

## Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professors (2008-2009)



### **Hanan A. Alexander**

**University of California at Berkeley**

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Education*

Hanan Alexander is Professor of Philosophy of Education at the University of Haifa where he heads the Center for Jewish Education and the International School for Overseas Students. A past chair of Haifa's Department of Education, he is also a Senior Research Fellow in the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Chair of the Executive Board of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. He served as Editor of the journal *Religious Education* and Visiting Fellow in St. Edmund's College and the Center for Advanced Religious and Theological Studies at Cambridge University. Alexander received his undergraduate degree at UCLA and the American Jewish University, and earned a Ph.D. from Stanford University and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His book *Reclaiming Goodness: Education and the Spiritual Quest* (University of Notre Dame Press 2001) won a 2001-2002 National Jewish Book Award. He edited the *Philosophy of Education Yearbook* for the Philosophy of Education Society (1992) and *Ethics and Spirituality in Education: Philosophical, Theological, and Radical Perspectives* for Sussex Academic Press (2004). He is currently editing *Citizenship Education and Social Conflict* for Routledge Publishers and working on a new book entitled *Democracy and Distinctiveness: Liberal Education Without Neutrality*.



### **Shlomo Aronson**

**University of Arizona**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*History and Political Science*

Professor Shlomo Aronson is a historian and political scientist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A former television executive and correspondent of the Israeli radio television system in Germany and in Brussels, Belgium, he dedicated decades of research into the origins of the "Final Solution," the background and career of the major perpetrators, to rescue dilemmas and efforts during the Holocaust, and to the impact of the

Holocaust on Israel's society and behavior. He then studied Israel's domestic politics and security dilemmas, and U.S.-Israeli relations. Shlomo was appointed consultant to the Inter Agency Working Group, Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act at the U.S. National Archives and Record Administration in College Park, MD. Beforehand he held the 1939 Club Holocaust Chair as visiting professor at UCLA. He also served as guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, as scholar in residence at the Library of Congress and as scholar in residence at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. His numerous books and articles on the Holocaust, Israeli politics and foreign and security affairs were published by major German, American and Israeli publishers and won Israeli and international prizes.



**Eli Avraham** University of  
North Texas Schusterman Visiting  
Israeli Professor *Political  
Communications*

Prof. Eli Avraham is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Communication, University of Haifa, Israel. He has published articles on a variety of subjects in professional journals, including the *Journal of Communication*; *Media, Culture & Society*; *Political Communication*; *Press/Politics*; and *Cities*. Dr. Avraham is also the author of several books, among them *The Media in Israel, Center and Periphery* (2000); *The Hidden Israel* (2001); *Campaigns for Promoting and Marketing Cities in Israel* (2003); *Behind Media Marginality: Coverage of Social Groups and Places in the Israeli Press* (2003); *Media Strategies for Marketing Places in Crisis: Improving the Image of Cities, Countries and Tourist Destinations* (2008).



**Uri Bar-Josef**  
San Francisco State University  
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor  
*Political Science and International Relations*

Prof. Bar-Josef is the Chair of the Division of International Relations at Haifa University's School of Political Science. He is a highly sought-after commentator for the Israeli and international press, and has lectured and published widely. His books include, *Two Minutes Over Baghdad* (with Amos Perlmutter and Michael I. Handel, 2003), *The Best of Enemies: Israel and Transjordan in the War of 1948* (1987), *Intelligence Intervention in the Politics of Democratic States: The USA, Britain, and Israel*, (1995), *The Watchman Fell Asleep: The Surprise of the Yom Kippur War and Its Sources* (2001). His lecture topics include the Yom Kippur War and strategic surprise, intelligence and national security, intelligence and politics, war and strategy, Israel between 1967 and 1973, and general Israeli political history.



## **Michal Ben-Horin**

**University of Florida**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Israeli Literature*

Prof. Ben-Horin is an Assistant Professor at the Center for Jewish Studies and the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Florida, where she teaches courses on literary memoirs by Israeli, German-Jewish and American writers, contemporary Israeli cinema, political poetry and public controversy in Israel, as well as a new course on music and literature. Her research interests include comparative literature, modern Jewish and Hebrew literature, Israeli culture, musical theories and poetics of memory. Ben-Horin's current book project deals with representations of violence, narrative and musical discourse in Hebrew literature.



