

## Curriculum Vitae –

**Marianna Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, Ph.D.** (Dec. 2025)

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### *Personal Details*

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### *Higher Education*

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, University of Haifa: The Faculty of Education (2007-2009).

Supervisor: Prof. Ofra Mayseless

**PhD**, Bar-Ilan University: The Interdisciplinary Program for Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies (2007). Dissertation: *The New Age Culture in Israel: A Methodological Introduction and the 'Conceptual/Ideational Network'*. Supervisors: Prof. Moshe Idel and Prof. Adiel Schremer

**M.A. in Hermeneutics**, Bar-Ilan University, the Interdisciplinary Program for Hermeneutics, *summa cum laude* (2003)

**B.A. in Modern Middle Eastern History**, Tel-Aviv University, the Department of Middle Eastern and African History, *cum laude* (1994) Concentration in Islam; Minor in Political Science and International Studies

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### *Academic Appointments*

**Associate Professor**, Beit Berl College, Faculty of Counseling, Therapy, and Educational Support (2024–Present)

**Associate Professor (2022), Founder and Head of the Department of Mysticism and Spirituality**, Zefat Academic College (2009–2023)

**Founder and Head of the MA Spirituality Track** (within the MA in Jewish Studies), The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies (2016–2017)

**Researcher, Lecturer, and Graduate Student Supervisor** at various academic institutions, including Bar-Ilan University, University of Haifa, and The Open University of Israel

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### *Professional Service and Affiliations*

**Member of the Thesis Committee, Faculty of Counseling, Therapy, and Educational Support (MA Program in Education, Mindfulness and SEL), Beit Berl College (2024–Present)**

**Associate Researcher, Lab for the Research of Consciousness and Soft Logic, Tel-Aviv University (2023–Present)**

**Founding Member and Associate Researcher, Multi-University Center for the Study of Spirituality, University of Haifa (2018–Present)**

**Founding Member and Board Member, Israeli Association for the Study of Religions (IASR) (2015–Present)**

**Member of the Editorial Board, *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review* (2014–Present)**

**Member of the Academic Council, Zefat Academic College (2009–2023)**

**Editorial Board Member, *New Religious Movements Elements* (Book Series), Cambridge University Press (2020–2021)**

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### *Public Engagement & Professional Leadership*

**Manager of the WhatsApp channel “Spirituality and Academia” (in Hebrew; 2024–Present)**  
[\[Link\]](#)

**Initiator and Chair, “HaBama” – Online Seminar Series for (mainly Israeli) Researchers of Alternative and Contemporary Spiritualities (2023–Present)** [\[Link\]](#)

**Professional Teacher Trainer, specialized in values-based and Jewish education for various academic and governmental frameworks (2010–Present)**

**Director of Spirituality and Media Projects, TALI Education Fund (Enriched Jewish Studies; 2010–2014)**

**Radio Anchor and Creator, “The Academy of the Spirit,” *Essence of Life* Israeli Radio (2009–2010)**

**Member, “Jewish-Israeli Journey” (Masa Israeli) Leadership Delegation (2007–2009)**

**Co-author, National Matriculation Textbook and Teacher’s Guide: “*The One Whom my Soul Loveth*” – Love and Relationship in Jewish Thought, Ministry of Education (2007)**

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### *Selected Grants, Awards, and Fellowships*

**Best Article Award**, Association for Women in Psychology (AWP), Jewish Women's Caucus (2021); for the paper: "Lilith's Comeback from a Jungian Feministic Outlook" (Published in *Feminist Theology*)

**John Templeton Foundation / BYU Research Grant** (\$115,000) (co-PI), "Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies" project (2017–2020); Topic: "Jewish Psychology Methods in Israel – Between Orthodox and Secular Jews, Religion and Spirituality"

**Erasmus+ Grant** for academic mobility and collaboration between Zefat Academic College and Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (2020–2023)

**Competitive Institutional Research Grants**, including Zefat Academic College and Givat Washington College (PI or co-PI, 2013–2022); *Selected projects*: Neo-Shamanism in Israel; Hypnotherapy and Alternative Spirituality; The Vocal Cyborg

**The Mindsapes Program Research Grant**, University of Haifa (2012–2013); Personal research grant for the development of the BA course: "Jewish Spirituality in the New Age"

**Rector's Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievements**, Bar-Ilan University (2004–2005)

**Excellence Award for PhD Research Proposal**, The Shlomo Moussaieff Center for Kabbalah Research, Bar-Ilan University (2001)

