

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Dr. Eli Schonfeld**

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## 1. Personal Details

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**Date of Birth:** December 18<sup>th</sup> 1975

**Country of Birth:** Belgium

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## 2. Higher Education

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- 1994-1997 Bar-Ilan University, Economics and General Philosophy, Bachelor's
- 1997-2002 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, General Philosophy, Master's (Title of the dissertation: *The Question of Subjectivity in the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas* (Awarded *Cum Laude*)), supervisor: Prof. C. Schmitt
- 2003-2010 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, General Philosophy, Doctorate (Title of the dissertation: *The Alienations of the Subject: An Inquiry into the Limits of Phenomenology (Husserl, Sartre and Levinas)* (Awarded *Summa cum laude*), supervisors: Prof. E. Yakira and Dr. M. Roubach
- 2010-2011 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Max and Bella Guggenheim Postdoctorate in Jewish Ethics
- 2014-2015 New York University Law School, Berkowitz Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2015-2016 Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Postdoctoral Researcher

## 3. University Appointments

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- 2003-2010 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Teacher Assistant, Philosophy Department, Modern Philosophy
- 2003-2014 Tel Aviv University, Adjunct Lecturer, The Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities, Modern Jewish Philosophy
- 2005-2014 Tel Aviv University, Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Modern Jewish Philosophy

- 2010-2011 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy Department, Modern Philosophy
- 2011-2012 Tel Aviv University, Adjunct Lecturer, International MA in Jewish Studies, Modern Jewish Philosophy (courses taught in English)
- 2012-2013 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Adjunct Lecturer, Philosophy Department, Modern Philosophy
- 2012-2014 Tel Aviv University, Adjunct Lecturer, International BA in Liberal Arts, Modern Jewish Philosophy (courses taught in English)
- 2013-2014 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Adjunct Lecturer, Amirim Honors Program for Outstanding Students, General Philosophy

#### **4. Research Appointments in Academic Institutions**

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- 2000-2003 Institute for Levinassian Studies, Research Fellow and Lecturer
- 2001-2003 Franz Rosenzweig Research Center for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History, Research Fellow
- 2003-2009 Van Leer Institute, Research Fellow
- 2008- 2014 Shalom Hartman Institute, Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Modern Jewish Philosophy

#### **5. Other Academic Activities and Prizes**

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- 1998-2002 Assistant to Prof. Benny Levy, University Paris VII-Denis Diderot, Paris
- 2000 Co-founder of the *Institute for Levinassian Studies* in Jerusalem
- 2000 S. H. Bergman prize for philosophical enquiry
- 2000-2001 World Congress of Jewish Studies. Editorial Secretary of the *Acts of the 12<sup>th</sup> congress for Jewish Studies*
- 2006 KKL prize for philosophical research
- 2009 Fanny Belben-Gelles prize in Humanities
- 2012-2014 International BA in Liberal Arts, Academic Supervisor for the Track Modern Jewish and Israel Studies