## **Guy Ben-Porat**

**University of California at Davis**

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science and Public Policy*

Prof. Ben-Porat is a Lecturer in the Department of Public Policy and Administration of Ben Gurion University's School of Management and is a Research Fellow at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem, Israel. Prof. Ben Porat's research focuses on public policy in a multicultural society, globalization, Israeli politics, implementing peace agreements in Israel and Northern Ireland, the economic aspects of political and international affairs, comparative politics, secularism and liberalism in Israel's public square, and comparative neo-Conservatism in Israel and America.



## **Anat Berko**

**George Washington University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Terrorism Studies*

Prof. Berko is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Counter-terrorism (ICT) and also lectures at the Center's Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Security, the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya (IDC), Israel. She has served on Israel's National Security Council in the field of counter-terrorism providing insight into the criminal and moral aspects of suicide bombers. She has written extensively about various aspects of terrorism and published *The Path to Paradise: The Inner Word of Suicide Bombers and their Dispatchers* (2007). She received her Ph.D. in Criminology from Bar Ilan University.



## **Alexander Bligh**

**Notre Dame University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science, History of Islam, Arab Studies*

Prof. Bligh is a former Advisor to the Israeli Prime Minister on Arab Affairs (1990-1992), and he served as Deputy in that office for the three prior years. He currently is the Chair of the Department of Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies at the College of Judea and Samaria and the Director of that school's Center for International Strategic Assessment. He is a Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Bar Ilan University and the Director of the Masters' Program on Democracy and Democratization in the Arab World. His lecture topics include: Ethnic conflicts in comparative perspective, History of Islam since the 7th century, International Relations, Minorities in the Middle East, Political and Social history of the Middle East since the 18th century, Radical Islam - sources, development and current political implications, Refugees and human rights in the post-WWII world, Regimes, societies and political systems in the Middle East, Religious fundamentalism and its political implications, the political development, security, and foreign policies of Israel, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, and the political, religious, and economic dimensions of terror.



## **Chuck Freilich**

**New York University/Harvard University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science and National Security*

Until recently, Chuck Freilich was Israel's Deputy National Security Adviser. He is now a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center at Harvard's Kennedy School, where he is writing a book on Israeli national security decision-making. Chuck's primary areas of expertise are U.S.-Mideast policy and Israeli national security policy. He teaches Political Science at Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities and also co-directs a Middle Eastern affairs consultancy. Chuck has appeared as a commentator for CNN, been quoted in the *New York Times*, published numerous articles and appeared on various U.S. and Israeli radio and TV stations. Chuck was a Senior Analyst at the Israel Ministry of Defense, focusing on strategic affairs, Policy Advisor to a cabinet minister and a Delegate at the Israeli Mission to the UN. He was the Executive Director of two non-profits and served in the Israel Defense Forces for five years (reserve major). Chuck earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Born in New York, he immigrated to Israel in his teens.

## **Anat Helman**

**University of Virginia (Spring)**

Rosenbloom Visiting Israeli Professor

*Modern Jewish and Israeli History*

Prof. Helman is Lecturer in the Jewish History Department, the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, and the Cultural Studies Program; Modern Jewish History and Cultural History at the Hebrew University. Her work focuses on the creation and establishment of modern Israeli culture across

the spectrum during the 1950's through the 1970's. She has researched how Israelis relaxed in the cinema and the meaning of that activity on kibbutz and in the city. In addition, she has worked on the development of civic culture in early Tel Aviv and Petach Tikva. Dr. Helman received her Ph.D. from Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Studies.



**Naomi Gale**  
**University of Colorado**  
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor  
*Law*

Naomi Gale was born in Iraq, immigrated to Israel and was raised in Kiryat Malachi, a development town in the south of Israel. After completing her Ph.D., she went on to Western Australia to conduct fieldwork for her postdoctoral research about the emigration of the Jews from Zfat at the turn of the 20th Century. Gale studies law, specializing in criminal, family and small claims, as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution, specializing in family law. She worked as a lecturer at several colleges under the auspices of Bar-Ilan University and was for a number of years a lecturer in the Departments of Political Science and Oriental studies. For several years, she acted as the coordinator of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Academic College of Ashkelon, where she has been working for eleven years holding the position of senior lecturer. Gale is presently completing a sabbatical at the University of Cambridge, England, comparing the Israeli and the British legal systems. She has published in the area of immigration, gender and Israeli society, with two books, *Violence against Women* (2003) and *The Sephardim of Sydney* (2005), and several articles, including pieces in the *Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnology*, *NEW COMMUNITY* and the *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*.



