

# MAAYAN HILEL (PhD)

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## Education

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- 2019                      PhD, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University: *Cultural Transformation in Palestinian-Arab Society, 1918–1948: Haifa as a Case-Study*. Advisor: Prof. Ami Ayalon.
- 2010 - 2012              M.A, *Summa Cum Laude*, Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University.
- 2006-2009                B.A, Middle Eastern Studies, Gender Studies & Jewish History, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

## Academic Appointments

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- 2023 – Present            Assistant Professor of Instruction & Assistant Director, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2022-2023                Lecturer & Assistant Director, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2019 - 2022                Postdoctoral Fellow, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2018-2019                Visiting Lecturer, the Department of History, University of Limerick.

## Publications

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### Book:

*Leisure, Pleasure, and Fun in Mandate Palestine*. Book chapters under review at Cambridge University Press.

### Articles:

‘Women entrepreneurs in the entertainment industry of Mandatory Palestine,’ article under preparation for *Cultural and Social History Journal*.

‘Making Waves – Arabs and Jews on the Beaches of Mandate Haifa’, *Revue d'histoire culturelle (XVIIIe-XXIe siècles)*, April 2021.

‘Changing Texture of Childhood: Palestinian Children as New Leisure Consumers in Mandatory Haifa,’ *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (December 2019): 1-19. DOI: 10.1080/13530194.2019.1699776.

‘Constructing Modern Identity - New Patterns of Leisure and Recreation in Mandatory Palestine,’ *Contemporary Levant*, 4:1, (March 2019): 75-90.

### **Chapter:**

‘Cultural Diplomacy in Mandatory Haifa: The Role of Christian Communities in the Cultural Transformation in the City’, in: Sanchez Karène and Zananiri, Sary (Eds.), *European Cultural Diplomacy and Arab Christians. Between Connection and Contention, 1918-1948* (Leiden: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020), pp. 127-150.

### **Book reviews:**

Dylan Baun, *Winning Lebanon: Youth Politics, Populism, and the Production of Sectarian Violence, 1920–1958*, to be published in *Critical Inquiry*, August 2022.

M.M. Silver, *Zionism, and the Melting Pot: Preachers, Pioneers, and Modern Jewish Politics*, *American Jewish History*, Volume 105, Number 4, October 2021, pp. 585-587

Yaron Ran, *The Arabist: Eliyahu Sasson and the Zionist Struggle Against the Arab Revolt*. *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Spring 2020): 82-88.

Kamal Moed, *A Human Being, God Willing. Khalil al-Sakakini – An Educational Biography, 1878-1953*. *The New East*, Vol. 58 (May 2019): 166-168. (Hebrew)

### **Media:**

‘Shared Escapism - Jews and Arabs in the Cinema Palaces of the Mandate Era’, *the Social History Workshop* in *Haaretz* Newspaper's website, 23 December 2019. (Hebrew)

‘The Children of Back Then: Disney, Playgrounds and the Future of the Nation’, *the Social History Workshop* in *Haaretz* Newspaper's website, 12 April 2012. (Hebrew)

### **Scholarships, Grants and Awards**

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2020                      The Association of Middle East Children’s and Youth Studies (AMECYS), First-Place for the AMECYS 2020 Early Career Article Award.

2019                      The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel (MEISAI) Ph.D. Dissertation Award

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| 2017- 2016 | Thomas Arthur Arnold Scholarship for Excellence in History. |
| 2015-2012  | ISEF Foundation Grant for Excellent Doctoral Candidates.    |
| 2014       | Graduate School of Historical Studies Scholarship.          |
| 2013       | Rector Fellow Scholarship, Tel-Aviv University.             |
| 2012       | President Scholarship for Excellence, Tel-Aviv University.  |

### **Conference and Panels Organization**

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| 2022 | ‘New Books in Palestine/Israel Studies’, Series of Four Events, Northwestern University.  |
| 2021 | ‘Arab-Jewish Culture, Identity, and Language - Past and Present’, Series of Five Events, Northwestern University.   |
| 2020 | ‘Reframing Childhood in the Modern Middle East’ <i>MESA Annual Meeting</i> (Middle East Studies Association), via Zoom.   |
| 2018 | ‘Interactions and Reciprocal Relations between Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine,’ <i>WOCMES</i> (World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies), Seville.                                    |
| 2014 | ‘Unpacking the Mandate: The Global Interactions of Mandatory Palestine,’ <i>BRISMES</i> (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies), <i>The Middle East in Global Perspective</i> , Brighton |

