

CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONS
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Personal Details

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Education

Michaelmas term 2008- 2009 Cambridge University, U.K.
Visiting scholar at the Centre of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

2003–7 Integrative PhD track, Ben Gurion University
Dissertation title: “The Administration of Jund Filastin and Jund Al-Urdunn during the Umayyad and Early `Abbasid Periods According to Seals and Other Small Finds”
Date of submission: March 2007

2001–2 MA Thesis Completion program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Thesis title: “Aspects of Umayyad and `Abbasid Administration in Palestine”

1996–98 SOAS, London, UK
Non-degree studies in Islamic history

1986–91 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
MA, *magna cum laude*, Classical Archaeology

1981-85 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
BA in Archaeology and Arabic Language and Literature

Employment History

2020-2021 I will be a lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('Rothberg, Over Seas Students Wing', **in English**). I'll lecture about Jerusalem during the Islamic Period (second semester). I write articles about Islamic period objects from excavations of the Hebrew University and the Israeli Antiquity Authority and the Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem.

2019-2020 I am a lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('Rothberg, Over Seas Students') **(in English)**. I lectured during the second semester (during the first two weeks of March 2020) about Jerusalem with 4 tours in the city and its museums.

2018-19 I am a lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('Rothberg, Over Seas Students' wing', - **in English**).
I'm working on projects for archaeological excavations of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Beth Shean, Tifeeret Israel Synagogue in Jerusalem and Ramla), I'm working on various projects for the Israeli Antiquities Authority: on Jewelry pieces, Metal objects and coins).

2017-18 I was a lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, at the Hebrew University ('Rothberg, Over Seas Students' wing, -**in English**), Lecturer of The History of Jerusalem at Schechter Institution , Jerusalem.
I worked on Arabic written Ostraca from the Negev unearthed during a few excavations in Israel.

2016-17 Lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, The Hebrew University Jerusalem ('Rothberg, Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**).
I'm publishing articles in English about: a Fatimid ink stand inscribed in Arabic for the IAA excavations weights and *ostraca* inscribed in Arabic. And I'm working on an Ottoman ink stand for a Tel Aviv university excavation (at Beit Natif's old village site).

2015-16 Lecturer of Islamic Archaeology, The Hebrew University Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**);
Working on Jewelry Pieces, coins and metal objects for the Mamila excavation in Jerusalem; Working on Objects from a Ramla Stadium excavation and Working on Arabic Inscribed objects for the Israeli Antiquities Authority.

2014-15 Lecturer of Medieval Archaeology (Islamic and Crusader), Bar

Ilan University; Lecturer of Islamic Archaeology at
The Hebrew University Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas
Students' wing- in English).

- 2013-14 Lecturer of Medieval History (the Islamic conquest and early administration) and of Islamic Archaeology, The Hebrew University Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**).
I'm working on a project about Arabic Inscribed Jar Handles on behalf of the Israeli Antiquities Authority. The results will include information about the production and distribution of the ceramic jars in the early Islamic period.
- 2012-13 A researcher at the Corpus of Arabic inscriptions of Palestine project (CIAP) until the end of March 2013, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Lecturer of Medieval Archaeology The Hebrew University Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**); Lecturer of Medieval Archaeology at Bar Ilan University
- 2011-12 Lecturer Graduate Studies seminar on Islamic Archaeology of Israel (a course on the history and Archaeology of Jerusalem during the Islamic period 635-1918 CE) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**)
Lecturer of Islamic Archaeology at Bar Ilan University
Lecturer of Islamic Archaeology at Tel Aviv University – **in English**
- 2010-11 Lecturer Graduate Studies seminar on Islamic Archaeology of Israel, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem ('Rothberg Over Seas Students' wing- **in English**);
Lecturer of Islamic archaeology at Bar Ilan University, Eretz Israel Studies department;
Lecturer of Classical archaeology Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Bible Archaeology and Near Eastern Studies department)
- 2009-10 Ben Gurion University

- Lecturer, Departments of Middle East Studies and Classical Archaeology
- 2008-9 Israeli Antiquities Authority
Numismatist for various projects
- 2006-8 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Lecturer, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
- 2002-8 Ben Gurion University
Lecturer, Departments of Middle East Studies and Classical Archaeology
- 1997–2001 Israel Antiquities Authority

Numismatist of Islamic coins unearthed at Beth Govrin excavation. Reading and identifying Arabic inscriptions on amulets, jar handles, and inscribed pottery shards
- 1998–99 Department of Eretz Israel Studies, Bar-Ilan University
Lecturer in Numismatics
- 1992–96 Israel Antiquities Authority
Numismatist for various excavations
- 1991–96 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Numismatist for the Beth Shean excavations
- 1990–91 Firestone Library, Princeton University, USA

