

Professor Israel Gershoni – CV Summary

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Professor Israel Gershoni is a professor of Middle Eastern History in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University. He was born in 1946 at Kibbutz Hulata, and served as a combat officer in the Golani Brigades between 1966-1969. He continued to serve as a reserves combat officer from 1969-1993. His bachelor's degree, part of a fast-tracked program to a PhD, and then his doctorate, he completed at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from 1969 to 1976. Afterwards, Professor Gershoni was a lecturer at Haifa University from 1976-1968. From 1978 until today, Professor Gershoni served as a professor of Middle East History at Tel Aviv University. He has published some 25 books and dozens of articles in Hebrew, English, Arabic, German, and Italian. His field of expertise is the history of nationalism in the Middle East and specifically in Egypt; the intellectual history of the Arab Middle East; the history of collective memory and commemoration in Egypt; and Arab attitudes toward fascism and Nazism.

Professor Gershoni worked as a researcher and professor at the following institutions: the Department of History at the University of Colorado in Boulder from 1983-1984; Senior Associate Member at Oxford University, St Antony's College, from 1989-1990; The Center for Advanced Jewish and Muslim Studies at the University of Pennsylvania from 1995-1996; Member/Fellow at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina, from 2004-2005; Member/Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, from 2011-2012; and at the Department of Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago from 2015-2016.

Professor Gershoni has been awarded a myriad of prizes and grants, national and international, the most important of which was being selected for mentorship by the Middle East Studies Association in 2015. He is the only Israeli scholar selected for this position in this major organization. Professor Gershoni has taught and mentored dozens of students who today are professors at some of the most prestigious academic institutions in Israel and abroad. He has organized tens of international conferences and workshops in Israel, in Turkey, and in the United States.

Professor Gershoni is married to Shani, has a son and daughter, and three grandchildren.