

M.A. in Israel Studies Alumni

Hanneke Den Hertog, Netherlands

After my MA in Israel Studies at the Rothberg International School, I started working at a Christian newspaper in the Netherlands. Here, I am covering domestic news.

Class of 2020



Selim Han Yenciun, Turkey

As a Hebrew University student, I had a great opportunity to enhance my academic vision in cross-regional relations. I am currently a PhD candidate at Shanghai University. My research interest is mostly based on Israel-Asian relations.

Class of 2018



Travis Romany, Trinidad

I am a PhD student in International Peace Studies at Trinity College Dublin. My doctoral dissertation is on the origins of Jewish nationalism in 19th Century Europe. My research builds upon my MA in Israel Studies at the Rothberg International School, including my courses on Israeli history and politics, and Zionist philosophy. I left the Hebrew University a couple of years ago but I am still in regular contact with my former professors and classmates from Jerusalem.

Class of 2018



Yixin Wang, China

I'm currently living in Tel Aviv. After graduation I started working at a Chinese engineering company in Israel.

Class of 2018



Avital Zivile Levy, Lithuania

Since finishing my studies, I wrote two books in Lithuanian (Israel and its People and Jewish Holidays), worked at the Jewish Museum in Vilnius for two years, and made aliyah and moved to Tel Aviv. I currently work at an Israeli environmental start-up, 'TIPA', as a Marketing Associate.

Class of 2016



Jae Ryoung Julie Lee, Korea

I work as a Public Relations & Office Manager at the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Seoul Liaison Office in South Korea. My dream is to become a bridge between Korea and Israel in the coming years!

Class of 2016





Rebecca Sebo, USA

I now live in Cleveland, Ohio. I currently work at University Hospitals, a nationally ranked healthcare system, as a social media strategist. One of my MA courses, Mass and Digital Media in Israel, inspired me to work more seriously in social media and I've been doing it ever since.

Class of 2016

Kunduz Niiazova, Kyrgyzstan

Currently I am living in Tel Aviv. I am a PhD candidate at Tel Aviv University and researching Kyrgyz-Jewish Intellectuals Nexus between 1930-1970 in Soviet Kyrgyzstan. Since finishing my MA in Israel Studies, I have been involved in Kyrgyz-Israeli initiatives in the educational, municipal, cultural, economic and political spheres. One of my dreams is to open a Jewish museum in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, and launch Jewish and Israel Studies programs at leading Central Asian Universities.

Class of 2016



Lucas Vianini, Italy

After my Israeli experience, I worked in Majorca, Spain as a personal assistant to an internationally known commodities trader. A year later, I obtained a position in Italy, at a design company called Bamelux. After that, I worked in television, presenting ancient paintings on a national broadcast dedicated to auctions and sales. There I was noticed by former Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, who hired me to curate his personal collection. While working for him, I catalogued hundreds of paintings, part of which were given as gifts to famous politicians, such as Vladimir Putin and Victor Orban. This experience allowed me to be accepted by the European Union of Art Experts. Now I write my own expertise and I am an independent professional in this field.

Class of 2015

Leah Karchmer, USA

After completing the Israel Studies program, I stayed at the Hebrew University to complete a second masters degree in Human Rights and Transitional Justice. I then completed my JD at Northwestern University in Chicago and am now a practicing attorney at White & Case, LLP.

Class of 2015