Temporary assistant to the curator of the Numismatic Collection, Brooks Emmons Levy
- 1985–89 Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Assistant to the curator of coins, Prof. Dan Barag
- 1987–89 Rockefeller Museum, Jerusalem

Assistant to the curator of Archaeology, Tally Ornan
- 1984–86 Department of Art History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Surveyor, Survey of Jewish Art

Professional Activities

- 2018- on, The head of the Haifa branch of the Israel Numismatic Society
1994–96, 1997–99 Secretary, Israel Numismatic Society, Jerusalem branch

Awards and Honors

- 2003–6 Kreitman Foundation doctoral fellow, Ben-Gurion University
1996–97 Visiting Fellow, Oriental Institute, Oxford, UK
1996–97 Grant from the Ian Karten Charitable Trust
1996–97 Grant from the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society

Languages: Hebrew, English, Arabic

List of Publications

Books and Monographs

Inscribed Early Islamic Lead Objects from Palestine, (working on a forthcoming publication)

Chapters in Collective Volumes, Conference Proceedings, etc.

1. Amitai-Preiss, N. and Amitai-Preiss, R., "Two Notes on the Protocol on Hülegü's Coinage," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 10 (1988–89), 117–28
2. Amitai-Preiss, N. and Berman, A., "Muslim Coins from Hammat Gader," in: Y. Hirschfeld (ed.), *The Roman Baths of Hammat Gader* (Jerusalem, 1997), 301–18
3. "Inscriptions and Games from Hammat Gader," in: Y. Hirschfeld (ed.), *The Roman Baths of Hammat Gader* (Jerusalem, 1997), 267–79
4. "A Bronze Coin from the Umayyad Period" (Appendix Four), in: S.A. Rosen and G. Avni (eds.), *The 'Oded Sites: Investigations of Two Early Islamic Pastoral Camps South of the Ramon Crater* (Beer Sheva, 1997), Vol.XI, 128-129.
5. "The Medieval and Islamic Coins" (Appendix 1), in: M. Dothan (ed.), *The Late Layers of the Hammath Tiberias Synagogue* (Jerusalem, 2000), 95–101
6. "A Poll Tax Seal of Tiberias" (Appendix 3), in: M. Dothan (ed.), *The Late Layers of the Hammath Tiberias Synagogue* (Jerusalem, 2000), 104–105
7. "Glass and Metal Finds" (Excavations on Mt. Berenice), in: Y. Hirschfeld (ed.), *Excavations at Tiberias, 1989–1994* (Jerusalem, 2004), 177–90
8. "Coins from Tel Beth Shean," in: A. Mazar (ed.), *The Hebrew University Excavations at Tel Beth Shean 1989-1996, Vol I, from the Late Bronze Age IIB to the Medieval Period*, (2006), 607-615
9. "Four Umayyad Lead Sealings from Palestine", *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 16, (2007-8), 176-178
10. "The Coins in: O. Gutfeld (ed.), Ramla Final Report on the Excavations North of the White Mosque, (in Qedem Series, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, No.51) (2010), 265-278.
11. N. Amitai-Preiss, "An Abbasid Stamped Handle from the Arminian Compound Excavations, 2006-2007", chapter 23 in: A.A. Burke, S. Katherine and M. Peilstöcker (eds.), *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2. Monumenta Archaeologica 41*. Los Angeles, 361-362.
12. Amitai-Preiss N., Cohen-Weinberger and Har-Even B. 2017. 'Stamped Jar Handles and their Contribution to Understanding the Administrative System of Jerusalem's Rural Hinterland in the Early Islamic Period' in (eds.) Y. Gadot, Y. Zelinger, K. Cytryn-Silverman and J. Uziel,

New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region, Collected Papers, 11, pp.74-90. (Hebrew)

13. Sasson A. and Amitai-Preiss N., 'The Blessed Bayāra, A Bayāra and Arabic Inscription from Late Ottoman Jaffa', chapter 11 in: A.A. Burke, S. Katherine and M. Peilstöcker (eds.), *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2. Monumenta Archaeologica 41*. Los Angeles, 199-214.

