

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Name: Shirly Ben-Dor Evian
 Civil Status: Married, two children
 Date of Birth: 10/3/1973
 Military Service: 9/1991-12/1993, Criminal Investigator
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 Languages: Hebrew and English (native speaker level), French (advanced academic level), German (beginners' academic level)

Education

2016-2018 **Post-Doc**, Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University
 Advisor: Prof. Oded Lipschits
 Project: The Joseph Story and its Material and Cultural Context (Sinergia)

2014-2015 **Post-Doc**, Faculty of Theology, University of Lausanne
 Advisor: Prof. Thomas Römer
 Project: Egypt's Role in the Hebrew Bible

2009-2014 **Ph.D.**, School of Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University
 Advisors: Prof. Israel Finkelstein, Dr. Deborah Sweeney
 Thesis Title: Egypt and Philistia in the early Iron Age: The Historical Record and the Archaeological Remains (Approved February 2015)

2003-2008 **M.A.** Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University - *summa cum laude*
 Advisors: Prof. Israel Finkelstein, Dr. Deborah Sweeney
 Thesis Title: Inter-relations between Egypt and Israel: The Egyptian Pottery from Iron Age I-IIb Strata in Israel

2001-2003 **B.A.** Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University - *summa cum laude*

1994-1999 **LL.B Adv.** Law School, Tel Aviv University

Professional Experience and Appointments

2016 - Current **Curator of Egyptian Archaeology**, Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Editor of the peer-reviewed journal - *Israel Museum Studies in Archaeology*

2017 - Current **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Art History, Tel Aviv University

2015-2016 **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Biblical Studies, Haifa University

- 2009-2014 **ERC Coordinator and Administrative Director**, *Reconstructing Ancient (Biblical) Israel: The Exact and Life Sciences Perspective*.
A European Research Council funded project, directed By Prof. Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University) and Prof. Steve Weiner (Weizmann Institute of Science)
Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University
- 2011-2013 **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Biblical Studies, Haifa University
- 2011-2012 **Teaching Fellow**, Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University
- 2005-2008 **Research Assistant**, Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University

Research Projects

- 2019-2022 **PI. Israel Science Foundation personal research grant no. 2469/19**. *The Role of Art and Artists in Egyptian Society (first millennium BCE): The Evidence from Polychrome Painted Coffins in the Israel Museum* (personal grant: 270,000 NIS)
- 2019-2023 **Research Partner. A SINERGIA research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation [CRSIIS_La6426]**. *Stamp Seals from the Southern Levant: A Multi-faceted Prism for Studying Entangled Histories in an Interdisciplinary Perspective* (total grant: 2,700,000 CHF)
- 2016-2019 **Researcher. A SINERGIA research project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation [CRSII1 160785/1,]**. *The History of the Pentateuch: Combining Literary and Archaeological Approaches* (total grant: 1,770,000 CHF)

Scholarships

- 2014-2015 Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
- 2014 French Government Humanities and Social Sciences Grant – Awarded (Declined by recipient due to Swiss Grant)
- 2010-2013 Research Scholarship, School of Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2009-2010 Presidential Scholarship, Tel Aviv University
- 2010 and 2011 Yad Hanadiv, Humanities Fund Grant for Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- 2005 Bimat Hahoker Award, School of Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2005 Ignaz Bubis Excellence Scholarship, School of Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2005 Haya Okrinitz Excellence Scholarship, School of Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University

2002 Memorial Day Excellence Scholarship,
Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University

Archaeological Field Experience

Megiddo Expedition, Field supervisor
Central Timna Valley Project, Ceramic consultant
Masada Expedition, Archaeo-botany project field supervisor
Micro-archaeological excavations at various sites (Izbet Sartah, Ramat Menashe, Mashabei Sade)
Coordinator
Gan Soreq, Israel Antiquities Authority, Field supervisor

Academic Teaching

2019-2021 Visual Communications in Egypt, the Ancient Near East and Beyond
Art History, Tel Aviv University

2018-2019 From Artifact to Exhibition
Art History, Tel Aviv University

2017-2018 A Time for every Purpose – An Archaeological Workshop in Ancient Art
Art History, Tel Aviv University

2015-2016 Middle Egyptian for Beginners
Haifa University

2012-2013 Egypt, Israel and Philistia
Haifa University

2011-2012 Egypt and the Levant – Late Egyptian for Advanced Students,
Tel Aviv University

2011-2012 The Relations between Israel and Egypt during the Iron Age
Tel Aviv University

