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Current academic appointment

2011-current Lady David Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
2004-current Research Fellow, Zinman Institute of Archaeology, University of Haifa

Education

2004-2010 Ph.D. in Prehistoric archaeology, Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa. "Lithic production strategies at the Early Pleistocene site of Bizat Ruhama, Israel". *Summa cum laude*
1999-2003 MA, Archaeology (Specialization – Prehistory), University of Haifa
MA thesis title: "The lithic assemblage of the Lower Paleolithic site at Bizat Ruhama, southern coastal plain, Israel"
1996-1999 BA, Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa
1996-1999 BA, Department of Geography, University of Haifa
1993-1996 Mandatory Army service, IDF

Teaching experience

2003-05 Lithics: beginner's course; University of Haifa, Department of Archaeology, Teaching assistant; level - BA
2006-07 Lithics: Advanced course; University of Haifa, Department of Archaeology, Adjunct lecturer, level - BA
2012-2013 The Lower Paleolithic of the Levant; University of Haifa, Department of Archaeology, Adjunct lecturer, level - BA
2013 Field campus – Lower Paleolithic site of Nahal Hesi; Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Institute of Archaeology (with Naama Goren-Inbar), level - BA

Organization of international meetings

- 2012 Co-organizer of international workshop: *Opportunities, problems and future directions in the study of open-air Middle Palaeolithic sites*. Hold in November 2012, Tel Hay academic college (together with Prof. Erella Hovers and Dr. Gonen Sharon)

Scholarships, awards and research grants

- 2013** Erasmus Mundus Scholarship for teaching at Tautavel Intensive program. Erasmus Mundus Programme of the European Union
- 2011** Lady Davis post-doctoral fellowship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 2008** Irene Levi Sala CARE archaeological foundation: Dating the Early Pleistocene hominin site of Bizat Ruhama, southern coastal plain, Israel
- 2005** L.S.B. Leakey Foundation research grant: Excavations of the Early Pleistocene site at Bizat Ruhama, Israel
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- 2003-2006** Ph.D. fellowship, Graduate Studies Authority, University of Haifa
- 2003** Minerva Foundation Short-Term Research Grant Fellowship for research visit at Jena University, Germany
- 2002** Award from Joe Alon Center for development of the Negev: "The lithic assemblage of Lower Paleolithic site Bizat Ruhama, Northern Negev, Israel"
- 2001** Institut Français, Israel, Ambassade de France en Israël, grant for the stage visit at Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris
- 2001** Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, stage at Isernia La Pineta prehistoric site, Italy
- 2001** Wolf Foundation award for academic excellence
- 2001** Travel grant from European Science Foundation for participation in XIVth U.I.S.P.P. Congress
- 2000** Brener – Meridor Foundation award for academic excellence
- 2000** Reuben and Edith Hecht Foundation award for young researches in Archaeology

Membership in professional societies

- 2011-** Palaeoanthropology Society
- 2003-** Israel Prehistoric Society, committee member
- 1999-** Israel Prehistoric Society (In 2001 – co-organizer of the annual meeting of the IPS, in the University of Haifa)

Research

Ongoing directed projects:

- 2004-** **Bizat Ruhama:** Excavations at an Early Pleistocene site on the Negev Coastal Plain, Israel. Primary aspects of multidisciplinary project include:

- Stratigraphy and archaeology of the site.
- Technological and cognitive complexity of the Early Pleistocene hominins in the Levant. Technological analysis of the lithic assemblages of the site; experimental archaeology – experimental replication of the lithic artifacts as comparative data for study of Bizat Ruhama assemblages; study of the raw material sources.
- Early to Late Pleistocene chronology of the Northern Negev. Dating by OSL method in collaboration with Dr. Naomi Porat, Geological Survey of Israel; dating by ESR method in collaboration with Dr. Mathieu Duval, CINIEH, Burgos, Spain; magnetostratigraphy with Dr. Josep Parles, CINIEH, Burgos, Spain. A new project launched at the site in 2011.
- Reconstruction of the paleo-environment of the Northern Negev during the Quaternary. Study of the sedimentology in collaboration with Dr. Noam Greenbaum, Haifa University; micromorphology in collaboration with Dr. Carolina Mallol, Universidad de La Laguna, Tenerife; faunal remains in collaboration with Prof. Guy Bar-Oz and Dr. Reuven Yeshurun (both from Haifa University) and Prof. Bienvenido Martinez-Navarro, IPHES, Tarragona, Spain.

2010- Nesher Ramla: Excavations at new open-air Middle Paleolithic site. Primary aspects of multidisciplinary project include:

- Stratigraphy and archaeology of the site.
- Hydrogeology. In collaboration with Prof. Amos Frumkin, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Geoarchaeology. In collaboration with Prof. Tsaskin, Haifa University; Dr. Ruty Shahak and David Freisem, Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Chronology. OSL dating in collaboration with Dr. Naomi Porat, Geological Survey of Israel; TL dating in collaboration with Helene Valladas, CNRS, France; ESR dating in collaboration with Christophe Falqueres, Museum national d'histoire naturelle, Paris
- GIS analysis in collaboration with Ms. Maya Oron, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- Faunal analysis. Macromammal remains in collaboration with Dr. Reuven Yeshurun, Smithsonian Institute, New-York; micromammal remains in collaboration with Dr. Lior Weissbrood, University of Haifa.
- Lithic analysis. In collaboration with Dr. Alexandra Sumner, University of Cape Town; students from Haifa and Beer-Sheva University.