Refereed Articles

1. "Arabic- Inscribed Pottery from Ramla," *'Atiqot* 49 (2005), 121-122.
2. "The Governorship Periods of Ibrāhīm b. Sālih," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 15 (2006), 112-119.
3. "Faunal Iconography on Islamic Seals," in ed. J-C Cheynet and C. Sode, *Studies in Byzantine Sigillography*, 9, Leipzig, (2006), 207-212.
4. "The Coins from Shiqmona," *'Atiqot* 51 (2006), 163-171.
5. "An Inscribed Handle from Khirbat Burin," *'Atiqot*, 51 (2006), 221.
6. "An 'Abbasid Coin Hoard," in: I. Taxel and A. Feldstein (eds.), *A Salvage Excavation at Khirbat Ibreica, Tel Aviv*, Salvage Excavation Reports 3 (2006), 64-65.
7. 'An Islamic Amulet from Khirbat el- Ni`ana', *'Atiqot*, 57, (2007), 163-164.
8. "Islamic Lead Coins, Weights, and Seals in The Israel Museum", *Israel Museum Studies in Archaeology* (2007) 13-20.
9. 'Islamic Coins' within "Numismatic Finds" (Chapter 7) in O. Tal and I. Taxel (eds.), *Ramla (south), An Earlier Islamic Industrial Site and Remains of Previous Periods*, Salvage Excavation Reports 5 (2008), 219-222.
10. "Early Islamic Coins", in I. Taxel (ed.), *Khirbet Es-Suyyagh: A Byzantine Monastery in the Judaeian Shphelah*, Salvage Excavation Reports 6 (2009), 180-182.
11. "Two Inscribed Ceramic Fragments" (p.122) and "An Inscribed Glass Weight", (p.182), in Getzov N., Avshalom- Gorni D., Gorin- Rosen Y., Syon D., and Tatsher A., *Khurbat Uza, the 1991 Excavations, Vol.2, The late Period*, 2009.
12. "Umayyad Lead Sealings", The 2nd Simone Assemani Symposium on Islamic Coins, ed. B. Callegher and A., D'ottone, (2010), 18-21.
13. 'A Stamp on a Handel' within Nikolsky V. 'Ard al – Mahajār', Final report, *Hadashot Archaeologiot (Novelties in Archaeology)*, Internet Version, 122 (2010) (Hebrew)
14. 'A Stamped Storage Jar Handle', within Hadad E., 'The Railway Track Ramla', final report, *Hadashot Archaeologiot (Novelties in Archaeology)*, Internet Version, 122 (2010) (Hebrew)

15. Amitai- Preiss N., 'A Clay Lamp with an Arabic Inscription', within Godovitch Sh., 'Ramla final report' in *Hadashot Archaeologiot (Novelties in Archaeology)*, Internet Version, 122 (2010) (Hebrew)
16. Amitai-Preiss, N. and Wolfe, L.A., "Amuletic Bronze Rings from the Arab-Byzantine. Transitional Period", *INR* 6, (2012), 175-186
17. Amitai- Preiss N. 'Umayyad and Later Period Coins', part II of Numismatic Finds Gur Z. and Amitai- Preiss N., in Fischer M., *Horvat Me'oad a Way Station on the Jaffa- Jerusalem Road*, Tel Aviv, 2012, 234-239.
18. Shagrir I. and Amitai- Preiss N., "Michaud, Montrond, Mazloum and the First History of the Crusades in Arabic", *al- Mas'at*, 24 (iii) 2012, 309-312.
20. 'Coins and Archaeology' part of 'Coins', in *De Gruyter The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, (EBR) (2012)
21. 'Umayyad Vocabulary on Administrative Objects from Palestine.' Callegher B. and D'Attono (eds), 3rd Assemani Symposium on Islamic Coins, Treaste, EUT 2012, (Numismatica antica a medievale, studi,2), pp.280-287.
22. 'A Filter Jug with an Arabic Inscription from Ramla', *'Atiqot*, 51, (2013), 51-70. (Hebrew). (English summary pp.173-4).
23. Amitai-Preiss N. and Tal O., 'A Lead Bulla from Apollonia-Arsūf with the Place Name-Arsūf', *Israel Numismatic Research*, 10, 2015, pp.191-197.
24. Amitai-Preiss N. 'Early Islamic Lead Seals: Evidence for Commercial Connections', *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 19, 2015-16, pp.106-114.
25. Amitai-Preiss N. 'An Umayyad Mint in Jund al-Urdunn Rediscovered- Al-Ṣinabra', *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 19, 2015-16, pp.115-119.
26. Amitai-Preiss N. 'Kura and Iqlīm Sources and Seals', *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 19, 2015-16, pp.120-132.
27. Amitai-Preiss N. 'Arḍ and Jund', *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 19, 2015-16, pp.133-141.
28. Amitai-Preiss N. and Bachar R., 'An Arab-Byzantine Coin of Yubna (Iamnia)', *Israel Numismatic Research*, 11, 2016, pp.135-140.
29. 'Early Islamic Volume Measurements', in Goodwin T. ed. *Coinage and History in the Seventh Century Near East 5, Proceedings of the 15th Seventh Century Syrian*

Numismatic Round Table Held at Corpus Christi College, Oxford on 17th and 18th September 2016, 2017, pp.197-198.