2011-2012 From Sheshonq's Campaign to the Battle of Qarqar
Haifa University

MA Students

Chen Zhao, MA student, Tel Aviv University, 2019-present (Co-advisor: Dr. Deborah Sweeney)
Chanter Une Fois de Plus: Technical and Iconographical Study of the Coffin Lid of Djedmut, Chantress of Amun-Re in Israel Museum at Jerusalem

Liu Muduan, MA student, Tel Aviv University, 2016-2019 (Co-advisor: Prof. Oded Lipschits)
Egyptian Interventions in the Southern Levant during the Rule of the 28th–30th Dynasties (404–342 BCE): An Archaeological Investigation

Conference Presentations and Published Abstracts

- 2019 Deportations in Antiquity: A Comparative Workshop, **Collège de France, Paris**
[invited speaker]
 The Social Identity of the Egyptian Diaspora in the Late Period and its Relation to the Joseph Story
- 2018 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **Denver**
 Sheshonq at Megiddo: A New Interpretation
- 2018 The Joseph Story between Egypt and Israel, **Université de Lausanne**
[invited speaker]
 Did the Egyptian Diaspora Really Need a “Joseph Story”? Social negotiations by minority groups in first millennium BCE Egypt
- 2018 Memory as Capital in Iron Age Levant and Adjacent Regions, **Collège de France, Paris**
[invited speaker]
 Memories of an Empire: Egypt under the 21st-22nd Dynasties
- 2017 Second Vatican Coffin Conference, **Musei Vaticani**
 Two Unpublished Coffin-Lids from the Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- 2017 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **Boston**
 Follow the Negebite-Ware Road: The Copper Exchange Network in the early Iron Age Southern Levant
- 2017 The Archaeology of Forced Movement, **Université Catholique de Louvain**
[invited speaker]
 Egyptian Historiography on the Mobility of (Sea) People at the End of the Late Bronze Age
- 2017 The Annual Aharoni Symposium of the Institute of Archaeology, **Tel Aviv University**
[invited speaker]
 Philistines, Canaanites and Egyptians: The Early 12th Century BCE Revisited
- 2017 New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem, **Hebrew University, Jerusalem**
[invited speaker]
 Execrating an Invisible City: Egypt and Jerusalem in the Middle Bronze Age
- 2016 The Archaeology of Imperial Encounters in the Southern Levant, **Universität Zürich**
[invited speaker]
 The Empire Strikes Back: Sheshonq and the Levant
- 2015 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **Atlanta**
 The End of the Late Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: Towards A New Philistine Paradigm
- 2015 Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, **Atlanta**
 The Many Faces of Pharaoh in the Hebrew Bible

- 2015 Représenter dieux et hommes dans le Proche-Orient ancien et dans la Bible, **Collège de France, Paris**
[in French, *invited speaker*]
Représentations des “peuples de la mer” dans l'iconographie du Proche-Orient ancien. Vers la formulation d'un nouveau paradigme philistine
[recorded talk <http://www.college-de-france.fr/site/thomas-romer/symposium-2015-05-06-14h30.htm>]
- 2015 Egypt's Role in the Hebrew Bible: International Exploratory Workshop, **Université de Lausanne**
The Past and Future of 'Biblical Egyptology' (with Römer, T)
- 2014 9th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), **Universität Basel**
Representations of "Sea-Peoples" as Icons of Alterity: Creating a New Philistine Paradigm
- 2013 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **Baltimore**
Sea Peoples in the North: New Insights from Medinet Habu
- 2013 Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, **Baltimore**
Investigations in the Negev Highlands and the History of Ancient Israel (with Finkelstein, I., Shahack-Gross, and R., Martin, M. A. S)
- 2013 Reading Text and Imagery of the Ancient Near East, 16th Annual Conference of the Israel Society for Assyriology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, **Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Aviv**
[*Invited speaker*]
The Campaign against the "Sea-Peoples": A Different Interpretation of the Texts and Reliefs at Medinet Habu
- 2012 Vienna 2: Ancient Egyptian Ceramics in the 21st Century, **Universität Vienna**
Egyptian Pottery in Iron Age Israel
- 2011 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **San Francisco**
Interactions between Egypt and Philistia: The Material Evidence
- 2011 Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, **San Francisco**
History and Ideology in Shishak's Karnak Relief
- 2011 Bronze to Iron Age Chronology in the Near East (BICANE) Third Colloquium, **Cambridge University, UK**
[*Invited speaker*]
Shoshenq I and the Levant – Synchronizing Chronologies
- 2011 Current Research on Ancient Israel and its Neighbors: Young Scholars Conference, **Tel Aviv University**
The Land of Israel and Egypt: Interactions during the Iron Age IIA
- 2010 American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, **Atlanta**
The Archaeology of Sheshonq I in the Levant
- 2009 Egypt, Canaan and Israel: History, Imperialism and Ideology, **Haifa University**
Shishak's Karnak Relief - More than just Name-rings