Ongoing co-directed projects:

- 2007-** **Misliya Cave:** Excavations at a Mousterian/Acheulo-Yabrudian site in Mount Carmel. 2001-2006 senior assistant to director. (With M. Weinstein-Evron, University of Haifa). Working on archaeological and lithic aspects of the site:
- Stratigraphy and archaeology of the site. Mina Weinstein-Evron and Yossi Zaidner.
 - Lithic analysis. Yossi Zaidner and Mina Weinstein-Evron.

Staff member in excavations

- 1999-2004** El-Wad Terrace: Research assistant and field supervisor, directed by M. Weinstein-Evron
- 1999-2000** Ohalo II: Field supervisor and administrator, directed by D. Nadel
- 2000** Tabun Cave: Field supervisor, directed by A. Ronen
- 2004** Excavations at Hovk Cave, Armenia, directed by R. Pinhasi

Research experience

- Study of the lithic raw material sources of the southern Coastal Plain of Israel
- Experimental knapping and reproduction of stone tools from the Early Pleistocene site of Bizat Ruhama
- Analysis of the lithic assemblage of Nesher Ramla
- Analysis and publication of the lithic assemblage of Bizat Ruhama
- Analysis and publication of the stone net sinkers from Ohalo II
- Analysis of the lithic assemblage of Locus 13, Ohalo II
- Analysis and publication of the lithic assemblage of Jamal Cave
- Analysis and publication of the lithic material from Misliya Cave
- Analysis of the lithic material from the Lower Paleolithic site at Nahal Hesi
- Analysis of the lithic material from the Lower Paleolithic site at Evron Quarry

Participating in Professional Workshops

- 2001** Flint Knapping Workshop, lecturer - Dr. Francois Brios, at the University of Haifa, April
- 2002** Flint Knapping Workshop, lecturer - Dr. Bo Madsen, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May.

Active Participation in Scholarly Conferences and Workshops

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference/Workshop</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title of Presentation</u>
2001*	XIV th Congress of U.I.S.P.P	University of Liege, Belgium	The small-tool site of Bizat Ruhama, Israel
2001	13 th meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	University of Haifa	Patterns of flint use at Lower Paleolithic site Bizat Ruhama
2003	15 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Tel-Aviv University	The Misliya Cave: a new Lower-Middle Paleolithic sequence in the Levant (M. Weinstein-Evron, Y. Zaidner, G. Bar-Oz, I. Hanani, R. Yeshurun and Alexander Tsaskin)
2003	15 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Tel-Aviv University	Cores with triangular debitage surfaces and twisted blades from Ohalo II (with U. Grinberg and D. Nadel)
2005	17 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	University of Haifa	2004-05 seasons of excavations at Lower Paleolithic site of Bizat Ruhama, Israel
2006*	Axe Age: Acheulian Toolmaking from Quarry to discard	Hebrew University, Jerusalem	Acheulo-Yabrudian handaxes from Misliya Cave, Mount Carmel, Israel (Y. Zaidner, D. Druck and M. Evron)
2007	19 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Bar-Ilan University	The Misliya Cave: A new early Mousterian key site in the Levant
2008*	The Lower and Middle Palaeolithic in the	University of Basel, Switzerland	New data from the Early Pleistocene small flake-tool

