

**YONATAN ADLER**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**EDUCATION**

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- **2012–2015** **Postdoctoral**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: The Institute of Archaeology and The Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies; Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow.
- **2011** **Postdoctoral**, The University of Oxford: The Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies; Visiting Scholar.
- **2011** **Ph.D.**, Bar-Ilan University: The Martin (Szusz) Dept. of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology.  
**Dissertation Title:** “The Archaeology of Purity: Archaeological Evidence for the Observance of Ritual Purity in *Erez*-Israel from the Hasmonean Period until the End of the Talmudic Era (164 BCE – 400 CE)”, Supervised by Prof. Ze’ev Safrai.
- **2006** **M.A.**, Bar-Ilan University: The Martin (Szusz) Dept. of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology.  
Advanced track toward M.A. and PhD degree; With Honors (Grade Average: 97%).
- **2004** **B.Sc.**, Touro College: Lander College of Arts and Sciences.  
With Honors (GPA: 4.00).
- **1994–2001** **Rabbinic Studies**, Yeshivat Merkaz HaRav, Jerusalem.

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

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- **2009** **Certification as Field Archaeologist**, Institute of Archaeology, Bar-Ilan University.
- **2001** **Rabbinic Ordination**, The Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

## **PROFFESIONAL CAREER**

- **2013–Present**    **Senior Lecturer** (מרצה בכיר), Ariel University: Dept. of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology. Tenured in 2015.
- **2012-2013**        **Lecturer** (מרצה), Ariel University: Israel Heritage Department.
- **2011–2012**        **Associate Lecturer** (עמית הוראה), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: Department of Jewish History.

## **SIGNIFICANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK POSITIONS**

- **2016–2018**        **‘Einot Amitai**, Director, Ariel University Expedition.
- **2017**                **Reina**, Director, Ariel University Expedition and Israel Antiquities Authority.
- **2013, 2015**        **Tel Shiloh**, Director, Ariel University Expedition (co-directed with Benyamin Har-Even, Staff Officer of Archaeology).
- **2009**                **Tel ‘Eton**, Area Supervisor, Bar Ilan University Expedition.
- **2008**                **Tel es-Safi**, Assistant Area Supervisor, Bar Ilan University Expedition.
- **2006**                **City of David**, Assistant Area Supervisor, Israel Antiquities Authority.

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

- **2017–Present**    **Editor-in-Chief** (together with Prof. David B. Small), *Archaeology and Text: A Journal for the Integration of Material Culture with written Documents in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East*

## **PUBLIC SERVICE POSITIONS**

- **2018–Present**    **Member**, Council for Archaeology, State of Israel (appointed for a three-year term by the Minister of Culture and Sport, May 2018).

## **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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- The Origins of Halakhic Judaism <http://archaeology.afau.org/projects/the-origins-of-halakhic-judaism-project/>  
Archaeological Project

## **MAJOR GRANTS**

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- **2018–2022**     **Israel Science Foundation**, “Comprehensive Analysis of the Ancient Tefillin Remains from the Judean Desert”.
- **2015–2018**     **Israel Science Foundation**, “The Observance of Ritual Purity in the Galilee during the Roman Period: Excavations at a Chalk Vessel Workshop at ‘Einot Amitai as a Test Case”.
- **2016**           **Biblical Archaeology Society**, “Archaeological Excavations at the Roman Period Chalkstone Vessel Workshop at ‘Einot Amitai as a Test Case for the Observance of Ritual Purity in the Galilee”.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- **2013**           **David Amit Prize for Archaeological Research.**
- **2012–2013**     **Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship**, The Lady Davis Fellowship Trust.
- **2012–2013**     **Jewish Culture in the Ancient World Fellowship**, Yad Hanadiv and Israel Council for Higher Education (declined in favor of Lady Davis Fellowship).
- **2011–2013**     **Jerusalem Researchers Fellowship**, Institute for *Eretz*-Israel Studies at Yad Ben-Zvi.
- **2011**           **Targum Shlishi Award for Doctoral Dissertation in Judaic Studies**, Targum Shlishi, a Raquel and Aryeh Rubin Foundation.
- **2010**           **Kushitzky Fund Award**, Kushitzky Fund, The Martin (Szusz) Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology: Bar-Ilan University.
- **2009–2011**     **Doctoral Seminar Fellowship**, Institute for *Eretz*-Israel Studies at Yad Ben-Zvi.
- **2009**           **Wolf Fund Scholarship for Excellence in Doctoral Studies**, Wolf Foundation.
- **2007**           **Knesset Award for Excellence in Academic Studies**, Knesset Parliamentary Committee for Education and The Council of University Heads in Israel.

