

# **Ze'ev Maghen**

## **Higher Education**

- 1996                    Ph.D. in Middle East History, Columbia University  
                                  Dissertation: "Medieval Islamic Jurisprudence"
- 1991                    M.A. in Middle East History, Columbia University  
                                  Dissertation: "Taqi al-Din al-Nabhani and the Doctrine of the Caliphate"
- 1986                    B.A. in Western European History, University of Pennsylvania

## **Career**

- 2009-Present        Associate Professor, Middle East and Islamic Studies, Bar-Ilan University
- 2008-Present        Senior Fellow, Shalem Center, Jerusalem
- 2006-2009            Chair, Department of Middle East Studies, Bar-Ilan University
- 1998-2009            Senior Lecturer, Middle East and Islamic Studies, Bar-Ilan University
- 1995-2005            Senior Lecturer on Islamic Religion and Contemporary Islamic Revivalist  
                                  Movement, Hebrew University
- 1993-1997            Lecturer, Middle East and Islamic Studies, Bar-Ilan University

## **Awards and Fellowships**

- 2006                    Winner of the Tel-Aviv Prize for Best Scholarly Article: "Intertwined  
                                  Triangles: Remarks on the Relationship between Two Prophetic Scandals"

## **Courses Taught**

- Qur'anic Exegesis and Islamic Law
- Modern Iraqi and Syrian Literature
- Islamic Fundamentalist and Revolutionary Movements in the Twentieth Century
- Persian Language
- History of Shi'ism: Roots, Branches and Fruit
- Iran: From the Tobacco Revolt to Khatami
- The Arab-Israeli Conflict in Palestinian Literature
- Medieval Islam: Between Semites, Aryans and Turks

- *Da'wa: The Intellectual Literature of Islamic Fundamentalism*
- *Multicity in Unity: The Emergence of Islam in the Middle East*
- *Ana Basbarun: The Life of Muhammad according to the Early Sources*
- *Islamic Fundamentalist Attitudes to the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
- *Religion, Gender and Sexuality in the Middle East*
- *The People of the Book in Islamic Classical Discourse*
- *Republic of Allah: The Islamic Utopias of Fundamentalist Authors*
- *Kalam wa-Suqut: Theology, Philosophy and Mysticism in Islam*
- *The Merriest of Men: Comedy and Humanity in Early Muslim Sources*
- *Nationalism and Socialism in the Modern Middle East*

### **List of Publications – Refereed**

#### Books

1. *After Hardship Cometh Ease: The Jews as Backdrop for Muslim Moderation* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2006).
2. *Virtues of the Flesh: Passion and Purity in Early Islamic Jurisprudence* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2004).

#### Articles

1. "That Nature which Contemns its Origin: A Controversial Teachers' Examination Sheds Light on Transformations in Iranian Islam," *Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review* 8 (2009), pp. 119-147.
2. "Davidic Motifs in the Biography of Muhammad," *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 35 (2008).
3. "Occultation in Perpetuum: Shi'ite Messianism and the Policies of the Islamic Republic," *Middle East Journal* 62 (2008), pp. 232-257.
4. "Intertwined Triangles: Remarks on the Relationship between Two Prophetic Scandals," *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 33 (2007), pp. 17-92. (Winner of the Tel-Aviv Prize for Best Scholarly Article, 2006).
5. "The Merry Men of Medina: Comedy and Humanity in the Early Days of Islam," *Der Islam* 84 (2007), pp. 185-199.
6. "'They Shall not Draw Nigh': The Access of Unbelievers to Sacred Space in Islamic and Jewish Law," *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies* 7 (5) (2007), pp. 103-131.

7. "From Potent Nemesis to Potemkin Village: A Shift in the Iranian Portrayal of the 'Zionist Regime,'" Israel Affairs 21 (2006).
8. "Strangers and Brothers: The Ritual Status of Unbelievers in Islamic Law," Medieval Encounters 12 (2) (2006), pp. 173-223.
9. "Three Shāfi'ites in Search of Water: The Indulgence of Tayammum and Its Rigorous Preconditions," Der Islam 82 (2005), pp. 291-348.
10. "First Blood: Purity, Edibility and the Independence of Islamic Jurisprudence," Der Islam 81 (Spring 2004), pp. 49-95.
11. "Dead Tradition: Joseph Schacht and the Origins of 'Popular Practice,'" Islamic Law and Society 10 (3) (Fall 2003), pp. 276-347.
12. "The New Shu'biyah: The Revival of an Ancient Polemic by the Opposition to the Islamic Republic of Iran," The New East 42 (2001). [Hebrew]
13. "Close Encounters: Some Preliminary Observations on the Transmission of Impurity in Early Sunni Jurisprudence," Islamic Law and Society 6 (3) (Summer 1999), pp. 348-392.
14. "Much ado about Wudū,'" Der Islam 76 (Spring 1999), pp. 205-252.

#### Book Chapters

1. "Unity and Hegemony: Iranian Attitudes to the Sunni-Shi'i Divide," Tel-Aviv University's Sunni-Shi'i Relations Conference volume (forthcoming).
2. "Dancing in Chains: The Baffling Coexistence of Legalism and Exuberance in Judaic and Islamic Tradition," Judaic Sources and Western Thought: Jerusalem's Enduring Presence, Jonathan Jacobs, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 217-237.

#### Other Publications

##### Books

1. John Lennon and the Jews: A Philosophical Rampage (Charleston: CreateSpace, 2010).

##### Articles

1. "Eradicating the 'Little Satan': Why Iran Should be Taken at its Word," Commentary 127 (1) (2009).
2. "Imagine: On Love and Lennon," Azure 7 (1999).

## **Languages**

Hebrew, English, Russian, Arabic, Persian.