	Middle East and Neighboring Regions		assemblage from Bizat Ruhama, Israel (Y. Zaidner and A. Ronen)
2008	20 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Rockefeller Museum, Israeli Antiquity Authority, Jerusalem	Raw material economy at the Lower Paleolithic site of Nahal Hesi, Negev Coastal Plain, Israel
2009	New studies in the Galilee region and adjacent areas	Tel Hai Academic College	The earliest hominin migrations out-of-Africa and the first colonization of the Galilee
2009*	Climate Change in the Upper Jordan Valley between Ca. 800Ka and 700Ka Ago - Its Impact on the Environment and Hominins and its Potential as a Prediction for Future Scenarios"	Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	Lower Paleolithic Hominin Ecology at the Fringe of the Desert: Faunal Remains from Bizat Ruhama and Nahal Hesi, Northern Negev, Israel (R. Yeshurun, Y. Zaidner, V. Eisenmann, B. Martinez-Navarro and G. Bar-Oz)
2010	Paleoanthropology Society 2010 Annual Meeting	St Louis, Missouri, USA	The Early Middle Paleolithic of Misliya Cave, Mount Carmel, Israel (Weinstein-Evron, M., Y. Zaidner, A. Tsatskin, R. Shahack-Gross, S. Weiner, A. Frumkin and R. Yeshurun)
2010	22 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Tel Hai College	A new open-air Mousterian sequence at Neshar-Ramle Quarry, results of 2010 excavation season (Y. Zaidner, A. Tsatskin, R. Yeshurun, A. Frumkin, N.Porat, L. Weisbrod, M. Weinstein-Evron, S. Bratenkov, M. Moalem, S. Alon, A. Orha, O. Varoner)
2011	Stone Age Weaponry Workshop	Mainz, Germany	Evidence of Hunting Weapon Variability in the Early Middle Paleolithic of the Levant. A view from Misliya Cave, Mount Carmel (Alla Yaroshevich, Yossi Zaidner & Mina Weinstein-Evron)
2011	23 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Haifa University	Flint points from Misliya Cave (Alla Yaroshevich, Yossi Zaidner & Mina Weinstein-Evron)
2012	Paleoanthropology Society 2012 Annual Meeting	Memphis, Tennessee, USA	Cores-on-flakes and worked flakes in an Early Pleistocene context; new evidence from the Oldowan-like site of Bizat Ruhama, Israel
2012**	Opportunities, problems and future directions in the study of open-air Middle Palaeolithic sites	Tel Hai College	Taphonomy and paleoecological implications of fossorial microvertebrates at the Middle Paleolithic open-air site of Neshar Ramla, Israel (Lior Weissbrod and Yossi Zaidner)
2012**	Opportunities, problems and future directions in the study of open-air Middle Palaeolithic sites	Tel Hai College	Later phases of the Mousterian occupation at Neshar Ramla, Israel: complexity of a depositional record (Alexander Tsatskin and Yossi Zaidner)
2012	24 th Annual meeting of Israeli Prehistoric Society	Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel	Geoarchaeological research at the lower levels of the Middle Paleolithic site at Neshar Ramla, Israel (David Friesem, Yossi Zaidner & Ruti Shachak-Gross)
2013	New studies in the Galilee region and adjacent areas	Tel Hai Academic College	Double-notched pebbles from Ohalo II: the earliest evidence for the use of net sinkers in the Levant (Yossi Zaidner and Dani Nadel)
2013*	The origin of recycling: A Paleolithic Perspective	Tel-Aviv University	Scrapers and scrapers recycling in the Levantine Middle Paleolithic: a view from Neshar Ramla (Yossi Zaidner and Leore Grosman)

(*) International meeting, invited by the organizers

(**) International workshop organized by Erella Hovers, Gonen Sharon and Yossi Zaidner

Invited Oral Presentation (Selected):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Nature of the talk</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Title of the Talk</u>
2001	Aveshalom Institute of Israel history and research, field school	Mount Carmel	The Prehistory and History of research of Mount Carmel and adjacent areas
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2004	Graduate Seminar in Prehistory, Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University,	Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	The use of raw material and lithic technology at Bizat Ruhama: aspects of hominin cognitive abilities in the Early Pleistocene
2004	Seminar of the Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	The new evidence of the early hominin presence in the Levant: a view from Bizat Ruhama, Israel
2005	Undergraduate Seminar on the Lower Paleolithic	Department of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University	Bizat Ruhama industry and small tools production in the Lower Paleolithic
2006-08	Undergraduate seminar: "Problems in Prehistory"	Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Bizat Ruhama: the site, the industry and its place in the global context
2005-09	Undergraduate introduction course: "Introduction to the prehistory"	Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Flint knapping workshop
2009	Graduate Seminar in Prehistory, Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University,	Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	Bizat Ruhama in view of the recent discoveries: summary of 2004-05 seasons of excavations
2009	Seminar of the Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	The Lower Paleolithic site of Bizat Ruhama in view of recent studies: summary of 2004-05 seasons of excavations
2011	Graduate Seminar in Prehistory, Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University,	Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	Reconstruction of the lithic production strategies at the Early Pleistocene site of Bizat Ruhama: an experimental approach
2011	Seminar of the Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa	Bizat Ruhama and the Early Pleistocene archaeological record : an experimental approach to the study of the lithic industries
2011	Invited talk for museum	The Israel	A new Paleolithic site at

	guides	Museum, Jerusalem	Nesher-Ramla, Israel and its significance for understanding of human behavior 130-70 kya
2012	Graduate Seminar in Prehistory, Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University,	Department of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem	An introduction to a new Mousterian sequence at Nesher Ramla: archaeology, stratigraphy and preliminary results of the lithic studies
2012	Graduate Seminar in Archaeology	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	A new open-air Mousterian site at Nesher Ramla
2013	Seminar of Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science	Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot	A series of Mousterian occupations in a new type of site: the Nesher Ramle karst depression, Israel
2013	Seminar of the Department of Archaeology	University of Haifa	A new open-air Mousterian site at Nesher Ramla
2013	Erasmus Mundus Intensive Graduate Program	Tautavel, France	The Lower Pleistocene lithic technology in the Levant: a view from Bizat Ruhama, Israel