30. Avi Sason and Nitzan Amitai-Preiss, "The Blessed Bayāra: a Bayāra and Arabic Inscription from Late Ottoman Jaffa, chapter 11, in A. Burke, K. Strange Burke and M. Peilstöcker (eds.), *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2*, Los Angeles, 2017, pp.199-214.

31. 'An Abbasid Stamped Handle from the Armenian Compound Excavations, 2006-2007', chapter 23, in A. Burke, K. Strange Burke and M. Peilstöcker (eds.), *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa 2*, Los Angeles, 2017, pp.361-362.

32. 'Bone Objects', NGSBA Archaeology, 4, 2017, chapter 7, pp.181-184

33. 'Metal Objects', NGSBA Archaeology, 4, 2017, chapter 8, pp.185-188.

34. 'Coins', NGSBA Archaeology, 4, 2017, chapter 9, pp.189-191.

35. 'Arabic Inscriptions and Stamped Design', NGSBA Archaeology, 4, 2017, chapter 10, pp.192-195.

36. 'A Fatimid Glass Weight', NGSBA Archaeology, 4, 2017, chapter 11, pp.196.

37. Amitai-Preiss N. 2017. 'An Ottoman Weight from Area Q', in Geva H., Jewish Quarter Excavations in the Old City of Jerusalem, Conducted by Nahman Avigad, 1969-1982. Vol.VII: Area Q, H O-2 and Other Related Studies, Final Report, pp.279-280.

38. Amitai-Preiss N., Tepper Y. and Linn R. 2019. 'Deciphering Early Arabic Texts on Eighth-and Ninth-Century CE *Ostraca* from the Colt Expedition Findings in Shivta', *Michmanim*, 28, pp.85-100. (Hebrew)

39. Amitai-Preiss N., 'a Double –Stamped Zir Handle from Miska', *Atiqot*, 99, 2020, pp.131-133.

40. Amitai-Preiss N., 'Remains of an Arabic Inscription on a Vessel from the French Hospital Compound Yfo (Jaffa)', *Atiqot*, 100, 2020, pp.39-40 (Hebrew), English Summary, p.536.

41. "The Muslim Coins from Kh. Zikhrin" A Tel Aviv University Publication in Archaeology (forthcoming).

42. Amitai-Preiss, N. and Levy, A., "An Ottoman Banner from Jerusalem," *Muqarnas* (forthcoming).

43. "Jaffa in the Early Muslim Sources" and "French Hospital Jaffa-Special Finds and Arabic Inscriptions," forthcoming in a special joint publication of the Israel Antiquities Authority and UCLA on Jaffa.

Unrefereed Professional Articles and Publications

1. "A Fatimid Gold Bead from Caesarea," *'Atiqot* 21 (1992), 171–72
2. "Some Arab-Byzantine and Umayyad Coins from the Hebrew University Collection," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 11 (1990–91), 96–99
3. "An Umayyad Lead Seal with the Name of Marwān b. Muhammad," *Al-Qantara* 18/1 (1997), 233–42
4. Amitai-Preiss, N., Berman, A., and Qedar, Sh., "Arab Byzantine and Umayyad Coins of Scythopolis and Jarash," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 13 (1999), 133–55
5. "Umayyad Coin Hoards from the Beth Shean Excavations of the Hebrew University," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 14 (2002), 224–38

Lectures and Conferences

1988 "The Coins of Hülegü," The Paul Balog Conference on Islamic Numismatics (October 17–19, 1988) The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel (with Reuven Amitai-Preiss)

1999 "Jerusalem: Markets and Bullas in the Umayyad Period," The Levant in Medieval Era and Modern Times (June 29, 1999), Bar Ilan University, Israel

1999 "Inscribed Handles from Ramla", Ramla Conference, Israel Antiquities Authority, held at the Rockefeller Museum, Jerusalem, Israel (April 1999)

2003 "Faunal Iconography on Islamic Seals," Internationales Symposium für Byzantinische Sigillographie (September 30–October 4, 2003), Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin, Germany.