**Excellence Scholarships for Graduate Studies** (1998–2005): Multiple annual merit-based scholarships awarded by **Bar-Ilan University** (Interdisciplinary Program for Hermeneutics) and **The Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies**

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### *Teaching Experience: Selected Courses*

#### **Methodology and Research Courses**

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Graduate Thesis Workshop
- Guided Personal Research
- Academic Orientation

#### **Contemporary Spiritualities and Religiosity**

- Introduction to the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities
- Judaism(s) and the New Age: A Cultural Crossroad
- Spirituality in Education
- Perceptions of Time in Religion and Spiritualities
- Alternative Medicine and Spiritual Healing: A Cultural Outlook

- Gender, Religion, and Spirituality
- Spirituality on the Internet and the Internet in Spirituality

### **Religion, Culture, and Society**

- Introduction to Jewish Thought in Antiquity
  - Israeli Culture: Contemporary Issues and Their Educational Meanings
  - Inter-group Dialogue: Encouraging Communication Between Secular and Religious Students
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### *Supervision of Graduate Students*

#### **PhD Dissertations**

##### *Completed*

- Liat Zucker, “A Psychotherapeutic Theory Based on the ‘Consciousness Thinking’ (Yemima) Writings,” **University of Haifa** (2025; Co-advisor).
- Asaf Lebovitz, “Political Perceptions in New Age Jewish-Israeli Spirituality,” **Hebrew University of Jerusalem** (2018; Advisory Committee).
- Felix Papenhagen, “Jewish Religion in the Context of Israeli Popular Music,” **Leipzig University** (2014; Advisory sessions).

##### *In Progress*

- Helena Kovalsky, “The Spiritual Elements of Dance-Movement Therapy at its Academization Process,” **Bar-Ilan University** (Proposal approved 2025; Co-advisor).
- Currently supervising additional PhD candidates at various stages of research (proposal and fieldwork) at **Bar-Ilan University** and **Tel Aviv University**.

#### **MA Theses**

- *Completed:* Supervised students at the **University of Haifa** and the **Open University**, on topics such as: Mindfulness and Medicine; Religious Israeli JuBus; and Peak Experiences in Nature.
- *In Progress:* Currently supervising students at **Beit-Berl College** on topics including: Jewish Mindfulness; Spiritual Worldview Crisis among Nova Festival Survivors; and Circumventing the Term “Brainwashing” in Court Rulings.

#### **Reviewer: Graduate Dissertations and Proposals**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Haifa, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

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## *Selected Conference Organization and Presentations*

### *Organization and Chairing*

**Member of the Scientific Committee,** *Ways of Knowing: Science, Mystery, and Expanded Consciousness*, University of Haifa (March 2025)

**Session Co-Chair,** “Spirituality and Psychotherapy,” *4th International Congress in Spirituality and Psychiatry (WPA)*, Jerusalem (December 2019)

**Plenum Coordinator and Chair,** “Spiritual Perspectives on the Contemporary Challenges of Western and Israeli Societies,” *The 9th Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities (ICSCS)*, University of Haifa (May 2018)

**Member of the Scientific Committee,** *Contemplative Pedagogy: Spirit, Awareness, and Magic in Education*, MOFET Institute (March 2018)

**Member of the Academic Board and Session Chair** (“Judaism and Kabbalah”), *The Israeli Association for the Study of Religion (IASR) Annual Conference on “Creation”*, The Open University, Ra’anana (July 2017)

**Session Chair,** “Around the Temple: Holy Places and Contested Spaces in Israel,” *CESNUR International Conference*, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (July 2017)

**Session Chair and Co-Coordinator,** “Religion, Contemporary Spirituality, and Technological Media,” *The Israel Society for History and Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, Bloomfield Science Museum, Jerusalem (December 2013)

**Founder and Co-Chair,** *The Annual Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities in Israel (ICSCS)*, University of Haifa & Tel Aviv University (2009–2014)

### *Invited Lectures*

**Invited Lecture Series: “New Age and Jewish Tradition,”** Center for Religious Studies (CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany (July 2023)

**“Digital Culture, Values, and Theological Imagination,”** Workshop on *Societal Implications of Online Gaming in the MENA Region*, University of Notre Dame at Tantur, Jerusalem (June 2023)

**“Jewish Spirituality Integrated Psychotherapies in Israel”** (With Prof. Ofra Mayseless), *Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy – Big Data Conference*, Durham, North Carolina [Online due to Covid-19] (March 2020)

**“Neo-Shamanism in Israel: Authenticity and the Invention of Tradition,”** Postgraduates Seminar in Theatre Studies, University of Haifa (May 2019)