### **Invited Lectures, Roundtable and Workshops**

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| Jun. 2022 | Palestinian youth in the political life of Mandate Palestine, ‘Imperial Youths in the 19th and 20th Centuries’ conference, University of Konstanz, Germany.   |
| Dec. 2021 | Roundtable: Local Archives and the Craft of Memory, The University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.   |
| Oct. 2021 | ‘Breaking barriers: Intercultural Encounters in British Mandate Palestine,’ The Greater Washington Jewish History Colloquium, The George Washington University.   |
| May 2021  | Roundtable: ‘Mixed Cities in Israel: Bridges and Walls,’ The Gabriel Bar Forum, The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel.  |
| May 2021  | Roundtable: ‘Friends, Neighbors, Foes: A Cultural History of Jewish-Arab Relations in Palestine / Israel, 19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> cent’, <i>Revue d’histoire Culturelle</i> special volume launch, via Zoom. |

- Apr. 2021 'Breaching the National Boundaries: Jews and Arabs in Mandate Palestine Leisure Scene,' Jewish and Israel Studies Graduate Cluster, Northwestern University.
- Jan. 2021 'Politicization of Leisure and Mass Media in the Modern Middle East,' Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Haifa, via Zoom.
- May 2018 'The Reception of the Holocaust in Palestinian Culture and Society,' Near & Middle Eastern Studies, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Nov. 2018 'From Women to Gender History in the Middle East,' Graduate program, The Department of History, University of Limerick.
- Oct. 2018 'Oral History in the Study of Palestinian Society: Methods and Practices,' an Oral history workshop at the Department of History, University of Limerick.
- Oct. 2017 'Representation of the Holocaust in Israeli Popular Culture,' Department of History, Trinity College, Dublin.
- Nov. 2014 'The Arabic and Hebrew Press as Mirroring Inter-Communal Interactions during the Mandate Period,' Department of History of the Middle East and Africa, Tel Aviv University.
- Dec. 2013 'Women Role in Political Life in late Ottoman and Mandate Palestine,' *The Palestinians - History, Society, Culture*, Workshop, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University.

### **Conference Papers**

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- Jun. 2023 'Finding Children and Childhood in Non-Textual Sources', Paper has been accepted to the 2023 SHCY conference, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
- Oct. 2021 'The Role of Cinema in the Construction of Palestinian National *Cultural Capital*', the 53rd Biennial Convention of German Historians, via Zoom.
- Oct. 2020 'Childhood, Leisure and Nationalism in British Mandate Palestine' *MESA Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.
- Mar. 2019 'Cultural Diplomacy in Mandatory Haifa: The Role of Christian Communities in the Cultural Transformation in the City.' *Crossroads. European cultural diplomacy and Arab Christians in Palestine*. Leiden.

- July 2018 'Cultural Imitation, Rejection and Competition between Arabs and Jews in Palestine prior 1948,' *WOCMES*, Seville.
- Nov. 2017 'We also Lived a Little: Leisure and Recreation of Ordinary Palestinians; Women, Children and Workers, 1920-1948', *MESA Annual Meeting*, Washington DC.
- May 2015 'Cultural Networks in the Middle East: Haifa, Jaffa, Beirut, Cairo and Alexandria during the First Half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,' *Haifa in Hebrew, Haifa in Arabic Conference*, Van Leer Institute & Haifa University, Israel.
- June 2014 'Cultural Analysis of Center-Periphery Relations in the Middle East,' *BRISMES, The Middle East in Global Perspective*, Brighton, UK.
- Nov. 2014 'Disrupting the Social Order: Palestinian Women in Urban Domains during the Mandate Period,' *MESA Annual Meeting*, Washington DC.
- Oct. 2013 'Under the Radar: Arab and Jews Crossing Social Boundaries in Mandatory Palestine,' *MESA Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

### **Panel Chair**

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- Nov. 2019 'Zionist Settlers and the Palestine/Israel Conflict,' panel at *MESA Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.
- Nov. 2019 'Medicine on the Move: Medical Agents Crossing Borders,' panel at *MESA Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.

### **Research Activity**

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- 2022 Participant of the interdisciplinary and international research group, 'Cosmopolitan Haifa – Past and Present.'
- 2018-2020 Participant of the interdisciplinary research group, 'Crossroads. European Cultural Diplomacy and Arab Christians in Palestine. A Connected History during the Formative Years of the Middle East (1918-1948)', Leiden University.
- 2012 – Present Member of The Inter-University Forum for Mandate Scholars: The Chaim Weizmann Institute for the Study of Zionism and Israel, Tel Aviv University & Herzl Institute for Research and Study of Zionism and History, Haifa University & Tel Aviv University.
- 2015-2016 Co-Coordinator of Rubin-Forum, The School of Historical Studies' forum for lectures and debates, Tel Aviv University.

