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## Curriculum Vitae

### 1. Personal Data

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### 2. Education Certificates and Degrees

Education	Institute	Department	From - To
First Degree	Bar-Ilan University	Arabic	1993-1996
Third Degree	Bar-Ilan University	Middle Eastern Studies	!

### 3. **Title of Doctoral Thesis:** The Arab Legion in the 1948 War

**Supervisor:** Prof. Eliezer Tauber

### 4. Academic Ranks

Rank	% Position	From - To	Institute
Adjunct Teacher	50%	2001-2006	Western Galilee College
Lecturer	100%	2006-2010	Western Galilee College
Senior Lecturer	100%	2010-2019	Western Galilee College
Associate Professor	100%	2020-	Western Galilee College

### 5. Supervising Graduate and Post-Graduate Students

Names of M.A. Students (supervised by the lecturer)

Name of Student	Year of Completion	Co-Supervisor
Rimon Ben Ishai	2011	Prof. Ephraim Tabory
Omri Liba	2016	Dr. Yossi Mann

## 6. Organization of Scientific Conferences

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Conference</b>	<b>Place of Conference</b>	<b>Role</b>
15 March 2010	Peace Process in the Middle East	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
12 December 2011	Violence, Murder and Revolution in the Middle East	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
1-2 February 2012	The Arab Spring One Year Later: Assessments, Trends, Perspectives (in cooperation with the University of Nebraska at Omaha)	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
16 January 2013	Jews in the Islamic Countries: Historical, Political and Cultural Aspects (in cooperation with Ben Zvi Institute, Jerusalem)	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
6 June 2013	37th Annual conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)	Tel-Aviv University	Member of the Academic Committee
5 June 2014	38th Annual conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)	Sapir College	Member of the Academic Committee
20 November 2014	20 Years for peace Treaty with Jordan	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
3 December 2015	Da'ash (the Islamic State) from where and to where?	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
9 June 2016	40th Annual conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)	Western Galilee College	Chairman of the Conference and Member of the Academic Committee
8 December 2016	Minorities in the Middle East: Between the Arab Spring and the Da'ash	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
15 June 2017	50 Years for Six Days War: Israel in the Local and International Arenas: Political, Social and Cultural Aspects	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
7 June 2018	42th Annual conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)	Tel-Aviv University	Member in the Academic Committee
10 May 2018	70 Years for the 1948 War	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer
14 March 2019	Between Vision to Reality: 40 Years for Peace Treaty with Egypt	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Conference</b>	<b>Place of Conference</b>	<b>Role</b>
16 December 2020	Israel and the Gulf states	Western Galilee College	The conference organizer

## **7. Additional Professional Experience (Public Positions)**

### **Membership of Professional Associations**

2011 - Member of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISA)

2016 - Member of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)

2017 - Member of the Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA)

### **Membership in Editorial Boards**

2018 - Member of the editorial board of *Hamizrah Hehadash [The New East]*

### **Editor in Refereed Journal**

2011-2015 - co-editor, *Hamizrah Hehadash [The New East]*

2021 – Guest editor, From Warm to Cold Peace: 25 Years to the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty - A Special Issue *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 57, Issue 3.

## **8. Academic Profile**

My two main areas of research are the 1948 war and the political-military history of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In my book *Cooperation and Hostility* I dealt extensively with the Jordanian historiography of the 1948 war and the Arab Legion's activities in this war in a scientific and academic way, utilizing primary sources and making specific reference to issues that had not yet been discussed in the 1948 war studies. Such issues included the structure of the Arab Legion, the composition of its recruits, British-Arab soldiers' relations, military-politics and the influence of King Abdullah's political ambitions. Consequently, the book proved that King Abdullah had political ambitions in relation to Palestine as he intended to take control of the whole of Palestine; however, he lacked both the military capability and the political backing from Britain in order to enable him to realize this ambition.

