

# Happy News

JULY-DECEMBER 2021

The Azrieli Fellows Program warmly  
congratulates the following Fellows and  
Alums for their outstanding academic  
achievements during the past six months

# Architecture

## Daphna Levine

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Published in *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*; awarded first place in the Haifa Literature Prize "*A Word in its Place*" and presented in an exhibition entitled "*Dissensus: Legislation, Planning, Architecture*" at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art

## Eytan Mann

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded funding from the *Ministry of Science and Technology for Digital Humanities Projects*, in collaboration with Haifa Municipality

## Nirit Pilosof

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Published in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

# Education

## Naama Ben-Dor

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Published in *The Journal of Mathematical Behavior*

## Hagit Gabbay

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Published in the *Journal of Computer Assisted Learning*

## Michal Nissim

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2011-2012  
Tel Aviv University

Published in the following journals: *Be'tnuah*; *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* and *Creative Education*

## Shani Evenstein Sigalov

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2019-2020  
Tel Aviv University

Published in *Medical Science Educator*

## Tanya Nazaretsky

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Tel Aviv University

Published in the *International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education*

# Exact Sciences

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## Avishai Abbo

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded *The Bentor Award* for his PhD dissertation

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## Abhishek Banerjee

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Published in *Physical Review D*

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## Yonatan Belinkov

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Awarded a *three-year research grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology* (along with Benny Kimelfeld from the Technion and Ophir Münz-Manor from the Open University)

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## Itay Bloch

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2019-2020  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded a *Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellowship* and received a joint postdoctoral appointment at the University of California, Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

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## Emil Bronstein

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Published in *Advanced Functional Materials*; awarded an *Excellent Teaching Assistant Award* and a *Best Poster Award* at the Mechanical Engineering Research Day

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## Shahar Dery

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded the *2021 ICS-Uri Golik Prize* for an Excellent Graduate Student

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## Hagai Diamandi

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019  
Bar-Ilan University

Awarded a *Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellowship*

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## Adam Dor-On

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2017-2018  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Received a tenure-track position at the University of Haifa, *Department of Mathematics*; selected participant and poster presenter at 8th Heidelberg Laureate Forum and awarded a UCPH (University of Copenhagen) grant for a masterclass in 2022

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## Haggai Eyal

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in *Geophysical Research Letters*

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## Michal Friedman

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded a *Postdoctoral Fellowship at ETH*

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## Israel Gabay

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2017-2018  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published an article in *Flow: Applications of Fluid Mechanics*

# Exact Sciences

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## Yonit Hochberg

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded an ERC Starting Grant and received the Na'amat Prize for promoting gender equality in science

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## Jonathan Jeffet

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019  
Tel Aviv University

Published in Biophysical Reports

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## Ido Kaminer

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2017-2018  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Elected to the Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities

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## Ido Levin

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Selected as a Washington Research Foundation (WRF) Postdoctoral Fellow and published in the Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids

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## Rajarshi Mondal

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in Chemistry: A European Journal

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## Shay Moran

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Awarded an ERC Starting Grant and awarded the best-paper runner-up recognition at COLT 2021 (for a paper co-written with Steve Hanneke and Roi Livni)

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## Shay Sadovsky

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Tel Aviv University

Published in Advances in Mathematics and was awarded an “Innovation in Teaching” award from the School of Mathematics at Tel-Aviv University

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## Gideon Segev

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2019-2020  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded an ERC Starting Grant

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## Thiery Slott

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Awarded the Excellence Fellowship Program for International Postdoctoral Researchers by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (IASH) and the Council for Higher Education (CHE)

# Humanities

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## Aviya Doron

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in *Medieval Encounters*

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## Andrea Gondos

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014-2015  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded the *Rothschild Conference Grant* by the European Association of Jewish Studies, as principal investigator (PI) with Dr. Magdalena Janosikova; awarded *Visiting Fellowship at Oxford University*, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and published in the *European Journal of Jewish Studies*

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## Danielle Chen Kleinman

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded a *Rotenstreich Scholarship* for outstanding PhD students in the Humanities

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## Mordechai (Motti) Levy

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded the *Gilad Bar-Tov Prize* for excelling PhD students by the Department of Middle Eastern Studies

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## Peter Lanchidi

Graduate Studies Fellow (2019-2020)  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Published in *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*

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## Eshbal Ratzon

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Published *two edited volumes* in Jewish Studies (together with Stephanie Binder and Yinon Shvitiel), and was awarded funding from the *Cogito Foundation* for her project "Word Embedding for Aramaic Dialects."