**“The Contemporary Emergence of a Sacred Alternative Geography in the Galilee,”** *International Inaugural Workshop of the Tel-Hai Center for the Study of Religions*, Tel-Hai College (March 2018)

**“The Jewish-New-Age Sphere,”** The Melton School of Jewish Education, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (May 2017)

**“Jewish New Age Texts,”** Masterclass for Postgraduate Students, Leipzig University, Germany (July 2013)

**“New Age – A Spiritual Secular Religion?”** Symposium: *Secular Religion – A Concept or Offense?*, The Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute & The Spinoza Center (May 2010)

#### *International Presentations*

**“Recycled Witches – The Retelling of Narratives from Rabbinical Literature within Contemporary Alternative Spirituality,”** *The 12th EAJS Congress*, Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany (July 2023) [[Video Recording](#)]

**“Did God Attend the Screenings of 2001: A Space Odyssey?”** (With Dan W. Wasserman), *International Conference on Religion and Film*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (June 2022)

**“Science as Religion – A Critical Outlook at the Scientific Discourse of Hypnosis and its Correlation with Religious and Spiritual Phenomena,”** *4th International Congress in Spirituality and Psychiatry (WPA)*, Jerusalem (December 2019)

**“The Emergent Contemporary Movement of Spiritual Cinema and Media”** (With Dr. Lila Moore), *The 7th International ESSWE Conference*, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands (July 2019)

**“Israeli Governmental Reactions to New Religious Movements”** (With Dr. Adam Klin Oron), *Annual Conference of the SSSR*, Milwaukee, WI, USA (October 2011)

**“Sanctification of Randomness – The Theological Imagination of Virtual Divination,”** *Annual Conference of the SSSR*, Portland, OR, USA (October 2006)

#### *National Presentations*

**“Religious Jews practicing Buddhism (JuBu) in Israel”** (With Carmel Raz), *The Israeli Association for the Study of Religion (IASR) Annual Conference*, Bar Ilan University (May 2025) [[Video](#) in Hebrew; English CC available]

**“Theoretical Reflections on the Process of the Formation of Sacred Spaces – Between Technical and Content Aspects,”** *Ways of Knowing: Science, Mystery, and Expanded Consciousness*, University of Haifa (March 2025) [[Video](#) in Hebrew; English CC available]

**“Meditation through the Eyes of Medical Research – On the Borderline between Spiritual and Scientific”** (With Orit Kotler), *The Israeli Association for the Study of Religion (IASR) Annual Conference: Borders in Religion*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (May 2022) [[Video](#) in Hebrew; English CC available]

**“The Enchanted Benches at Kursi: Shamanic Pseudo-Scientific Discourse,”** *The 23rd Conference of Galilee Studies*, Tel-Hai College (April 2021)

**“Lilith’s ‘Comeback’ in Contemporary Feminist Spirituality,”** The 2nd Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for the Study of Religions (ISAR), Bar-Ilan University, March 2018. Session: New Religious Movements. [[Video](#)]

**“Thinking of the New Age as an ‘Ideational Network’,”** Panel: *Spirituality Now - Israel 2016: Theory, Major Trends and Central Issues*, The 8th Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities (ICSCS), University of Haifa (December 2015)

**“What Should One Expect When One Can’t Expect Objective Academic Research on Contemporary Spiritualities?”** *The 6th Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities (ICSCS)*, Tel Aviv University (April 2014)

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## Languages

**Hebrew:** Native | **English:** Fluent | **Russian:** Intermediate

**German, Arabic (Literary & Spoken), Aramaic:** Basic knowledge

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## Publications

*Bibliometric Indicators* ([Google Scholar Profile](#))

Total Citations: 299 | h-index: 10 | i10-index: 11

Note: Metrics primarily reflect international indexing; Hebrew scholarly impact is partially represented.