**Yifat Holzman-Gazit**  
**Stanford University**  
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor  
*Law*

Dr. Holzman-Gazit is a senior lecturer at the College of Management, School of Law in Rishon Lezion. Dr. Holzman-Gazit has a law degree (LL.B.) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received her J.S.D. from Stanford Law School. She clerked for Hon. Justice Eliezer Goldberg of the Supreme Court of Israel. Her dissertation, entitled *Israel's Supreme Court and the Jurisprudence of Land Expropriation*, won the Jewish National Fund's Ben-Shemesh Award for academic work in the field of land law. Dr. Holzman-Gazit has published extensively on the history of Israel's land expropriation laws and on the legal status of the Jewish National Fund. Her new book, *Land Expropriation in Israel: Law, Culture and Society*, was published in 2007. Dr. Holzman-Gazit's current research focuses on two fields. One concerns patterns of press coverage of Israel's High Court of Justice, and the other explores public attitudes toward the Winograd Commission of Investigation that was appointed following the recent war in Lebanon.



## **Paula Kabalo**

**Boston University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*History, Israeli Studies*

Paula Kabalo received her Ph.D. from the School of Jewish Studies at Tel Aviv University. Her major fields of research are the history of Zionism and Israel. She teaches in the Israel Studies Program and the School of Management at Ben-Gurion University. Since 2001, she has been associated with the International Philanthropy Fellows Program at Johns Hopkins University's Institute for Policy Studies, Center for Civil Society Studies. She is the former co-editor of Johns Hopkins' Fellows' Journal, an annual research-and-practitioners publication that examines the global nature of civil society and the challenges facing it. Her recent publications include *Shurat Hamitnadvim – the Story of a Civic Association*, *The Weizman Institute for the Study of Zionism and Israel* (2007) and *Ben-Gurion: Coleccion de Articulos*, (forthcoming), which she co-edited with T. Friling.



## **Ranan Kuperman**

**Rice University**

Stanford and Joan Alexander Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science, International Relations*

Prof. Kuperman is a Senior Lecturer at the Division of International Relations at the University of Haifa. He specializes in asymmetric warfare, decision-making processes and international relations. His publications include the books, *Cycles of Violence: The Evolution of the Israeli Decision Regime Governing the Use of Limited Military Force* and *Investment in Peace: the Politics of Economic Cooperation between Israel, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority*. He also has examined relations between Jews and Arab communities in Israel, Strategies for Implementing Asymmetric Warfare in the Southern Lebanese Conflict, and external influences on Israel's limited response to terrorism.



## **Fred A. Lazin**

**New York University (Fall)**

Natan Visiting Israeli Scholar

*Political Science*

At the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Prof. Lazin was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Cum Laude in Government and History. He received his MA and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He joined the faculty at Ben Gurion University in Israel in 1975. He helped to establish an Interdisciplinary Program in Urban Studies and the Department of General Studies. He chaired the Department of Behavioral Science and served as the Director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Center of Social Ecology and the Overseas Student Program (OSP). In his tenure at OSP, the student body increased five

fold. At present, Prof. Lazin is the Lynn and Lloyd Hurst Family Professor of Local Government and Chair of the Department of Politics and Government at Ben Gurion University. Prof. Lazin has authored over sixty scholarly articles and chapters in books. He is the author of eight books dealing with public policy in the United States, Israel and developing countries, Israeli politics and society and Jews in American politics. Lexington Books published his latest book *The Struggle for Soviet Jewry in American Politics; Israel versus the American Jewish Establishment*. His pioneering research on the response of American Jewish organizations to German Jewish refugees in the 1930s opened a new field in Holocaust Studies.



### **Sam Lehman-Wilzig**

**Brown University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor  
*Political Communication*

Prof. Lehman-Wilzig is the Chairman of the Department of Political Studies at Bar Ilan University and an Adjunct Professor of Communication at Netanya College. His areas of expertise include: new media (internet, wireless telephony, digital communications) and its evolutionary development and influence on society and politics; Israeli politics – especially political communication, public protest and alternative socio-economic systems; and the information society and politics – prediction, planning and public policy. Dr. Lehman-Wilzig received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.