## 7. Courses taught

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- 2004-2005 Tel Aviv University, Spinoza, Rosenzweig and Levinas: Jewish thought facing Europe, Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2005-2006 Tel Aviv University, The Place of the Jew in Nietzsche's Philosophy, Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2006-2007 Tel Aviv University, Sartre and Levinas: "Jewish question" or "Being Jewish", Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2007-2008 Tel Aviv University, The Question of the Modern Jew: Spinoza and Mendelssohn, Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2007-2008 Tel Aviv University, E. Levinas: From Existence to Revelation, Department of Jewish Philosophy
- 2008-2009 Tel Aviv University, *Tora* or *Nomos*: Modern Jewish Thinkers Confronting St. Paul's Critique of the Jewish Law, Department of Jewish Philosophy
- 2008-2010 Tel Aviv University, J.P. Sartre: The Jewish Question in Light of the Thought of Existence, Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2010-2011 Hebrew University, Introduction to Modern Philosophy: from Descartes to Hume, Department of Philosophy
- 2010-2013 University of Antwerp, Philosophy and Judaism: An Introduction, Institute for Jewish Studies
- 2010-2012 Tel Aviv University, Nietzsche's Existential Philosophy and the Jewish Question, Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities
- 2010-2014 Tel Aviv University, Major Figures in Modern Jewish Thought: Spinoza, Mendelssohn, Cohen and Rosenzweig, Department of Jewish Philosophy
- 2011-2012 Tel Aviv University, Jewish Thought after Spinoza, International MA Program in Jewish Studies (in English)
- 2012-2013 Hebrew University, Introduction to Modern Philosophy: from Descartes to Hume, Department of Philosophy
- 2012-2014 Tel Aviv University, Introduction to Modern Jewish Philosophy, Liberal Arts Program for Foreign Students (in English)
- 2013-2014 Hebrew University, Directed Readings: Philosophical Texts, Amirim Honors Program for Outstanding Students

- 2014-2015 Drisha Institute New-York, Introduction to Levinas's Talmudic Readings (winter term)
- 2014-2015 Drisha Institute New-York, Consolation in philosophy and jewish thought (fall term)

## 9. Conference papers

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1. Consolation beyond Theodicy: A different response to the question of evil after Auschwitz. A paper presented at the conference *Beyond History and Memory: Holocaust Theology in the Twenty-First Century*, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, New York, November 2014
2. "What does translating mean? On the Hebrew translation of Descartes' *Meditations*". A paper presented at the international colloquium *French Philosophy Today: two-day debate with French and Israeli philosophers*, organized by the S.H. Bergman Center for Philosophical Studies, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, The French Institute and the faculty of Humanities at Tel Aviv University, May 2014
3. "Zachor and Anti-Zachor: Rethinking Jewish Memory with Sartre, Yerushalmi and Levinas". A conference delivered in the context of the *Empreintes et Memoire* series at the Francophone Campus of Israel at the Netanya Academic College, December 2013
4. "Literature on the edge of Transcendence: Sartre reads Kafka". A paper presented at the workshop *Kafka and his Readers*, organized by the Division of German Language and Literature at the Hebrew University and the Research Group "Aesthetics, Ethics and Hermeneutics in Jewish Culture", Jerusalem, June 2013 (English)
5. "'The Birth of Tragedy': On the Origins of Nietzsche's Existentialism". A public conference held in the context of the Spinoza Institute and the Van Leer Institute series *The Intellectual World of Friedrich Nietzsche*, Jerusalem, March 2013 (Hebrew)
6. "Ein Menachem: On Lament and Consolation". A paper presented at the international colloquium *Klage/Lament: Lament in Jewish Thought*, at the International Colloquium organized by the Institute for Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, February 2013 (English)
7. "Levinas's Hermeneutics of Jewish Existence". A paper presented at the *Annual Colloquium of the departments of Jewish Philosophy*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Van Leer Institute and The Mandel Institute for Jewish Studies, June 2012 (Hebrew)