- 2015 Participant in the Annual Methodological Workshop for Excellent PhD Candidates in The Institute for Research on Eretz Israel, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem.
- 2013 Founder and coordinator of a graduate-students' workshop – ‘New Studies in the Social and Cultural History of the Middle East.’ Faculty of the Humanities, Tel Aviv University.

## **Instruction**

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### **Northwestern University**

- 2022 First-year seminar: Daily life in Israel/Palestine
- 2022 Leisure and Popular Culture in 20th Century Palestine/Israel
- 2021 Jews and Arabs in Palestine/The Land of Israel, 1880-1948.
- 2021 Leisure and Popular Culture in 20th Century Palestine/Israel
- 2020 Jews and Arabs in Palestine/The Land of Israel, 1880-1948.

### **University of Limerick**

- 2019 Introduction to the Modern Middle East
- 2019 Contesting the Past; Historical Methods, Practices, and Sources. (M.A)
- 2018 Understanding the Holocaust in the Twentieth Century.
- 2018 Historiography: Theories, Concepts and Trends. (M.A)

## **Mentoring/Advising**

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### **Northwestern:**

Maayan Abuazglo, “Outsiders in the Promised Land: Young Adult Mizrahi Identity in Israel”, SESP Honors program.

Monica Haddad, “People of the Public Palestinian Women in Politics and the Public Sphere During the British Mandate,” JS Independent Study.

### **University of Limerick (Final Year Project):**

Annamarie Campbell, “Portrayals of the Past: Holocaust Representations in Hollywood Films.”

Emma Taylor, ‘Crime and Punishment in the Third Reich: Assessing the Role of Fear and Rebellion among German Citizens in 1944-1945.’

Rachel West, 'Money, Religion or Moral obligation? Rescue of Jews during the Holocaust.'

Zoe West, 'Leni Riefenstahl: Image Versus Reality.'

## **Public Engagement**

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- Oct. 2021      Series of Lectures at the Adult Education Program, Beit Emet, Evanston: Intercommunal relations in pre-1948 Israel.
- Oct. 2020      Series of Lectures at the Adult Education Program, Beit Emet, Evanston: Arab-Jews: History and Culture.
- Feb. 2020      Open Workshop at Hillel NU Society: Jewish Identity and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- 2018            Initiating and Leading an annual collaboration between the Department of History at University of Limerick and Yad Vashem's International School of Holocaust Studies in Jerusalem.

## **Professional Development**

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- July-August 2021 - Practicum in Foundations of Teaching, Northwestern University.
- 2020 - Creating an Inclusive Learning Environment, series of workshops, the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University.
- 2019 - Active Learning and Teaching, series of workshops, the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University.
- 2018 – Active Learning - Strategies and Tools, annual training, The Center for Transformative Learning, University of Limerick.

## **Professional Affiliation**

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- Middle East Studies Association
- British Society for Middle Eastern Studies
- The Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies
- Society for the History of Children and Youth
- The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel
- Leisure Studies Association
- American Historical Association

## **Other Employment Experience**

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- 2018 'Flowers for Peace' (Italy), bi-national dialog project for Israeli and Palestinian students - **Coordinator and Group Facilitator.**
- 2013-2016 'To Know' (Israel), organizational consulting company for medical staff in hospitals - **Lecturer and Workshops Facilitator.**
- 2014-2015 'Bina' (Israel), The Jewish Movement for Social Change, working with students from underrepresented backgrounds - **Lecturer and Group Facilitator.**
- 2010-2014 'The Arab-Jewish Center in Jaffa' (Israel) - **Director of Youth Division.**
- 2010-2012 'ISEF' (Israel), International Scholarship Education Foundation, **Leadership Program Director** of first-generation students at Tel Aviv University.
- 2009-2011 Amnesty International (Israel), **Course Developer and Lecturer.**
- 2009 'Breaking Barriers' (Germany), bi-national dialog project for young Palestinians and Israelis - **Course Developer and Group Facilitator.**
- 2009 Neve Shalom School & the Department for Gender Studies at Ben-Gurion University (Israel) - **Lecturer and Coordinator** of bi-national empowerment course for Bedouin and Mizrahi women from the Negev.

## **Social Involvement**

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- 2007-Present Member of 'Combatants for Peace'- Joint peace movement of Israelis and Palestinians.
- 2006-2009 Founder and of a student organization against sexual harassment in academia at BGU. Achieved an award from the Israeli Minister of Education.
- 2008 Coordinator of 'Open Houses Program at BGU.' Achievement Award from Be'er-Sheva Municipality for leading communal activity with disadvantaged social groups in the city.

## **Languages**

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| Hebrew – Native           | Italian - Basic proficiency |
| English – Fluent          | Spanish - Basic proficiency |
| Arabic - reading (fluent) |                             |