1. Yonatan Mendel. 2014. *The Creation of Israeli Arabic: Political and Security Consideration in the Making of Arabic Language Studies in Israel*. Palgrave Studies in Languages at War (Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 321 pages).
2. Yonatan Mendel and Ronald Ranta. 2016. *From the Arab Other to the Israeli Self: Palestinian Culture in the Making of Israeli National Identity* (Routledge, London, 188 pages).
3. Yonatan Mendel, *A Language Out of Place: Arabic Studies in the Jewish Community in Palestine/Israel* (Van Leer and Ha-Kibbutz Ha-Me'uchad, Jerusalem, forthcoming, 2019) [In Hebrew]
4. Yonatan Mendel, “*Latin of the Middle East*”: *On the Influence of German Orientalism on the Field of Arabic Language Studies in British Mandate Palestine*, Heksherei Iyun ve-Bikoret – Theory and Criticism in Context Series (Van Leer and Ha-Kibbutz Ha-Me'uchad, Jerusalem, forthcoming, 2020) [in Hebrew].

(b) Editorship of collective volumes

1. Bruno De Nicola, Yonatan Mendel, and Husain Qutbuddin. 2010. *Reflections on Knowledge and Language in Middle Eastern Societies* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle, 335 pages).
2. Yfaat Weiss and Yonatan Mendel. 2016. *Naharaim – Journal of German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History* 10 (1). Special issue: German Orientalism and the Jewish ‘Arab Question’: On the Study of Arabic Language and Culture in the Jewish Community in Mandatory Palestine.
3. Yonatan Mendel and Abeer al-Najjar. 2018. *Language, Politics and Society in the Middle East* (Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh).
4. Yehouda Shenhav and Yonatan Mendel. 2019. *JLS – Journal of Levantine Studies*. Special issue: Arabic and Hebrew – Wrestling InTranslation.

(c) Refereed Chapters in Collective Volumes

1. Yonatan Mendel and Ronald Ranta. 2012. Israeli Dual Scepticism. In: Roy Calne and William O’Reilly (eds.) *Scepticism: Hero and Villain*. The World Philosophy Series (Nova Science Publishers, New York), pp. 407-417.
2. Yonatan Mendel and Ilan Manor. 2012. Walking a Tightrope: Jewish Religious Broadcasting in Israeli Television. In: Khaled Hroub (ed.) *Religious Broadcasting in the Middle East* (Columbia University Press, New York) pp. 173-194.
3. Yonatan Mendel. 2013. Re-Arabising the De-Arabised: The Mista‘aravim Unit of the Palmach. In: Ziad Elmarsafy, Anna Bernard, and David Attwell (eds.) *Orientalism: Thirty Years Later* (Palgrave Macmillan, New York) pp. 94-116.
4. Yonatan Mendel. 2015. Drawing Palestine, Drawing Israel: Going Beyond Separation. In: Bashir Bashir and Azar Dakwar (eds.) *Rethinking the Politics of Israel/Palestine: Partition and its Alternative* (BKF for International Dialogue, Vienna) pp. 45-49.
5. Yonatan Mendel and Abeer Al-Najjar. 2018. “Introduction: On Words, Language and Message”, in Yonatan Mendel and Abeer Al-Najjar (eds.) *Language, Politics and Society in the Middle East – Essays in Honour of Yasir Suleiman* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press), pp. 1-13.
6. Yonatan Mendel, “The de-Arabised Israeli Arabic: Between Eradication among Arab-Jews and Ashkenization in Society”, in Reem Bassiouney and Keith Walters (eds.) *Handbook for the Arabic Language and Identity* (Oxon: Routledge, 2019, forthcoming).
7. Yonatan Mendel, “Who really wants to learn Arabic? On IDF’s TELEM Unit as an example of the continuation of the security discourse in Israeli field of Arabic in the 2000s”, in Michael Kelly, Hilary Footitt and Myriam Salama-Carr (eds.) *Handbook of Languages and Conflict* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, forthcoming).
8. Yonatan Mendel, “A New Nationalistic Political Grammar: Jewish-Israeli Society 25 Years After Oslo”, in Mandy Turner (ed.) *From The River to the Sea: Palestine and Israel in the Shadow of ‘Peace’* (Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2019, forthcoming).

(d) Refereed articles in academic journals

1. Yonatan Mendel. 2011. "White Flag of Resistance: Review Essay on Emile Habibi's The Secret Life of Saeed the Pessoptimist", *New Middle Eastern Studies* 1, pp. 1-6.
2. Yonatan Mendel and Alexa Steinberg. 2011. "The Museological Side of the Conflict: Israeli Exhibition of Terror and the Palestinian Museum of Prisoners", *Museums and Society* 9 (3), pp. 190-213.
3. Yonatan Mendel. 2013. "New Jerusalem: On the Israeli Capital Metropolitan Disorder", *New Left Review* 81, pp. 35-56.
4. Yonatan Mendel. 2013. "'A Sentiment-Free Arabic': On the Creation of the Israeli Accelerated Arabic Language Studies Programme", *Middle Eastern Studies* 49 (3), pp. 383-401.
5. Yonatan Mendel and Ronald Ranta. 2014. "Consuming Palestine: Palestine and Palestinians in Israeli Food Culture", *Ethnicities* 14 (3), pp. 412-435.
6. Yonatan Mendel. 2015. "Arabic Language in Israel", *Maftē'akh: Lexical Review of Political Thought* 9, pp. 31-52 [in Hebrew].
7. Yonatan Mendel. 2016. "Overcoming Phobias and Asymmetries in Israel and Palestine", *Mediterranean Politics* 21 (3), pp. 442-446.
8. Yonatan Mendel. 2016. "From German Philology to Local Usability: The Emergence of 'Practical' Arabic in the Hebrew Reali School in Haifa" *Middle Eastern Studies* 52 (1), pp. 1-26.
9. Yonatan Mendel, Dafna Yitzhki and Meital Pinto. 2016. "Official But Not Recognized: The Precarious Status of the Arabic Language in Israel and the Need to Redress It", *Gilui Da'at* 10 (2), pp. 17-46 [in Hebrew].
10. Yonatan Mendel, "German Orientalism, Arabic Grammar and the Jewish Education System: The Origins and Effect of Martin Plessner's 'Theory of Arabic Grammar'", *Naharaim* 10 (1), 2017, pp. 57-77.
11. Yonatan Mendel, "German Philologists and the Latinization of Arabic", *JLS – Journal of Levantine Studies* (before review, forthcoming, 2019).
12. Yonatan Mendel, "On Palestinian-Yiddish and its Social and Political Threat on Zionism", *Jama'a* (before review, forthcoming, 2019).

(e) Published scientific reports

1. Yehouda Shenhav, Maisalon Dallashi, Rami Avnimelech, Nissim Mizrachi and Yonatan Mendel. 2015. *Command of Arabic among Israeli Jews* (Tel Aviv University and The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Jerusalem, 48 pages) [in Hebrew].