I chose to focus on the area of Jordanian intelligence about which little is known as hitherto it had been ignored in academic research. Three of my studies dealing with the various aspects of Jordanian intelligence have been published. These include the following: a review of the structure of the Jordanian Intelligence Corps and its activities in the 1948 war; the use of Jordanian spies who operated among the Jews in Palestine; its activities against Islamic terrorism and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and finally; its contribution to the stability of the Hashemite regime. In addition, I devoted an article to Jordanian intelligence activity during the reign of King Abdullah I, focusing on the question of his assassination, and whether Jordanian intelligence had indeed failed in its defense of the King. The article proved, beyond any doubt, that King Abdullah's assassination was not caused by Jordanian intelligence, which in turn, demonstrated his effectiveness in uncovering the conspiracy and revealing who was responsible for the assassination within a few days.

I also outlined the history of the Jordanian army in my article about the establishment and development of the Jordanian Air Force published in *Middle Eastern Studies*. In this article, I discussed the Jordanian Air Force from the time of its establishment in 1948 until its destruction by the Israeli Air Force at the beginning of the Six Day War in June 1967. With the assistance of both the British and King Hussein, the Jordanian Air Force improved dramatically. As a result, the Jordanian pilots were considered to be the best pilots in the Arab world which would explain why the Israeli pilots had difficulty coping with the air battles between the two corps.

The articles dealing with the assassination of King Abdullah and the Arab Spring in Jordan contradicted the prevailing reports at the time, which posed a danger to the stability of the Hashemite regime in Jordan. Indeed, intelligence reports from the time of King Abdullah's assassination in July 1951 indicated that at the time of his assassination, the Jordanians and the West believed that the regime was in danger. Through my own research however, I was able to prove that political motives lay behind these intelligence reports. The same applies to the events of the Arab Spring in Jordan, following the analysis of the political system in the country and the factors at play during the Arab Spring. There was no danger to the Hashemite regime in Jordan, contrary to earlier predictions that the Hashemite regime would fall, as had happened in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

One of my most important books was about Col. Abdullah al-Tall. In this book, the only one ever to have been written in English about Col. Abdullah al-Tall, I analyzed the officer and was able to determine why he became a conspirator and betrayed King Abdullah. In the book, I set out a detailed explanation surrounding Gammal abd Nasser's hostility towards Col. Abdullah al-Tall, (who lived in political exile in Egypt) and his fear that Col. Abdullah al-Tall, the hero of the 1948 war (Palestine War), would become the leader of the Arab nation instead of himself. My book was popular in Jordan and was translated into Arabic two years after its publication in England in 2016.

## Publications

Ronen Yitzhak, Ph.D.

### **A. Books (as author):**

1. Yitzhak, R. (2006). *Cooptation and Hostility: Abdullah, the Arab Legion and the 1948 War*. Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2006. 218 pp. (Hebrew).
2. Yitzhak, R. (2012). *Abdullah al-Tall - Arab Legion Officer: Arab Nationalism and Opposition to the Hashemite Regime*. Brighton: Sussex Academic Press. 224 pp.

### **B. Books (as editor):**

3. Laskier, M. M & Yitzhak, R. (Eds.) (2012). *Security and Political Challenges Put to the Test: Israel in the Arab and International Arenas*. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press. 613 pp. (Hebrew).

### **C. Articles and Chapters in books:**

4. Yitzhak, R. (2012). Limited Cooperation: The Arab States in the 1948 War. In Laskier, M. M & Yitzhak R (Eds.), *Security and political Challenges put to the Test: Israel in the Arab and International Arenas* (pp. 175-200). Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press. (Hebrew).
5. Laskier, M. M & Yitzhak R (2012). Preface. In Laskier, M. M & Yitzhak R (Eds.), *Security and political Challenges put to the Test: Israel in the Arab and International Arenas* (pp. 9-31). Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press. (Hebrew).
6. Yitzhak, R. (2016). Preface. In Suwaed, M. *The Development of the Feminist Idea in Egypt and the Middle East from the End of the Eighteenth Century to the Present* (pp. vii-viii). New York: Edwin Mellen Press.

