

Prof. Shmuel Feiner CV– 2023

Shmuel Feiner is Modern Jewish History Professor Emeritus at *The Department of Jewish History*, Bar Ilan University, Israel. He is the Chairperson of *The Historical Society of Israel*.

Shmuel Feiner was born in Tel Aviv (1955) and studied at *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem* (BA, 1980, MA, 1984, PhD 1990). After receiving the Alon scholarship he joined the Jewish History Department at Bar Ilan University, Jewish Studies Faculty. He is full Professor from 2001. Between 2001-2004 he served as Head of Department, and until 2023 as the Head of *The Samuel Braun Chair for the History of the Jews in Germany*. Feiner was a visiting Professor at Yale, Luzern and Frankfurt. He retired from teaching in 2023. Shmuel Feiner lives in Jerusalem, he is married to Rivka, father of 5 and grandfather of 17.

He is the historian of the Jewish people in the modern times, focusing especially on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. In his studies he aspires to reconstruct the twisting and fascinating paths from the “old world” to the “new world”, to listened to voices of hope and despair and to decipher the code of Jewish modernization. He published many books in Hebrew and English on the history of the Jewish Enlightenment in Central and Eastern Europe, on the origins of Jewish secularization, and on the Jewish Kulturkampf in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. His biography of Moses Mendelssohn was published in Hebrew, English, German and Chinese. Recently he completed a two volumes project: *The Jewish Eighteenth Century, A European Biography* (Indiana University Press).

Shmuel Feiner is editor of “Zion” (Jewish History), served as the Chairperson of the Jerusalem Leo Baeck Institute, and the recipient of the *Koret Jewish Book Award in History* (2004), *The Meyer Struckmann Prize* (2007), *the Shazar Prize*, and the *Alexander von Humboldt Research Award* (2011-2012).