

## CURRICULUM VITAE – YANA TCHEKHANOVETS

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### EDUCATION

2012–2016 PhD, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis:  
Armenian, Georgian and Albanian Communities in the Holy Land in the  
Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods. Advisors: Prof. Joseph Patrich, Prof.  
Michael Stone and Prof. Constantine Lerner.

2005–2010 M.A., Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis:  
Georgian Presence in the Holy Land in the Light of the Archaeological and  
Historical Evidences (4th-11th centuries). Advisors: Prof. Joseph Patrich and  
Prof. Constantine Lerner.

2003–2005 B.A. in Archaeology and General Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.  
1991–1992 M.A. supplementary studies in History of Arts, Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem.  
1987–1990 B.A. studies in History of Arts, State Academy of Painting, Sculpture and  
Architecture, Leningrad.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

Israel Antiquities Authority  
Excavation Director  
Banias – Snir (2020)  
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Rakafot 3, Beer-Sheva (2019–2020)  
Focolara Compound, Mount Zion, Jerusalem (2018)  
Tiferet Israel Synagogue, Jerusalem (2018)  
Hammam el-Ayn, Jerusalem (2018)  
Ribat al-Mansuri, Jerusalem (2018)  
Ayn-Het Parking Lot, Jerusalem (2018)

Excavation Co-director  
Givati Parking Lot, City of David, Jerusalem, with Doron Ben Ami (2009–2016)

Field Supervisor  
Givati Parking Lot, City of David, Jerusalem (2007–2009)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Bible, Archaeology and Ancient Near East

Introduction to Classical Archaeology and Architecture, BA (2017, 2019-2022)

Not a Word about King David: Archaeology of Roman, Byzantine and Early Islamic Jerusalem, BA (2017, 2022)

The Historical City as an Excavation Site: Urban Archaeology, BA (2019 – 2020)

Classical Pottery 2, from the Late Roman to the Early Islamic Periods, BA (2021 – 2022)

Selected Issues in the Classical – Byzantine Archaeology, Seminar BA (2021 – 2022)

The Land Called Holy: Pilgrimage in Sources and Archaeology, MA (2021)

Seven Wonders of the World: Reception of Antiquity in Past and Present, MA (2022)

## ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Southern Conference, Ben Gurion University of the Negev and Israel Antiquities Authority (co-organizer), 2021.

International Colloquium Russian Archaeological Project, 19th – 21st centuries. Tel Aviv University, 2019.

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2018–2019 Post-doctoral Fellowship, Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University.

2018 Polonsky Prize for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for Ph.D. Dissertation: “Armenian, Georgian and Albanian Communities in the Holy Land in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods”.

2017 Shvidler Grant for Archaeological Study of Jerusalem and its region, Israel Antiquities Authority.

2016 The David Gita and Michael Hoffman Memorial Scholarship, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2015 Short Term Grant for Armenian Studies, Calouste Gulbenkian foundation.

2015 Travel Grant to Armenia, The Authority of Research Students, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2014 The David Gita and Michael Hoffman Memorial Scholarship, Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2014 David Amit Award for Distinguished Young Scholar in Archaeology.

## RECENT CONFERENCE LECTURES

October 7, 2021 New Archaeological Study of the Armenian “Birds Mosaic” Chapel in Jerusalem. 14th Conference New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (with A. Re'em, G. Abu-Diab, J. Neguer, Y. Nagar, and E. Boaretto).

September 2, 2021 Armenian Archaeology of the Holy Land: New Discoveries. 15th General Conference of the Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes. Martin

Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg.

June 3, 2021 Byzantine Monasteries in the Herodian Palatial Fortress Sites. Jericho: To the Tenth Anniversary of the Russian Archaeological Expedition. Institute of Archaeology RAS, Moscow.

May 17, 2021 Pilgrim's Ring from Jerusalem with a Scene of Resurrection. Research Seminar Series, Object: Place and Time. Institute of Archaeology RAS, Moscow.

April 7, 2021 Excavations in Jerusalem: The Open Abbasid Market. Islamic Jerusalem Seminar Series, Institute of Archaeology and Dept. of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

April 6, 2021 Back to Marda: Byzantine Finds from Masada Excavations. Byzantine Seminar Series, Israel Association for Byzantine Studies.

March 11, 2021 From Monastery to Hamla? The Countryside in Transition. Archaeological Excavations and Research Studies in Southern Israel. 17th Southern Conference, Ben Gurion University of the Negev and Israel Antiquities Authority (with I. Peretz).

March 4, 2021 "Their speech differs, but their religion is one": Byzantine Jerusalem as a Cosmopolis. Yohanan Aharoni Day: The Forces That Shaped Jerusalem: Earth, Faith and People, Tel Aviv University.

October 1, 2020 The Holy City? Fourth-Century Jerusalem in Light of the New Archaeological Data. Anglo-Israeli Archaeological Society, London.

July 6-10, 2020 Caucasian Christians and the Church of Jerusalem: Archaeological Perspective. International Medieval Congress, Leeds.

July 1-4, 2019 "Then he went again from the laura to the Desert of Rouba." Discovery of a Decorated Monastic Hermitage in the Dead Sea Escarpment. International Medieval Congress, Leeds (with U. Davidovich and R. Porat).

May 29, 2019 Short Memory: The Historical Archaeology of Russian Compounds. "Ba-Merkaz" Conference, Tel Aviv University.

April 11, 2019 The Martyred Queen, the Brutal Shah, and the Dolorous Angels of Jerusalem. The 45th Archaeological Congress in Israel. Haifa University.

April 2, 2019 Russian Photographic Collection and its Potential for Modern Archaeological Practice. International conference 19th-century Photo Archaeology. Haifa University.

March 26-28, 2019 Judeo-Christian Theory 2.0: Georgia. International conference "Jewish-Christian Relations from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean: Evidence from Material Culture". Center for Religious Studies, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

The Israeli Association of Archaeology, Committee Member (2018-)

Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae / Palaestinae, editor of Georgian inscriptions (2009-)

Corpus of the Armenian Inscriptions of the Holy Land and Sinai, co-editor (2018-)

Pravoslavnaya Encyclopedia, Moscow, editor of Palestinian archaeology entries (2009-2014)

Rosyiskaya Arkheologia, member of the editorial board (2015-)

The Israel Science Foundation, reviewer (2020)

Atiqot, reviewer (2020-)

Journal of World Christianity, reviewer (2020)

Jama'a, reviewer (2021)

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Israel Archaeological Association – Committee Member

Israel Association for Byzantine Studies  
Association Internationale des Études Arméniennes