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## Brigitta Schvarcz

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
Bar-Ilan University

Published a chapter in the book *English as a Mediator for Communication and Understanding: The Case of Israel and Palestine* and an article in *Acta Linguistica Academica*

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## Orphée Senouf-Pilpoul

Graduate Studies Fellow (2021-2022)  
Tel Aviv University

Published an anthology of short stories, *Niksharot* (in Hebrew), by Israeli and French women writers, and participated in writing a scholarly introduction for the book

# Life Sciences

## Michal Andelman-Gur

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
Bar-Ilan University

Published in *Brain Stimul*

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## Dvir Aran

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Awarded an *ISF Grant*

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## Avi Ashkenazi

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2018-2019  
Tel Aviv University

Published in *The Lancet Neurology*

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## Rona Aviram

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Awarded the *Israel Academy of Sciences* emergency Covid-19 postdoctoral fellowship; published in *PLOS Biology* and *Cells*

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## Nathalie Béchon

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Published in *FEMS Microbiology Reviews*

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## Shai Bel

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2018-2019  
Bar-Ilan University

Awarded an *ERC Starting Grant*

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## Inbal Ben-Ami Bartal

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2019-2020  
Bar-Ilan University

Published in *eLife*

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## Uri Ben David

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2019-2020  
Tel Aviv University

Selected to be an *EMBO Young Investigator* and awarded with the following grants and prizes: the *Cells 2021 Young Investigator Award, ISF* (both Personal Grant and New Faculty Equipment Grant); *Israel Precision Medicine Program* (IPMP) [in collaboration with Prof. Ittai Ben-Porath and Dr. Amir Sonnenblick] and the *Forbeck Foundation Accelerator Grant*

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## Michal Eisenberg-Bord

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Published a paper in the *Journal of Cell Biology (JCB)* which was also highlighted in the journal's *2021 outstanding research collection*. Appointed a *Blavatnik Postdoctoral Research Associate in Queen's College, Cambridge*

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## Itay Griniasty

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Published an article in *Physical Review Letters* which was featured on the cover of September's edition

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## Ron Kleiner

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded the *Cancer Biology Research Center (CBRC)* Prize for outstanding abstract



# Life Sciences

## Racheli Levy

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2021-2022  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Published in *Innovative Food Science & Emerging Technologies* and submitted a *patent application*

## Ben Maoz

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2018-2019  
Tel Aviv University

Published in *eLife*

## Leeat Keren

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Awarded a grant from the *Israel Precision Medicine Program* (IPMP) [together with Prof. Michal Lotem and Dr. Jonathan Cohen]

## Danielle Miller

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded the *Best Poster Prize* at the annual retreat of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioinformatics

## Mor Nitzan

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awarded an *ERC Starting Grant* and an *ISF Research Grant*, and published in *Nature Protocols*

## Shilo Ohayon

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2019-2020  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Awarded the *Best Poster Presentation* at the NanoIL conference in Jerusalem

## Ofer Prinz Setter

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Selected to *represent his Faculty at the prestigious HOPE Conference* organized by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

## Rotem Rozenblat

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Bar-Ilan University

Awarded best poster prize at *The 6th Israeli Zebrafish Meeting* at the Hebrew University

## Aldema Sas-Chen

Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded the RNA Society's and the Eclipse BioInnovations' *2022 Eclipse Award for Innovation in High Throughput Biology*, and published in *Nat Biotechnol*

## Juan Pablo Unfried

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
Weizmann Institute of Science

Awarded the *Excellence Fellowship Program for International Postdoctoral Researchers* by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (IASH) and the Council for Higher Education (CHE); awarded an EMBO Fellowship, and published in *Cancer Research*

## Gal Vishne

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in *Nature Communications* and received an honorable mention in the Prize for Encouraging Literary Creation Among Scientists (*Shirat HaMada*)

# Social Sciences

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## Eliran Arazi

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2017-2018  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in the Hebrew Journal *Theory and Criticism* (תיאוריה וביקורת)

