

# Oz Fishman

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**LANGUAGES** ENGLISH *Native Proficiency*  
HEBREW *Native Proficiency*  
SPANISH *Full Professional Proficiency*

**SKILLS** ADOBE CS/ C#/  
CAD/ PYTHON/  
GIS/ RHINO/

## EDUCATION

MAY2026 MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SMArchS, Architecture + Urbanism  
AUG2020 BEZALEL ACADEMY OF ARTS AND DESIGN Masters, Urban Design *Received w/ Distinction*  
AUG2016 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK Introduction to Architecture  
MAY2016 THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Arts, Economics

## RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

AUG2025 NORMAN B. LEVENTHAL CENTER FOR ADVANCED URBANISM AT MIT /  
DEC2025 RESEARCH ASSISTANT, MEXICO CITY PARTNERSHIP (CAMBRIDGE, MA)

NOV2020 BEZALEL ACADEMY OF ARTS AND DESIGN /  
AUG2023 LECTURER, RESEARCH LEAD, "URBANISM IN THE EXPANDED FIELD" LAB (JERUSALEM)

- Taught and co-taught ten courses across the B.Arch and M.Urban Design programs.
- Led a research team collaborating with municipalities and government offices.
- Authored and taught the "Urban Field" methodology as part of the Israel100 national urban research initiative.
- Served on departmental and faculty committees, contributing to curriculum development, program coordination, and institutional decision-making.

## CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

OCT2025 **Intersecciones Energéticas: International Symposium on Energy Transition and Urban Decarbonization**, *Co-Coordinator*

Norman B. Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism (MIT), Mexico City, MX

- Organized in collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture (UNAM), the Center for the Future of Cities (Tecnológico de Monterrey), Mota-Engil México.

APR2025 **"The Palace" Dinner Series**, *Founder and Organizer*

Department of Architecture, MIT School of Architecture and Planning, Cambridge, MA

- Conceived and led three pilot academic dinners examining ritual, temporality, and cohabitation in architectural education; developed the format as a facilitated pedagogical program; awarded grant funding from the Dean of the MIT School of Architecture and Planning.

MAY2023 **Urbanism in the Expanded Field International Conference**, *Lead Organizer and Editor*

School of Architecture, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem

- Authored and issued an open international Call for Papers; Coordinated peer selection and editorial process; Edited and oversaw publication of the conference proceedings
- Convened approximately 400 participants from academic institutions, public agencies, and practice, with academic partners including the Architectural Association, Bartlett School of Architecture, and TU Delft, and institutional partnerships with UN-Habitat, the City of Jerusalem, and the Ministry of Construction and Housing

OCT2020 **Masters in Urban Design Colloquium**, *Coordinator and Moderator*

JUL2021 School of Architecture, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem

DEC2020 **Toolkit and Position Paper: "Elements, Tactics, Strategies, Systems: Towards a New Urban Field in Israel"** *Co-authored with Prof. Els Verbakel*

Israel100: National Research Initiative on Urbanization and Urban Development

## PUBLICATION

DEC2025 **"Scene-Aware Urban Design: A Human-AI Recommendation Framework Using Co-Occurrence Embeddings and Vision-Language Models."** *with Rodrigo Gallardo and Alex Htet Kyaw*

Proceedings of the 39th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2025)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### BEZALEL ACADEMY OF ARTS AND DESIGN, JERUSALEM

- SP2021** **B.Arch** Thesis Studio, "Urbanism in the Expanded Field." *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Els Verbakel*
- SP2021** **B.Arch + M.UD** Seminar, "Urban Design: In Practice." *Teaching Assistant; in partnership with Kate Orff and the Master of Architecture in Urban Design Program at Columbia GSAPP.*
- FA2021** **B.Arch** Workshop, "The New Urban Field." *Sole Instructor; in partnership with municipal planning departments of Petah Tikva, Bat Yam, Yeruham, and Even Yehuda, funded by the Israel100 Initiative.*
- FA2021** **M.UD** Studio, "The Urban Code." *Co-Instructor w/ Merav Battat and Adva Matar*
- SP2022** **B.Arch** Thesis Studio, "Urbanism in the Expanded Field." *Co-Instructor w/ Prof. Els Verbakel, Noa Appel*
- SP2022** **B.Arch** Workshop, "Urbanism in the Expanded Field." *Sole Instructor*
- SP2022** **B.Arch** Seminar, "Introduction to Urban Design." *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Els Verbakel*
- FA2022** **B.Arch + M.UD** Workshop, "Future Streetscapes." *Sole Instructor; in partnership with Ministry of Transportation Department of Public Transit Planning.*
- FA2022** **B.Arch + M.UD** Seminar "Urbanism in the Expanded Field" *Co-Instructor w/ Prof. Els Verbakel*
- FA2022** **M.UD** Seminar "Urban Design: In Practice" *Co-Instructor with Adva Matar*

### MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA)

- SP2025** **M.Arch** Core II Studio, "On Architecture and Otherness" *Teaching Assistant to Prof. Rafi Segal*

### SCE NEGEV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (BE'ER SHEVA, ISRAEL)

- SP2025** **B.Arch** Core VIII Studio, "Desert Urbanism" *Co-Instructor w/ Merav Battat, Merav Morad, in partnership with MIT Media Lab City Science Negev Urban Research Lab*
- SP2026** **B.Arch** Inaugural Thesis Studio, "Desert Urbanism" *Co-Instructor w/ Merav Battat, Merav Morad, in partnership with MIT Media Lab City Science Negev Urban Research Lab*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### MINYAN / CO-FOUNDER + CEO (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

**DEC2021**

**MAR2024**

- Co-founded arts and culture NGO to combat religious extremism, working with leaders in creative fields to develop public events, immersive experiences, rituals for building community life and mutual understanding.
- Expanded participation 9X YOY from 80 to 700 and annual budget from 45K to 500K USD over three years.
- Led fundraising, operations, recruitment, marketing, branding, and organizational development.

**MAY2021**

**SEP2021**

**SEP2017**

**JUL2018**

### HQ ARCHITECTS / URBAN DESIGNER (TEL AVIV)

- Stewarded urban renewal and masterplanning projects through site analysis, zoning and massing studies, and development of design scenarios.
- Produced drawings, diagrams, and 3D studies supporting design development, coordination with consultants and clients through statutory approval. Significant projects include:
  - **Shlomo HaMelech Urban Renewal Masterplan (Lod/AI-Lydd)**, led massing development and produced full statutory documentation, including zoning materials and design guidelines.
  - **Citywide Housing Development Design Guidelines (Bat Yam)**, led mapping, urban analysis, and research informing the citywide housing development framework.
  - **Jindas Urban Renewal Masterplan (Ofakim)**, led the project from concept design through proposal development and presentation to municipal authorities.

**JUL2018**

**JAN2021**

### SCHUSTERMAN FAMILY PHILANTHROPIES /

#### ASSOCIATE, PROGRAMS (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

- Designed and led 18 weeklong immersive leadership journeys through Israel and the Palestinian territories for emerging leaders and VIPs in design, technology, policy, and philanthropy
- Developed experiential leadership curricula using spatial and political complexity and competing territorial narratives as pedagogical tools
- Curated speakers, site visits, and partnerships across more than fifteen sectors, integrating Israeli and Palestinian civil society organizations and fostering long-term cross-sector collaboration

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, CONT'D**

**AUG2017**  
**JUL2018**

### **JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, ISRAEL / COORDINATOR, STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (JERUSALEM)**

- Supported the Chief of Staff of a \$150M annual welfare organization serving approximately one million clients from vulnerable populations in Israel, contributing to organizational strategy and institutional planning.
- Collaborated with academic and design partners to develop frameworks for institutional modernization, innovation, and cross-sector engagement.
- Managed special initiatives for the Office of the CEO, including strategic events, technology-oriented projects, and public-facing media and communications.

**AUG2016**  
**AUG2017**

### **JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE, LATIN AMERICA / PROGRAM LEAD, COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA)**

- Led and expanded a non-sectarian vocational training program in partnership with Caritas within the Villa 21/24 informal settlement, doubling annual capacity to approximately 1,200 participants and achieving an 80% post-graduation employment rate.
- Designed program structure, partnerships, and delivery models while embedded for twelve months within the Jewish community of Buenos Aires.
- Built and scaled youth leadership programs tenfold in Buenos Aires, developing strategy and institutional frameworks for expansion across Uruguay, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, and Guatemala.

**DEC2013**  
**DEC2015**

### **VOLUME UP CREATIVE / CO-FOUNDER AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR (WASHINGTON, DC)**

- Co-founded and led a branding and communications studio working with cause-driven startups, civic organizations, and political campaigns.
- Directed creative strategy, visual identity, and narrative development across projects, while managing business development, finances, and client relationships.
- Delivered branding, campaign, and communications work for more than 100 clients, coordinating multidisciplinary teams and managing projects from concept through delivery.