- **2007–2010** **President’s Doctoral Fellowship of Excellence**, Bar-Ilan University.
- **2006–2008** **Rector’s Prize for Excellence in Academic Studies**, Bar-Ilan University.
- **2006–2009** **The Interdisciplinary Beit Midrash Fellowship**, Beit Morasha of Jerusalem: The Academic Center for Jewish Studies and Leadership.

## **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Published Studies*

1. 2018. “The Hellenistic Origins of Jewish Ritual Immersion,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 69: 1–21.
2. 2018. Amit, David and Adler, Yonatan, “The Stone Vessels,” in *Ancient Jaffa from the Persian to the Byzantine Period: Kaplan Excavations (1955–1981)* (ed. Orit Tsuf; Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Series 3; Ägypten und Altes Testament 89; Münster: Zaphon), 538–572.
3. 2017. “The Decline of Jewish Ritual Purity Observance in Roman Palaestina: An Archaeological Perspective on Chronology and Historical Context,” in *Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period. Manifestations in Text and Material Culture* (eds. Oren Tal and Zeev Weiss; Contextualizing the Sacred Series, 6; Turnhout: Brepols), 269–284.
4. 2017. “Toward an ‘Archaeology of Halakhah’: Prospects and Pitfalls of Reading Early Jewish Ritual Law into the Ancient Material Record,” *Archaeology and Text*, 1: 27–38.
5. 2017. “Remains of Tefillin from Naḥal Şe’elim (Wadi Seiyal): A Leather Case and Two Inscribed Fragments (34Se 1 A–B),” *Dead Sea Discoveries*, 24: 112–137.
6. 2017. Review of Anna Busa, *Die Phylakterien von Qumran (4Q128.129.135.137) aus der Heidelberger Papyrussammlung*, *Dead Sea Discoveries*, 24: 153–155.
7. 2017. “Purity without the Temple: The Production and Use of Limestone Vessels during the 70–132 CE Interwar Period in Light of the Assemblage from Shu‘afat,” *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region* 10: 111–123 [Hebrew].

8. 2017. "A Tefillin Case from the Cave of the Scrolls (Cave 34) at Naḥal Şe'elim," *In the Highland's Depth, Ephraim Range and Binyamin Research Studies 7*: 145–162 [Hebrew].
9. 2016. Yuval Gadot and Yonatan Adler, "A Quantitative Analysis of Jewish Chalk Vessel Frequencies in Early Roman Jerusalem: A View from the City's Garbage Dump," *Israel Exploration Journal*, 66: 202–219.
10. 2016. "The Distribution of Tefillin Finds among the Judean Desert Caves," in *The Caves of Qumran: Proceedings of the International Conference, Lugano 2014* (ed. Marcello Fidanzio; Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 118; Leiden: Brill), 161–173.
11. 2016. Adler, Yonatan and Farhi, Yoav. "A Unique and Enigmatic Type of Chalkstone Vessel from the Early Roman Period." *Judea and Samaria Research Studies 25*: 175–182 [Hebrew].
12. 2016. "Between Priestly Cult and Common Culture: The Material Evidence of Ritual Purity Observance in Early Roman Jerusalem Reassessed," *Journal of Ancient Judaism*, 7, 228–248.
13. 2016. Review of Stuart S. Miller, *At the Intersection of Texts and Material Finds: Stepped Pools, Stone Vessels, and Ritual Purity Among the Jews of Roman Galilee*, *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, 40: 419–421.
14. 2016. "A Fresh Look at the Architectural Complex on the Acropolis of Samaria-Sebaste during the Roman Period." *Judea and Samaria Research Studies*, 25, 31–44 [Hebrew].
15. 2015. "Rabbinic Literary Evidence on the Mikveh in Medieval Germany: A Work in Progress" in *Jewish Architecture: New Sources and Approaches* (eds. Katrin Keßler and Alexander von Kienlin; Petersberg: M. Imhof), 77–82.
16. 2015. "Chalk Vessels at Khirbet Qumran and the Status of Stone Vessels in the Scrolls," *Judea and Samaria Research Studies*, 24, 93–110 [Hebrew].
17. 2014. "The Myth of the 'Óşār in Second Temple Period Ritual Baths: An Anachronistic Interpretation of a Modern-Era Innovation," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 64, 263–283.