2004 "The Governorships of Ibrahim b. Salih," Symposium: "The Heritage of the High Caliphate: Dinars, Dirhams and Coppers of the Late Umayyad and Early 'Abbasid Periods, ca. 700-950 CE" (June 25, 2004), The American Numismatic Society, New York, USA

2005 "The Coins of Scythopolis during the 7th–8th Centuries AD," Opening of the "From Scythopolis to Baysan" Exhibition (June 16, 2005), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

2008 "Umayyad Lead seals, Italy- The 2nd Simone Assemani Symposium on Islamic Coinage, Università degli Studi di Trieste(29-31 August, 2008)

2009 "Al Mansūr and Year 155 A.H.," 14th Annual Workshop of The Department of Middle East Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, "Material

Evidence and Narrative Sources: Interdisciplinary Studies of the History of Islamic Societies, 30 June- 3 July 2009.

2011 "Umayyad and `Abbasid Inscriptions on Mobile Objects", a lecture given at 'Eretz Israel Museum', Tel Aviv, 14 th February, part of a series of the Tel Aviv Branch of the "Israel Numismatic Society".

2011 (in May) a lecture on Early Islamic Inscriptions – at 'Ilama' conference at the Open University R`aanana.

2011 'The Nature of Monumental Inscriptions as well as Inscriptions on Coins, Seals, Weights and Papyri in Umayyad Jund al Urdunn and Jund Filastin', The 3 rd Simone Assemani Symposium on Islamic Coinage - Rome, Sapienza University (and the Vatican) 23 rd -25 th September.

2012 "Commercial Life in Palestine during the Early Islamic Period", Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem, 19 th of May (Hebrew)

2013 "Continuity and Change in the Administration of Umayyad Palestine", Khalili Centre, Oxford, U.K., 19th of February.

2013 "Governors and Caliphs on Umayyad Official Objects", Jerusalem –Vienna Seminar: "Currents in Numismatic Research" at the Austrian Hospice in Jerusalem (1 December).

2014 "Early `Abbasid Seals", at the Haifa Israeli Numismatic Society Branch, (10th June).

2015 "The Transformations of Places' Names after the Muslim Conquest", at The Tel Aviv Israeli Numismatic Society Branch (13th of January).

2016 "Umayyad Lead Seals Evidence for Administration and Trade" a lecture I gave at the Seventh Century Round Table conference held at Oxford 16-th-17th of September.

2016 "The Administrative Division of Bilād al-Shām", a lecture I gave as part of a conference held at Bar Ilan for "The 1300 anniversary for the establishment of Ramla", 22 of November. (Hebrew)

2016 "Palm Branch in the Jewish Coinage of the Second Temple Period," a lecture given on December 20th, At "Vulkani Institute", as part of a conference organized by the organization 'for Knowing the Cultural Plants in Israel', about Ethno-Botanical Aspects on The Four Minim in the Jewish Sources. (Hebrew)

2017 "Newly Discovered Mints of Umayyad Coins and The Sites of Those Mints". The Haifa Branch of the Israeli Numismatic Society 6th of June. (Hebrew)

2017 "The Dir Samuil Ceramic Production Center", lectured at the annual meeting of The Israeli Middle Eastern Society that will be held at the Hebrew University of

Jerusalem on the 19th of June by Dr Nitzan Amitai-Preiss on behalf of herself and on behalf of Dr Anat Cohen-Weinberger of The Israeli Antiquities Authority. (Hebrew)

2017 "Stamped Jar handles: A contribution to Understanding the Rural Environment of Jerusalem during the Early Islamic Period", lectured by Dr Nitzan Amitai-Preiss on behalf of herself and on behalf of Dr Anat Cohen-Weinberger of The Israeli Antiquities Authority and Benny Har-Even of the Israeli Officer of Judea and Samariyya unit, it took place in October. (Hebrew)

2018 "Islamic Archaeology in the Negev: Muslims as Rulers, Citizens and People", Haifa University, 7th of January. (Hebrew)

2018 "Amulets of The Ottoman and British Mandate Periods", a lecture given during a conference called: **The Third Workshop for the Study of Ancient Jewish Magic**, in the part "Presentations on Islamic Amulets", 10th of May, Tel Aviv University.

2019 January, in a conference held at Hecht Museum, The University of Haifa, about Shivta in the Negev, I lectured about: 'On Pottery and on Stone, Arabic Written Ostraca from the Negev Area' (Hebrew)

2019 6-7th of April ' in the Seventeenth Seven Century Round Table Conference held in Wooster, England , I lectured about: ' Coins from the Hebrew University's Excavations at Beith Shean '