- 2007 Current Research in Egyptology (CRE) VIII, **Swansea University**
Late New Kingdom and Third Intermediate Period Pottery in Canaan
- 2007 The Annual Aharoni Symposium of the Institute of Archaeology, **Tel Aviv University**
[*invited speaker*]
Egypt and the Land of Israel in the Iron Age: Staying in Touch?

Conferences - Organizing Committee

- 2015 Egypt's Role in the Hebrew Bible: International Exploratory Workshop, 22-25, April 2015, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Funded by the Swiss National Foundation
- 2013 Reconstructing Ancient (Biblical) Israel: The Exact and Life Sciences Perspective, 3rd Annual Meeting, 1-2, May 2013, Neve Ilan, Israel (ERC International conference)
- 2012 New Studies on "Ancient Israel" – Junior Scholars Seminary, March 15, 2012, Tel Aviv University (with O. Sergi and I. Koch)
- 2011 Reconstructing Ancient (Biblical) Israel: The Exact and Life Sciences Perspective, 2nd Annual Meeting, 11-13, May 2011, Safed, Israel (ERC International conference)
- 2011 Current Research on Ancient Israel and its Neighbors: Young Scholars Conference, 31, March 2011, Tel Aviv University (with O. Sergi and I. Koch)
- 2010 Reconstructing Ancient (Biblical) Israel: The Exact and Life Sciences Perspective, 1st Annual Meeting, 3-4, February 2010, Ma'alot, Israel (ERC International conference)

Reviewer for International Journals

Radiocarbon

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)

Egypt and the Levant

Journal of Hebrew Scriptures

Membership in Professional Societies

- International Association of Egyptologists – Council member, Israeli representative
- Society of Biblical Literature – Program unit chair, Egyptology and Ancient Israel
- American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)
- Member of the Israeli BAR association (license no. 27418)

Other Noteworthy Activities and Skills

- 2014-present Lecturer, The Avshalom Institute for Land of Israel Studies
- 2017-present Lecturer, The Zalman Shazar Center
- 2010 FP7 (ERC) -Financial and Project Management Course (graduate)

Highlights from the Media

New York Times (22/1/2020):

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/22/arts/design/emojis-hieroglyphs-israel-museum.html>

Le Figaro (16/2/2020):

<https://www.lefigaro.fr/arts-expositions/une-ancre-egyptienne-en-pierre-de-plus-de-3400-ans-retrouvee-au-large-d-israel-20200216>

ABC News (7/2/2020):

https://abcnews.go.com/International/man-finds-3400-year-egyptian-anchor-morning-swim/story?id=68820677&cid=clicksource_4380645_11_comic_strip_sq_hed

Ha'aretz (4/2/2020):

<https://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/.premium-mysterious-ancient-egyptian-artifact-found-off-israeli-coast-1.8477804>

Forbes (27/1/2020):

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jonathonkeats/2020/01/27/emoji-hieroglyphics/#4511a4e48a1b>

Le Croix (21/12/2019):

<https://www.la-croix.com/Culture/emojis-expliquer-hieroglyphes-trouvaille-musee-Israel-2019-12-21-1301067917>

Ouest France (21/12/2019)

<https://www.ouest-france.fr/sciences/sciences-le-musee-d-israel-utilise-les-emojis-pour-expliquer-les-hieroglyphes-6665606>

Le Droit (22/12/2019)

https://www.ledroit.com/monde/des-emojis-pour-expliquer-les-hieroglyphes-la-trouvaille-du-musee-disrael-91f88494760a80e89b35d4d1c981e03f?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

L'Avenir (21/12/2019)

https://www.lavenir.net/cnt/dmf20191221_01423358/le-musee-d-israel-utilise-des-emojis-pour-expliquer-les-hieroglyphes

Le Soleil (22/12/2019)

<https://www.lesoleil.com/actualite/monde/des-emojis-pour-expliquer-les-hieroglyphes-la-trouvaille-du-musee-disrael-91f88494760a80e89b35d4d1c981e03f>

Ha'aretz in English (17/11/2017)

<https://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/1.823580>

Ha'aretz in English (23/7/2017)

<https://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/1.802928>