### **Moshe Naor**

**Tulane University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor  
*History*

Prof. Naor received his Ph.D. in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2006. His dissertation was on war and society in Israel, focusing on the Jewish mobilization and the home-front in the 1948 War of Independence. Dr. Naor was a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary (2005-06), and the Ray D. Wolfe fellow in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto (2006-07). His publications focus on the Zionist movement, the Jewish community in Palestine and the State of Israel. He is the editor of *State and Community* (2004) and *Army, Memory and National Identity* (2007). His current research concerns the reconstruction of the Israeli society in the early 1950s. Dr. Naor taught History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at the University of Toronto.



## **Yoram Peri**

**American University**

Dolye and Wolford Berman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science and the Media*

Prof. Yoram Peri is the Head of the Rothschild Caesarea School of Communication, and the head of the Chaim Herzog Institute for Media, Politics and Society and professor of Political Sociology and Communication in the Department of Communication at Tel Aviv University. He is former political advisor to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and former Editor-in-chief of the Israeli daily, *Davar*.

Prof. Peri published extensively on Israeli society, media and politics. Among his publications are: *The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin* and *Between Battles, Ballots: Israel Military in Politics*, *Telepopulism: Media and Politics in Israel*, and *Brothers at War: Rabin's Assassination and the Cultural war in Israel*. His most recent book is *Generals in the Cabinet Room: How the Military Shapes Israeli Policy*.



## **Arie Perliger**

**State University of New York, Stonybrook**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Science*

Prof. Perliger is the Lady David Fellow in the Department of Political Science of Hebrew University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Haifa and focuses his research and teaching on terrorism and political violence, Middle East politics, the radical right in Europe and

Israel, political socialization, and international security. His books include: *Middle Eastern Terrorism* and *Countering Terrorism in Urban Environment – The Case of Jerusalem*.



## **Yitzhak Reiter**

**University of Minnesota**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*History and Islamic Studies*

Prof. Reiter earned his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University's Department for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. He is an Associate Professor at Ashkelon Academic College and an adjunct Lecturer at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem's Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. He has served as Chief Consultant to Israel's National Security Council on integrating Israeli Arabs into the state, and has been an advisor to Prime Ministers Menachem Begin, Shimon Peres and Minister Ezer Weizman. He has written about the Land of Israel and Jerusalem under Islamic rule in historic and modern times, the status of Israel's Arab minority, and the religious aspects of the Israeli-Arab issues.





## **Rivka Ribak**

**University of Tennessee**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Communications*

Rivka Ribak (Department of Communication, University of Haifa, and Department of Religious Studies, UTK) received her Ph.D. in communication from the University of California, San Diego in 1993. She is interested in the ways in which culture mediates the use of technology; in other words, in how people's beliefs, lifestyles and practices translate into their uses and non-uses of communication media. Her work appeared in the *Journal of Communication*, *New Media and Society*, *Information Communication and Society*, and *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*. Recently, she and her colleague, Michele Rosenthal, received a three-year grant from the Israel Science Foundation for their project "Unplugged: Media Avoidance and Resistance in Everyday Life." In the project, Ribak and Rosenthal will study how different communities in Israel resist and renegotiate media use and meaning.



## **Elisheva Rosman University**

**of Texas at Austin Schusterman**

Visiting Israeli Professor *Political*

*Science*

Dr. Rosman is a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Bar Ilan University and the Ashkelon Academic College. She has written on topics that include: Religious Zionism and military service; Qatar and democracy; the Gulf States and Israel; the Gaza disengagement; the mediation program of the *garin* in women's midrashot; and the relevance of the OSCE's security model for Mediterranean states. Her main research and teaching areas are: Israel Studies, Religious Zionism, civil society, religion and the military, the Gulf States and Israel, and the foreign policy of weak states.



## **Maurice Roumani**

**University of Oklahoma**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Political Sociology*

Maurice M. Roumani is an Associate Professor of Political Science and the Middle East, founder and Director of the J. R. Elyachar Center for the Study of Sephardi Heritage at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. He earned his B.A. (Honors) from Brandeis University, M.A. from the University of Chicago and Ph.D. from the University of London. Dr. Roumani has held research and teaching positions at the Hebrew University, Bar-Ilan University, George Washington University, the University of Maryland, Harvard University and the University of Rome. His fields of interest are: International Relations, Middle East and North African Politics, Minorities in Arab countries, Relations

between Islam and Judaism. In addition to articles and chapters in books on these subjects, Dr. Roumani is the author of *From Immigrant to Citizen: The Contribution of the Army to National Integration in Israel*; *The Jews from Arab Countries: A Neglected Issue*; *Ethnicity, Integration and the Military*, edited with Henry Dietz and Jerrold Elkin. His most recent book is *The Jews of Libya: Coexistence, Persecution, Resettlement* (Sussex, 2008). He is a member of inter-faith organizations in Israel and overseas and serves on the international board of journals, latest among which is *Religioni e Societa*, an Italian quarterly journal on society and religion.