8. "Hermann Cohen's reading of scriptures in *Religion of Reason out of the Sources of Judaism*". A paper presented at the colloquium *Scriptures in Israeli Culture*, Tel Aviv University, Mai 2012 (Hebrew)
9. "Consolation in F. Nietzsche's *The Birth of Tragedy: Critical Remarks on the Critique of Religion*". A paper presented at the colloquium *Critical Theology*, Tel Aviv University, Mai 2012 (Hebrew)
10. "On Consolation: Reflections on the Question of Evil." A public conference given at the Department of Philosophy and the Institute for Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp (Belgium), February 2012 (French)
11. "God Beyond Theodicy: Towards a Phenomenology of Consolation." A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Sin and Evil: Poetry, Philosophy and Theology*, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, December 2011 (English).
12. "Ethics and Metaphysics: Spinoza on the 'Essence of Judaism' (L. Baeck)." Conference held at the department seminar at the department of Hebrew Culture, Tel Aviv University, March 2011 (Hebrew)
13. "Hero of the Impossible Escape: The Figure of Jonah in Levinas." A paper presented at the International Conference *Levinas Facing Biblical Figures*, Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University, December 2010 (Hebrew)
14. "Atheism and Religion: Two Fundamental Categories in Levinas' Thought." A public conference held in the context of the event *Face-to-Face: On Emmanuel Levinas' Philosophy*, Minerva Humanities Center, Tel Aviv University, October 2010. (Hebrew)
15. "Substance or Movement: A Phenomenological Revisiting of Plato's Thought of the Soul in Response to Heidegger's Deconstruction of Subjectivity." A paper presented at the International Colloquium *The Resurrection of the Subject. Subjectivity and Post-Subjectivity at the Age of the Secular*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Van Leer Institute, DAAD: Walter Benjamin Chair, Jerusalem, December 2009 (English).
16. "Living Law: Hermann Cohen's Dialectics of Law and Sin as a Response to St. Paul." A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Paul, the Apostle of Exception: his 2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Renaissance Today*, Center for German Studies, European Forum at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2009 (English).
17. "Derrida and the Biblical Origins of Literature" A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Derrida: Philosophy, Literature, Judaism*, Institute of Jewish Studies, Antwerp University, Antwerp, February 2009 (French).
18. "The Wonder of Subjectivity: A reading of Levinas' philosophy" A paper presented at the Annual Colloquium of the Israeli Philosophy Society, Tel Aviv, October 2008 (Hebrew).

19. "‘God, Pardon me the expression...’: the Abrahamism of Levinas and Derrida" A paper presented at the colloquium *Levinas-Derrida: Proximities from afar*, CNRS Tel Aviv and the French Institute, Tel Aviv, June 2008 (Hebrew).
20. "Jewish Thought and the Limits of Philosophy", Four visiting lectures at the Antwerp University *Institute of Jewish Studies*, Antwerp, November 2007 (French).
21. "Facticity and Sacred History: The Hidden Dialogue Between Sartre and Lévinas" A paper presented at the International Colloquium *A Century with Lévinas: Resonances of a Philosophy*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, January 2006 (French).
22. "Peace Beyond Polis: On Lévinas' Political Theology" A paper presented at the International Colloquium *The Legitimacy of Modernity*, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, December 2005 (Hebrew).
23. "Spinoza's reading of St. Paul: the methodological role of the *Apostle to the Romans* in Spinoza's *Theological-Political Treatise*." A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Beyond the Law: Paulus in Modern Jewish Theology, Politics and Literature*, The Franz Rosenzweig Center and the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, June 2004 (English).
24. "The Feminine and the Jew: Two Forms of the Meta-temporal in Rosenzweig" A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Nouvelles lectures de Franz Rosenzweig*, Marc Bloch University, Strasbourg, June 2003 (French).
25. "*Sola Scriptura*: Spinoza's Erasure of the Voice." A paper presented at the Giessen University and Franz Rosenzweig Center workshop on *Cultures of Memory*, Jerusalem, March 2003 (English).
26. "Otherwise than Presence: Comments on Emmanuel Lévinas' Philosophy of Time." A paper presented at the International Colloquium *Emmanuel Levinas*, Tübingen University, Tübingen, August 2002 (English).
27. "From Totality to Revelation: the ontological role of death in Franz Rosenzweig's *Star of Redemption*." A paper presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> *World Congress for Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, August 2001 (Hebrew).