18. 2014. "Ancient *Miqwa'ot*: Archaeology, Early Halakhah, and What's in Between" (review of Ronny Reich, *Miqwa'ot [Jewish Ritual Baths] in the Second Temple, Mishnaic and Talmudic Periods*), *Cathedra* 154, 183–188 [Hebrew].
19. 2014. "Tosefta Shabbat 1:14 – 'Come and See the Extent to Which Purity Had Spread': An Archaeological Perspective on the Historical Background to a Late Tannaitic Passage," in *Talmuda de-Eretz Israel: Archaeology and the Rabbis in Late Antique Palestine* (ed. Steven Fine and Aaron Koller; *Studia Judaica. Forschungen zur Wissenschaft des Judentums* 73; Berlin: Walter De Gruyter), 63–82.
20. 2014. "Jewish Ritual Baths in Judaea-Palaestina" (review of Ronny Reich, *Miqwa'ot [Jewish Ritual Baths] in the Second Temple, Mishnaic and Talmudic Periods*), *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 27, 858–862.
21. 2013. "Religion, Judaism: Purity in the Roman Period," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology* (eds. Daniel Master et al.; vol. 2; Oxford: Oxford University Press), 240–249.
22. 2011. "The Content and Order of the Scriptural Passages in Tefillin: A Reexamination of the Early Rabbinic Sources in Light of the Evidence from the Judean Desert," in *Halakhah in Light of Epigraphy* (eds. Albert I. Baumgarten et al.; *Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplement Series* 3; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht), 205–229.
23. 2011. Review of Yehudah B. Cohn, *Tangled up in Text: Tefillin and the Ancient World*, *Zion* 76: 383–387 [Hebrew].
24. 2010. David Amit and Yonatan Adler, "The Observance of Ritual Purity after 70 C.E.: A Reevaluation of the Evidence in Light of Recent Archaeological Discoveries," in "Follow the Wise" (*B. Sanhedrin 32b*): *Studies in Jewish History and Culture in Honor of Lee I. Levine* (eds. Ze'ev Weiss et al.; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns), 121–143.
25. 2010. David Amit and Yonatan Adler, "*Miqwa'ot* in the Necropolis of Beth She'arim," *Israel Exploration Journal* 60: 72–88.
26. 2009. "Ritual Baths Adjacent to Tombs: An Analysis of the Archaeological Evidence in Light of the Halakhic Sources," *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 40: 55–73.

27. 2008. "The Ancient Synagogue and the Ritual Bath: The Archaeological Evidence and its Relevance to an Early Rabbinic Enactment," *Cathedra* 128: 51–72 [Hebrew].
28. 2008. "Second Temple Period Ritual Baths Adjacent to Agricultural Installations: The Archaeological Evidence in Light of the Halakhic Sources" *Journal of Jewish Studies* 59: 62–72.
29. 2008. "The Temple Willow-Branch Ritual Depicted on Bar Kokhba Denarii," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 16: 129–133.
30. 2007. "Identifying Sectarian Characteristics in the Phylacteries from Qumran," *Revue de Qumran* 89: 79–92.
31. 2007. "Representations of the Temple Menorah in Ancient Jewish Art in Light of Rabbinic Halakhah and Archaeological Finds," *Recent Innovations in the Study of Jerusalem* 13: 161–172 [Hebrew; English abstract: 26\*–27\*].
32. 2007. "The Observance of Ritual Purity Laws in the Agricultural Industry of the Land of Israel during the Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods," *Jerusalem and Eretz-Israel – A Journal for Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology: Yehuda Feliks Memorial Volume* 4–5: 59–83 [Hebrew; English abstract: pp. 6\*–7\*].
33. 2007. David Amit and Yonatan Adler, "Revisiting the 1913–1914 Weill Expedition: Recent Excavations in the City of David," *City of David: Studies of Ancient Jerusalem* 2: 69–81 [Hebrew].
34. 2006. "The Ritual Baths Near the Temple Mount and Extra-Purification Before Entering the Temple Courts: A Reply to Eyal Regev," *Israel Exploration Journal* 56: 209–215.

