

AYA SHOSHAN

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EDUCATION

- July '14 - present **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer Sheva, Israel
Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Politics and Government
- Oct '12 - **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer Sheva, Israel
June '14 M.A. in Politics and Government, Thesis Track, Awarded Dean's Excellence Prize
- Sep '06 - **Yale University**, New Haven, CT
May '10 B.A., Program in Ethics, Politics and Economics
Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.87
- Senior Essay*: "What Happened to the Israeli Left? Zionism and Democracy in the Face of the Second Intifada." Advisor: Professor J.C. Alexander, Director of Yale Center for Cultural Sociology
- Study Abroad*: Butler University's Argentine Program, Human Rights Track, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Spring Semester 2009; Summer Institute of Hispanic Studies, Program in Spanish Language and History, León, Spain, Summer 2007

PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 Rotschild, Tahrir, Madrid: on Horizontal Politics and the Undoing of Power Structures. *Panim*, 58, pp. 4-8. Available at http://www.dmag.co.il/pub/histadrut/panim58/view_book.html.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2014 Awarded **Dean's Excellence Prize**, *Ben Gurion University*
- 2010 Recipient of the **Charles P. Howland Fellowship** for a Year of Research in International Relations and Community Service, *Yale University*
- 2010 Graduated B.A. **Magna Cum Laude, Distinction in the Major**, *Yale University*
- 2007 Winner of the **Townsend English Prize** and the **Writing Center Contest** for Essay: "Civil Disobedience and the Israeli Withdrawal from the Gaza Strip", *Yale University*

PAPERS IN CONFERENCES

- May '13 **In Search of Alternative Representation: Democracy in Recent Social Movements in Spain and in Israel**
Presentation at the Second Annual Research Students Conference in European Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- Mar '13 **Between Network Protest and Network Society: Transferring Knowledge of Horizontal Decision-Making from Spain to Israel**
Presentation at the Workshop on Science, Technology and Society in Israel, Panel titled 'Experts and Democracy: Crisis of Legitimacy and Social Protest,' Sde Boker
- Jan '12 **Between Tahrir and Madrid: Democratic Aspirations and Practices**
Lecture at the Sapir Annual Conference on 'The Future of Alternative Politics'

RESEARCH GROUPS

Oct '13 - **Science, Local Knowledge and Civic Legitimacy**
Present The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Feb '12 – **Comet-ME: Renewable Energy in West Bank Palestinian Communities**
Sep' 14 *Organizational Development Manager*
- Leading legal and media campaign against Israeli demolitions of energy systems
- Managing all fundraising operations, diplomatic relations and communications
- Nov '12 - **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**
July '13 *Research Assistant*
- Research assistant for Professor Neve Gordon for forthcoming chapter on the effects of the Goldstone Report on Israeli human rights organizations
- Sep' 10 - **Toledo International Center for Peace (CITpax)**
July '11 *Middle East Research Fellow, Madrid, Spain*
- Serving as research assistant to Professor Shlomo Ben Ami, former Israeli Foreign Minister and Executive Vice-President of CITpax
- Studying contemporary Israeli discourse on Palestinian right of return
- Feb '09 - **Parque de la Memoria: Monument to the Victims of State Terrorism**
July '09 *Research Intern, Buenos Aires, Argentina*
- Researched public discourse and collective memory of political violence
- Evaluated educational programming on history and memory
- Sep '06 - **Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University**
Dec '08 *Archival Assistant, New Haven, CT*
- Documented and researched destroyed localities referenced in the testimonies
- Transcribed and translated video testimonies of Holocaust survivors

MILITARY SERVICE

- 2002 - **8200 Intelligence Unit, Israel Defense Forces**
2004
- Managed special research task force
- Received “Award for Distinguished Excellence and Creativity”

ACTIVISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- July '11 - **Israel Protest Movement for Social Justice**
May '12 *Organizer, Tel Aviv, Israel*
- Leading the creation of the national assembly of Israeli protest camps
- Organizing and moderating horizontal decision-making assemblies
- Dec '06 - **Students for Palestinian-Israeli Peace and J Street U at Yale**
May '10 *Founder and Chairperson, Yale University*
- Started a student organization to promote awareness about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict on campus and in New Haven
- Planned programs and conferences to foster dialogue and encourage action

LANGUAGES

Hebrew and English: Native Level. **Spanish:** Fluent.