## 10. Languages

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French	native proficiency (reading, speaking and writing)
Hebrew	bilingual proficiency (reading, speaking and writing)
English	full professional proficiency (reading, speaking and writing)
German	elementary proficiency (reading and speaking)
Dutch	elementary proficiency (reading and speaking)

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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### **Doctoral Dissertation**

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1. **Schonfeld E.**, *The Alienations of the Subject: On the limits of Phenomenology with Husserl, Sartre and Levinas* (Awarded *Summa cum laude*), Supervisors: Prof. E. Yakira and Dr. M. Roubach, June 2010

### **Books**

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(cross-referenced)

2. **Schonfeld, E.**, *The Wonder of Subjectivity: A Reading of Levinas' Philosophy*, 2007, 165 pages, Resling, Tel-Aviv (in Hebrew)
3. **Schonfeld, E.**, *The Apology of Mendelssohn: An Inquiry into the birth of Modern Jewish Philosophy*, Verdier, Paris, forthcoming 2016 (in French)

### **Books Edited:**

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(cross-referenced)

4. Sartre, J. P. and Levy, B., Hebrew translation of *Hope Now. The 1980 Interviews*, 2008, 139 pages, Carmel Publishers, Jerusalem, translation into Hebrew by D. Yoel, E. Lapidot and E. Schonfeld, Scientific Edition and Notes **Schonfeld, E.** (in Hebrew)
5. Schmidt C. and **Schonfeld, E.** (co-editor), *God Will Not Stand Still: Political Theology and Jewish Modernity*, 2009, 324 pages, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv, (in Hebrew)
6. E. Levinas, Hebrew translation of *Time and the other* with an afterword by **Schonfeld E.**, 2014, 123 pages, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv, translation into Hebrew by E. Lapidot (in Hebrew)

## Chapters in Collections:

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(cross-referenced)

7. **Schonfeld, E.**, The Eclipse of the Voice: The Political Theology of Spinoza and Mendelssohn, in: Schmitt, C. and Schonfeld, E. (eds.), *God will not stand still: Political theology and Jewish Modernity*, 2009, 38-69, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv (in Hebrew)
8. **Schonfeld, E.**, The Theological-Political Analogy: On Carl Schmitt's Political Theology, in: Shenhav, Y., Schmidt, C., and Zelniker, S. (eds.), *State of Exception and State of Emergency*, 2009, 109-123, Hakibbutz Hameuchad: Tel Aviv (in Hebrew)
9. **Schonfeld, E.**, Thinking Subjectivity after Heidegger: A Phenomenology of Plato's concept of the Soul, in: Schmidt, C., Mack, M., German, A. (Eds.), *Post-Subjectivity*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Cambridge, 2014, 183-200
10. **Schonfeld, E.**, The Bible as Teaching: The Biblical Source in Levinas' Philosophy, in: Lin, Y. (ed.), *Levinas facing Biblical Figures*, Lexington Books, Lexington, 2014
11. **Schonfeld, E.**, Ein Menachem: On Lament and Consolation, in: Schwebel, P. and Ferber, I. (eds.), *Lament and Jewish Thought: Philosophical, Theological, and Literary perspectives*, De Gruyter, Berlin-NewYork, 2014
12. **Schonfeld, E.**, Descartes à Jérusalem: sur la traduction des *Méditations* de Descartes en hébreu, in: Y.-C. Zarka, *Actes du Colloque: Philosophie Française Aujourd'hui. Débat avec des philosophes français et israéliens*, PUF, Paris, accepted for publication
13. **Schonfeld, E.**, *Am Ha'aretz*: The Law of the Singular. A reading of Kafka's 'Before the law', in: Liska, V. and Cools, A. (eds.), *Kafka, Judaism and the Universal*, De Gruyter, Berlin-New York, accepted for publication

## Articles:

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(cross-referenced)

14. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2007, History and Jewish Facticity : about a dialogue between Sartre and Levinas, *Cahiers d'Etudes Lévinassiennes*, 135-150 (in French)
15. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2008, Philosophical Present and Responsible Present : Comments on Emmanuel Lévinas's Philosophy of Time, *Naharaim : Zeitschrift für deutsch-jüdische Literatur und Kulturgeschichte*, 188-209
16. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2008, On Elementary Evil, *Cahiers d'Etudes Lévinassiennes*, 137-154 (in French)
17. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2010, Philosophy and Talmudic Wisdom. A Study of "Being Jewish", *Cahiers d'Etudes Lévinassiennes*, 161-190 (in French)



18. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2010, Living Law: Hermann Cohen Facing St. Paul's Critique of the Law, Reshit: Studies in Judaism, 80-110 (in Hebrew)
19. **Schonfeld, E.**, Forgotten God: Moses Mendelssohn and Rabbi Jacob Emden on Universalism and Chosenness, Daat: A Journal of Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah, accepted for publication (in Hebrew)
20. **Schonfeld, E.**, Levinas's Philosophy as a Hermeneutics of Jewish Existence: A revisiting of the relation between Judaism and Philosophy in Levinas, Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Thought, accepted for publication (in Hebrew)

### **Other Publications:**

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#### **A. Reviews:**

21. Review of Lévinas, E., *Œuvres I : Carnets de Captivité et autres inédits* (Ed. R. Calin and C. Chalier), 2009, Grasset/Imec, Paris; in: Revue Internationale de Philosophie, 2010 (2), Presses Universitaires de France: Brussels-Paris, 291-298 (in French)
22. Review of Sheil, P., *Kierkegaard and Levinas: The Subjunctive Mood*, 2010, Ashgate; in: The Journal of Religion, 2011 (4), University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 583-586

#### **B. Introductions, Afterwords and Commentaries**

23. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2005, Truth and Universalism: Afterword to *Ethics: an essay on the conscience of Evil* (Badiou, A.), 97-119, Resling, Tel Aviv (in Hebrew)
24. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2006, Commentary of: "When the words come back from exile" (Levinas, E.), in Cahiers d'Etudes Lévinassiennes, 213-216 (in French)
25. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2007, Introduction to the translation of *On hospitality* (Derrida, J.), 7-16, Resling, Tel Aviv (in Hebrew)
26. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2008, Afterword to the Hebrew translation of *Hope Now: The 1980 Interviews* (Sartre, J. P. and Levy, B.), 103-139, Carmel Publishers, Jerusalem (in Hebrew)
27. **Schonfeld, E.**, 2014, The Evasion from Being in *Time and the Other: Levinas' breakthrough* (Afterword to the Hebrew translation of *Time and the Other* (E. Lévinas), 87-130, Hakibbutz Hameuchad, Tel Aviv (in Hebrew)

### C. Critical Editions of Translated Philosophical Texts into Hebrew

28. Levinas, E., La trace de l'Autre (translation : Ron, Y.), Cahiers d'Etudes Levinassiennes, 2003
29. Levinas, E., Enigme et Phénomène (translation : Lapidot, E.), Cahiers d'Etudes Levinassiennes, 2004
30. Badiou, A., *Ethique. Essai sur la conscience du Mal* (translation: Efal, A.), Resling: Tel Aviv, 2005
31. Levinas, E., Langage et proximité (translation: Lapidot, E.), Cahiers d'Etudes Levinassiennes, 2005
32. Foucault, M., *L'archéologie du savoir* (translation : Lahav, A.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2005
33. Lyotard, J.-F., *Le postmoderne expliqué aux enfants* (translation : Giladi A.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2005
34. Barthes, R./ Foucault, M., *La mort de l'auteur/Qu'est ce qu'un auteur?* (translation : Mishani D.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2005
35. Baudrillard, J., *A l'ombre des majorités silencieuses* (translation: Karas H.), Mikan: Journal of Israeli and Jewish Literature and Culture, 2005
36. Derrida, J., *Mal d'Archive* (translation : Ben-Naftali, M.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2006
37. Derrida, J., *De l'Hospitalité* (translation : Joel D.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2007
38. Derrida, J., *Donner la mort* (translation: Ben-Naftali, M.), Resling, Tel Aviv, 2008