### ***Forthcoming Publications***

35. Forthcoming 2018. "Recent Innovations in the Study of Jewish Chalkstone Vessels during the Roman Period," *Qadmoniot*.
36. Forthcoming. "Cemeteries (Beth She'arim)" in *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism* (eds. Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner; Edinburgh: T&T Clark).

37. Forthcoming. "Mishnah Tractate Miqwa'ot: Translation and Commentary," in *The Mishnah: An Annotated Translation* (eds. Shaye J. D. Cohen, Hayim Lapin and Robert Goldenberg; Oxford: Oxford University Press).
38. Forthcoming. "The Miqwa'ot," In *Excavations at the Site of the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyanē Ha-'Uma–Crowne Plaza Hotel) 2009-2010: Pottery Workshops from the Second Century BCE to the Second Century CE near Jerusalem, Volume I* (eds. Ron Beeri and Danit Levi; Israel Antiquities Authority Reports; Jerusalem: Israel Antiquities Authority).
39. Forthcoming. "Chalk Vessels from the City-Dump of Early Roman Jerusalem (City of David, Area D3)," in *Jerusalem's Early Roman Garbage Dump: Excavation Report*, (ed. Yuval Gadot).
40. Forthcoming, "Archaeology of Second Temple Judaism," in *Jewish Annotated Apocrypha* (eds. Jonathan Klawans and Lawrence Wills; Oxford: Oxford University Press).
41. Forthcoming. "A Typological Distinction between Two Types of Tefillin Cases from Qumran".

## **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

42. 2018. "'Pure' Garbage—Limestone Vessel Remains," in: Yuval Gadot, "Jerusalem and the Holy Land(fill)," *Biblical Archaeology Review*, 44/1: 36–45, 70 (box on pg. 45).
43. 2017. "Jewish Purity Practices in Roman Judea: The Evidence of Archaeology," *Ancient Near East Today*, Vol. 5, No. 2.
44. 2017. "On the Origins of *Tevilah* (Ritual Immersion)," *The Torah.com: A Historical and Contextual Approach* <<http://thetorah.com/on-the-origins-of-tevilah-ritual-immersion/>>
45. 2015. "Hold onto Humanity," in *40 Futures: Experts Predict What's Next for Biblical Archaeology* (ed. Ellen White; Digging Deeper Series, 3; Washington D.C.: Biblical Archaeology Society), 8–9.



46. 2012. "Archaeological Views: At the Interface between Archaeology and Texts," *Biblical Archaeology Review* 38/6: 26: 74.
47. 2005. *Birur Halakhah on Tractate Hagigah of the Babylonian Talmud* (Jerusalem: The Halakhah Berurah and Berur Halakhah Institute) [Hebrew].
48. 2004. "The Pool of Siloam as a Pilgrimage Landmark: A New Interpretation of a Passage in the Jerusalem Talmud," *Sinai* 134: 160–167 [Hebrew].
49. 2004. "Archaeological Evidence in the Halakhic Decision Making Process," *Techumin* 24: 495–504 [Hebrew].
50. 2003. "The Value of Coinage during the Tannaitic Era," *Techumin* 23: 404–412 [Hebrew].
51. 2002. "The Site of the Burning of the Red Heifer," *Techumin* 22: 537–542 [Hebrew].