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

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA)

SP2025	M.Arch Core II Studio, "On Architecture and Otherness" <i>Teaching Assistant to Prof. Rafi Segal</i>
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SCE NEGEV SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (BE'ER SHEVA, ISRAEL)

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

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.

HQ ARCHITECTS / URBAN DESIGNER (TEL AVIV)

MAY2021

SEP2021

SEP2017

JUL2018

- 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.

SCHUSTERMAN FAMILY PHILANTHROPIES / ASSOCIATE, PROGRAMS (TEL AVIV, ISRAEL)

JUL2018

JAN2021

- 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.