### **D. Articles in Periodical:**

7. Yitzhak, R. (2003). The Beginnings of Transjordanian Military Intelligence: A Neglected Aspect of the 1948 War. *Middle East Journal*, 58(3), 449-469.
8. Yitzhak, R. (2004). The Formation and Development of the Jordanian Air Force: 1948-1967. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 40 (5), 158-174.
9. Yitzhak, R. (2007). The Arab Officers' Part in the Arab Legion's Victory in the 1948 War. *Al-Mashraq*, 5, 49-68.
10. Yitzhak, R. (2007). Muhammad's Jewish Wives: Rayhana bint Zayd and Safiya bint Huyayy in the Classic Islamic tradition. *Journal of Religion & Society*, 9, 181-194.
11. Yitzhak, R. (2007). A Short History of the Secret Hashemite-Zionist Talks: 1921-1951. *Midstream*, LIII, 9-12.
12. Yitzhak, R. (2008). King Abdallah and Fauzi al-Qawuqji in the War of Independence: A Coalition to Occupy the Arab Territories of Palestine. *Judea and Samaria Research Studies*, 28, 219-226. (Hebrew).
13. Yitzhak, R. (2008). The Game of Kings: The War of Independence as a Power Struggle between King Abdallah and King Faruq on the Hegemony in the Arab World. *Problems in the development of the Jewish defense force*, 8, 266-291. (Hebrew).
14. Yitzhak, R. (2008). The Question of Arab Solidarity in the 1948 War: Political Interests versus Military Considerations. *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 19(2), 19-46.

15. Yitzhak, R. (2008). A Small Consolation for a Big Loss: King Abdallah and Jerusalem during the 1948 War. *Israel Affairs*, 14(3), 398-418
16. Yitzhak, R. (2008). Fauzi al-Qawuqji and the Arab Liberation Army in the 1948 War toward the Attainment of King Abdallah's Political Ambitions in Palestine. *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, 28(3), 459-467.
17. Yitzhak, R. (2010). The Assassination of King Abdallah: The First Political Assassination in Jordan: Did It Truly Threaten the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan? *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, 21, 68-86.
18. Yitzhak, R. (2010). Jordanian intelligence under the rule of King Abdullah I (1921-1951). *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, 23(4), 647-662.
19. Yitzhak, R. (2011). Transjordan's attack on the Etzion Bloc during the 1948. *Israel Affairs*, 17(2), 194-207.
20. Yitzhak, R. (2013). Abdallah al-Tall and the Palestinians. *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*, 36(4), 36-52.
21. Yitzhak, R. (2015). 'Who Kills shall be Killed': Another Perspective on the Assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo. *Journal of North African Studies*, 20 (2), 172-186.
22. Yitzhak, R. (2015). British Military Supplies to Jordan during the 1948 War: How the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty was put to the Test. *Middle East Critique*, 24 (4), 345-354.
23. Yitzhak, R. (2016). The War against Terrorism and Stability of the Hashemite Regime: Jordanian Intelligence Challenges in the 21st Century. *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, 29 (1), 213-235.
24. Yitzhak, R. (2016). Officers without Authority: A Spotlight on the Activities of the Arab Officers in the Arab Legion and their Role in the 1948 War. *Studies in the Scurrility of the Yishuv and the State of Israel*, 16, 194-218 (Hebrew).
25. Yitzhak, R. (2017). Politics and Ideology: Lord Moyne, Palestine and Zionism 1939-1944. *Britain and the World*, 10 (2), 155-169.
26. Yitzhak, R. (2017). From Cooperation to Normalization? Jordan-Israel Relations since 1967. *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 44 (4), 559-575.
27. Yitzhak, R. (2018). Between Reform and Islam: The Arab Spring in Jordan 2011-2014. *Democracy and Security*, 14 (1), 24-44.
28. Yitzhak, R. (2019). Transjordan's Occupation of Jerusalem in the 1948 War. *Israel Affairs*, 25 (2), 307-3017.
29. Yitzhak, R. & Gottesfeld, D. (2019). Normalization in a War Environment: The Mandelbaum Gate as an Allegory in History and in Literature. *Mediterranean Studies*, 27 (1), 86-110.
30. Yitzhak, R. (2020). The Question of the Legitimacy of the Hashemite Regime in Jordan: The Islamic Radical Organizations, the West and Israel. *Oriente Moderno*, 100 (1), 75-92
31. Yitzhak, R. (2021). Introduction. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 57 (3), 409-415.
32. Yitzhak, R. (2021). Unwritten Treaty: The Historical Background to Jordanian–Israeli Relations. *Middle Eastern Studies*, 57 (3), 416-428.