## **Meir Seidler**

**Hebrew Union College, University of Southern California**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Jewish Religion and Philosophy*

Dr. Seidler is a Senior Lecturer in the Center for Jewish Studies at Bar Ilan University and the Department of Jewish Heritage at the College of Judea and Samaria. He also is the co-editor of the prestigious journal *Moresheet Yisrael*. His research and teaching areas include: Religious Zionism, Jewish Thought in the Modern Era, and Modern Orthodox Judaism. A native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, Dr. Seidler earned an M.A. in Comparative Religion from the Philippsuniversität, in Marburg (Germany) and his Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy from Bar Ilan University.



## **Roni Stauber**

**Rutgers University**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*History*

Dr. Roni Stauber is a member of the Faculty of Humanities at Tel Aviv University. He is a Senior Research Fellow and the director of the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of contemporary Racism and Antisemitism and he lectures at the department of Jewish History. He is the author of *Lesson for this Generation*, Jerusalem, 2000 (2002 Eish Shalom Prize for excellent academic book in the field of Israel's History), and *The Holocaust in Israeli Public Debate in the 1950s, Ideology and Memory*, Vallentine Mitchell, London/Portland, OR, 2007. Together with Dr. Raphael Vago he edited the book: *The Roma A minority in Europe, Historical, Political and Social Perspectives*, Central European University Press, Budapest and New York, 2007. He is the co-editor (with Prof. Dina Porat) of the annual survey *Antisemitism Worldwide* and the co-editor of *Antisemitism and Terror*, Tel Aviv, 2003. Two of his latest projects are a comprehensive study on the eminent historian of the Jews in Poland and the Holocaust, Philippe Friedman, and the Beginning of Holocaust studies, and the editing of a collection of articles on the representation of collaboration with the Nazis during WWII in various European societies. In addition, he has published research articles on modern and contemporary antisemitism, on the Holocaust and its aftermath, and on the impact of the Holocaust on the Israeli Society. His current research is about the role of Israel's Foreign Office in establishing new relationship between Germans and Jews, particularly on the impact of Holocaust memory on the relationship between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany 1953-1965.



## **Miri Talmon-Bohm**

**University of Wisconsin**

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Israeli Culture and Cinema*

Dr. Bohm-Talmon has been teaching about Israeli culture and identity through film and television for more than 20 years. She specializes in the following disciplines: Cultural Studies, with a focus on Israeli culture, including Cinema, Literature, Folk/Popular culture and Media in Israel. My academic background (in applied linguistics) includes foreign language teaching expertise, specifically Hebrew for speakers of English and English for speakers of Hebrew. Themes of courses previously and currently taught: The Politics of Identity in Israeli culture: the negotiation of collective and national Israeli identity in Cinema and Television; Popular/Folk Israeli Culture: Jewish origins, Israeli variations; the impact of the Israeli context on Israeli society and culture: as an immigrant society; being in a state of conflict, terror and war; changing trends in the culture (cultural history); The impact of the Holocaust on Israeli consciousness; The conflict and terror in Israeli life; The Israeli media and its products (especially popular Israeli culture) as cultural reflections – in both American and Israeli contexts; Impact of postmodernism and globalization on Israeli culture, especially as articulated in Cinema and Television.



## **Joshua Teitelbaum**

**Stanford University (Spring)**

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

*Near Eastern Studies*

Dr. Teitelbaum is a Senior Research Fellow at the Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University and serves as pre-publication reviewer of manuscripts for several academic publishing houses. His books include: *The Rise and Fall of the Hashimite Kingdom of Arabia*, *Holier Than Thou: Saudi Arabia's Islamic Opposition*, (updated as *A State Struggles for Its Soul: The Islamic Opposition in Saudi Arabia*), and *Political Liberalization in the Persian Gulf* (in progress). He has published numerous articles on the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and other Arab countries. Dr. Teitelbaum was born in the United States and made aliyah at the age of 23.