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## Raphael BenLevi

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-2021  
University of Haifa

Published in *Comparative Strategy*

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## Boaz Hameiri

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2015-2016  
Tel Aviv University

Published in *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations (GPIR)* and was awarded the *Facebook Research Grant* (with Rebecca Littman, & Opeyemi Adejo) for victimhood-based interventions to reduce extreme affective polarization

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## Shvat Eilat

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
Tel Aviv University

Awarded the *Mitacs Globalink Research Award* for foreign researchers visitng Canadian universities

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## Omer Hacker

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Co-edited a book (in Hebrew) *about sacred places in Israel* (Open University Press), in which he also *co-authored the introduction and contributed a chapter*; published an article in *Oxford Bibliographies*

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## Zohar Klein

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021  
University of Haifa

Published in *Behavior Research and Therapy*

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## Nadine Knab

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Published in *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*; awarded with the German Thesis Award (2nd Prize) and accepted to the Female Science Talents Program of the *Falling Walls Foundation*

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## Ilan Manor

International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2021-2022  
Tel Aviv University

Appointed to become a *Faculty Member* in the Media and Communications Department, at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; published in *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy* and in the *Journal of Public Diplomacy* and co-authored a chapter in the *Research Handbook on Political Propaganda*

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## Tal Nahari

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2019-2020  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Published in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*

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## Karen Yirmiya

Graduate Studies Fellow, 2017-2018  
Bar-Ilan University

Published an article in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology MFM* based on data and connections acquired in her community engagement as an Azrieli Fellow



## Congratulations to the following Fellows and Alums on articles published by or about them in the popular press:

- **Rona Aviram's** research was discussed in the [Preprints in Motion podcast series](#) (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017)
- **Aviv Steren's** research was covered in an article on [Y-net](#) (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019)
- **Inbal Ben-Ami Bartal's** article in eLife was extensively covered in international outlets ([eLife podcast](#); [WIRED](#) magazine; [Eurekalert](#); [Greater Good Magazine](#)) and in the Israeli media ([Mako](#); [Ha'Yad'an](#); [Kan 11](#) radio; and [Jpost](#) among others) (Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2019-2020)
- **Alon Israeli** took part in an exhibition covered by "[Mada Gadol BaKtana](#)" which elaborated on his research and compared between the human and plant reproductive system (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2018-2019)
- **Dvir Aran** was interviewed on several [Israeli](#) and international outlets including [Nature News](#) and [BMJ](#) regarding his area of expertise and further to [COVID](#) and [Omicron](#)-related developments (Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021)
- **Itay Griniasty's** research was covered in [Physics World](#) and featured by [Wolfram Communities](#) (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2016-2017)
- **Ben Maoz** was listed in the The Marker Magazine's prestigious "[40 under 40](#)," in addition, his publication in eLife generated extensive coverage including in Hebrew (e.g. on [the Carmel Portal](#) and [Hayad'an](#), among others), English (e.g. on [JPOST](#), [Times of Israel](#) and [Israel21c](#), among others) and additional languages such as [German](#), and [Spanish](#) (Early Career Faculty Fellow, 2018-2019)
- **Andrea Gondos** published about Jewish Magical Recipes Against Fear on [The Recipes Project](#) (International Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014-2015)
- **Haggai Eyal** was interviewed about his research on [Kan 11](#) radio (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021)
- **Daphne Inbar** was [interviewed](#) about her research on the Hebrew podcast series of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) (Graduate Studies Fellow, 2020-2021)

## Azrieli Babies

Mazal Tov and congratulations to the following Fellows who extended their families:

- Shir Filo and her husband Neri had a baby girl, Ella
- Taelin Karidi and her husband Alexander had a baby boy, Asa
- Omer Kneller and his wife Noa had a baby girl, Aviv
- Shay Moran and his wife Caroline had a baby girl, Ann
- Omer Paneth and his wife Annael had a baby boy, Robin
- Shay Sadovsky and her husband Itai Schoenfeld had a baby boy, Hallel
- Yulia Sapir-Lekhovitser and her husband Mark had a baby girl, Liya
- Yotam Soreq and his wife Adi had a baby boy, Omer
- Aviv Steren and her husband Sivan Goldin had a baby girl, Shaked
- Yoni Stern and his wife Dafna had a baby girl, Shaked Goldie
- Karen Yirmiya and her husband Ohad had a baby girl, Yuval