#### **E. Non-Refereed Publications:**

33. Yitzhak, R. (2002). Important but not Correct, The battle on Latrun 1948. *Ma'arakhot*, 385, 90-95. (Hebrew).
34. Yitzhak, R. (2003). The Activities of the Radical Jews Orthodox against the Establishment of Israel. *Kivonim Hadashim: Journal of Zionism and Judaism*, 9, 158-173. (Hebrew).
35. Yitzhak, R. (2008). Jordanian and Israeli Air Forces: Unavoidable Air Combats: 1948-1967?" *Ma'arakhot*, 417, 36-45. (Hebrew).

**F. papers presented at scientific conferences:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Conference</b>	<b>Place of Conference</b>	<b>Subject of Lecture/Discussion</b>	<b>Role</b>
6-8 October 2016	23rd International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)	Tubingen University, Germany	Jordan and Jerusalem: Why Jordan Occupied Jerusalem in the 1948 War	Presenter
1-3 June 2017	20th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA)	Valletta, University of Malta	The Mandelbaum Gate, Separation and Orphanhood: Jerusalem (1948-1967) as Reflected in History and Literature	Presenter
18-22 September 2017	33. Deutscher Orientalistentag: Asia, Africa and Europe	Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany	Here They Speak Hebrew and There They Speak Arabic": On the Attempts at Normalization of Israeli-Jordanian Relations in the Years between 1948 and 1967 in a Reality of Separation and Detachment	Presenter
20-21 October 2017	The 3rd International Symposium on Politics and society in the Islamic world	University Warsaw, Poland	The Arab Spring in Jordan: The reasons for its failure and the survival of the Hashemite regime from the Jordanian point of view	Keynote speaker
31 May-2 June 2018	21 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA)	Sant' Anna Institute, Sorrento, Italy	The Arab Spring in Jordan: Between Fiction and Reality	Presenter
16-20 July 2018	World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES)	<i>University of Seville, Spain</i>	Presence without Involvement: Jordan and Jordanians in The Arab Spring	Presenter
4-6 October 2018	25 <sup>rd</sup> International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)	University of Frankfort, Germany	The Arab Spring in Jordan: Glimpse behind the Scenes	Presenter
17-18 October 2018	The 4rd International Symposium on Politics and society in the Islamic world	University of Lodz, Poland	Jordan, Israel and Jerusalem 1948-1967: the attempt to Create Normalization between Hostile States	Keynote speaker

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Conference</b>	<b>Place of Conference</b>	<b>Subject of Lecture/Discussion</b>	<b>Role</b>
29 May-1 June 2019	22th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA)	University of Crete in Rethymnon, Crete	The Early Days of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan - History, Politics and Culture	Presenter
27-28 September 2019	The 5rd International Symposium on Politics and society in the Islamic world	Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland	The Spiritual Life in the Period of King Abdullah I	Presenter