*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (Including Research Report)*

1. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2026, forthcoming). 'We're all for spiritual education, just don't call it that': Spirituality in secular state schools in Israel – between conceptualization and legitimacy. *Religion & Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15507394.2025.2600266>
2. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2026, forthcoming). 'Jew Age' in education: Attitudes towards the implementation of spiritual and Jewish contents and practices in Israeli public schools. *Michlol*, 38. [Hebrew]
3. Mayseless, O., & **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2024). Veiling and unveiling: Caution in explicitly integrating Jewish spirituality in psychotherapy in Israel. *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*, 12(3), 302–318. <https://doi.org/10.1037/scp0000373>
4. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Eloheev, T. (2023). The sixties did (not altogether) skip Israel – Rosh Pinna's hippie community. *National Resilience, Politics and Society*, 5(1-2), 57–92. <https://doi.org/10.26351/NRPS/5-1-2/13>
5. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Eshed, E. (2022). Canaanites and neopagans in Canaan: A comparison between two Israeli movements over the past century. *Reshit – Studies in Judaism*, 6, 25–56. [Hebrew]
6. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2021). Witch-hunt or women's oppression? The secularization and re-enchantment of the witches of Ashkelon tale by contemporary spiritualities' leaders. *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 72(1), 164–190. <https://doi.org/10.18647/3487/jjs-2021>
7. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). The temptation of legitimacy – Lilith's adoption and adaption in contemporary feminist spirituality. *Modern Judaism – A Journal of Jewish Ideas and Experience*, 39(2), 125–143. <https://doi.org/10.1093/mj/kjz003>
8. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). Historians as storytellers: A critical examination of New-Age religion's scholarly historiography. *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review*, 10(1), 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.5840/asrr201932156>
9. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Moore, L. (2019). 'Not your grandmother's bible' – A comparative study of the biblical deluge myth in film. *Religions*, 10(10), 542. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10100542>



10. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Sasson, A. (2019). 'The most powerful portal in Zion' – Kursi: The spiritual site that became an intersection of ley-lines and multicultural discourses. *The Pomegranate – The International Journal of Pagan Studies*, 21(1), 100–127. <https://doi.org/10.1558/pome.36576>
11. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Elohev, T. (2019). The hippie colony of old Rosh-Pina – The appropriation and design of buildings and scenic elements for the creation of a spiritual-alternative milieu. *Horizons in Geography*, 97, 107–135. [Hebrew]
12. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). The 'enchanted benches' at Kursi National park – A case study of the formation of alternative sacred geography. *Horizons in Geography*, 97, 136–163. [Hebrew]
13. Ruah Midbar, O., & **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). The doors of creativity shall never be barred: The iconization process of Rabbi Shalom Shabazi's Piyyut 'Im Nin'Alu' in contemporary pop music. *Tema – Journal of Judeo-Yemenite Studies*, 16, 263–298. [Hebrew]
14. Klin-Oron, A., & **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). State of Israel vs. the cults: The anti-cult discourse and the Israeli public discourse in government reports. *Israel Studies in Language and Society (Special Issue: Authoritative Groups)*, 12(2), 126–144. [Hebrew]
15. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2019). Lilith's comeback from a feministic Jungian outlook: Contemporary feminist spirituality gets into bed with Lilith. *Feminist Theology*, 27(2), 149–163. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0966735018814674>
16. Moore, L., & **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2018). Humanity's second chance: Darren Aronofsky's Noah (2014) as an environmental cinematic midrash. *Journal of Religion and Film*, 22(2), Article 35. <https://doi.org/10.32873/uno.dc.jrf.22.01.35>
17. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2018). Abracadabra! Postmodern therapeutic methods: Language as a neo-magical tool. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 17(49), 3–17.
18. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Warshawski, S. (2018). Trance, meditation and brainwashing – The Israeli use of Hypnosis Law and the New Religious Movements scene. *The Journal of CESNUR*, 2(4), 61–96. <https://doi.org/10.26338/tjoc.2018.2.4.4>

19. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2018). 'It's a game everybody's already playing' – Versions of the 'creating-our-reality' motif in the discourse of alternative spiritualities. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 17(51), 115–133.
20. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M., & Ruah Midbar, O.** (2017). Outdoing authenticity: Three postmodern models of adapting folklore materials in current spiritual music. *Journal of Folklore Research*, 54(3), 199–231. <https://doi.org/10.2979/jfolkrese.54.3.03>
21. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M., Ratzon, H., & Werczberger, R.** (2016). *New religious movements in Israel: Neo-Shamanism*. MEIDA – Israeli Center for Contemporary Religions. [Hebrew]
22. **Midbar, M.** (2015). Thank God for India – A look at Jewish Israelis in light of the Easternization of the West thesis. *Theory and Criticism*, 44, 311–325. [Hebrew]
23. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2014). The sacralization of randomness – The theological imagination and the logic of computerized divination rituals. *Numen – International Review for the History of Religions*, 61(5-6), 619–655. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15685276-12341345>
24. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2014). A channeler, a healer, and a shaman meet at the rabbi's: The roadmap of Israeli Judaism(s) in the New Age. *Iyunim: Multidisciplinary Studies in Israeli and Modern Jewish Society (Special Issue: Beyond Halacha)*, 7, 498–528. [Hebrew]
25. **Ruah-Midbar, M., & Zaidman, N.** (2013). 'Everything starts within' – New Age values, images, and language in Israeli mainstream advertisements. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, 28(3), 421–436. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13537903.2013.831652>
26. **Ruah-Midbar, M., & Klin Oron, A.** (2013). 'Tell me who your enemies are' – Israeli government reports on NRMs. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 52(4), 810–826. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12067>
27. Ruah Midbar, O., & **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2013). The dynamics of a cultural struggle in academia: The case of New Age music research. *Cultural Analysis – An Interdisciplinary Forum on Folklore and Popular Culture*, 11, 67–90.
28. Naor, L., **Ruah-Midbar, M., & Zeidner, M.** (2013). Positive peak experiences as formative events in a person's life. *Iyunim BeHinuch [Studies in Education]*, 7-8, 61–73. [Hebrew]

29. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2012). Current Jewish spiritualities in Israel: A New Age. *Modern Judaism – A Journal of Jewish Ideas and Experience*, 32(1), 102–124.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/mj/kjr026>
30. **Ruah-Midbar, M., & Klin Oron, A.** (2010). Jew Age: Jewish praxis in Israeli New Age discourse. *Journal of Alternative Spiritualities and New Age Studies*, 5, 33–63.
31. Klin Oron, A., & **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2010). Secular by the letter, religious by the spirit: The attitudes of the Israeli New Age to Jewish law. *Israeli Sociology*, 12(1), 57–81. [Hebrew]
32. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2001). The myth of David and the abyss [Thehom]. *Nefesh [Soul] – A Quarterly for Psychology, Emotional Nurturing and Creative Education*, 7, 11–18. [Hebrew]

#### *Chapters in Edited Books*

1. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2026, forthcoming). Dabhar [thing] Dibbur [speech] Midbar [desert] – From pre-modernism to post-modernism in contemporary mysticism. In A. Bar-Levav, M. Halbertal, & R. Margolin (Eds.), *Jubilee Book in Honor of Prof. Moshe Idel*. Idra Press. [Hebrew]
2. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M., & Ratzon, H.** (forthcoming). The Jewitch identity – To be (online) or not to be (at all). In B. Ogren (Ed.), *Jewish Esotericism in the Information Age and Beyond*.
3. Mayseless, O., **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, Rice, A., & Zucker, L. (2023). Jewish forms of spiritually integrated psychotherapy. In P. S. Richards, K. Allen, & D. K. Judd (Eds.), *Handbook of Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies* (pp. 268–283). APA Books.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/0000338-014>
4. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2021). Judaism is the new Orient – How experiencing the Far-East helps Israelis find meaning in their Jewish tradition. In O. Mayseless & P. Russo-Netzer (Eds.), *The Search for Meaning in the Israeli Cultural Scene* (pp. 333–354). Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/OSO/9780190910358.003.0015>
5. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2021). The witch hunt in Ashkelon as retold by contemporary spiritualities: From embarrassment to treasure trove. In H. Hazan, R. Shar'abi, & I. E.

Sikurel (Eds.), *Between the Times – Text and Ritual in a Changing Society* (pp. 381–406). Carmel. [Hebrew]

6. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2007). 'Back to Paradise' in New Age thought: Images of an ideal past in the history of the Jewish people. In I. Tavory (Ed.), *Dancing in a Fallow Land: The New Age in Israel* (pp. 28–59). HaKibbutz HaMeuchad. [Hebrew]
7. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2007). The attitude towards ugly people in Israeli culture in light of its sources. In E. Cahanov (Ed.), *Thought, Art and Literature in Judaism as Culture* (pp. 113–152). Yaron Golan. [Hebrew]

#### *Encyclopedia Entries*

1. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2017). Kabbalah – Modern Judaism – New Age Judaism. In C. Helmer et al. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Vol. 14, pp. 1182–1184). De Gruyter. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ebr.kabbalah>
2. Mayseless, O., & **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2010). Spirituality and mothering. In A. O'Reilly (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Motherhood* (pp. 1154–1156). SAGE Publications.

#### *Educational Textbooks & Curriculum Materials*

1. Hartman, D., Margolin, R., Biala, T., Yager, R., & **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2009). *Circles of Belonging – An Educational Program in Jewish Culture*. Shalom Hartman Institute & Ministry of Education. [Hebrew]
2. **Ruah-Midbar, M.**, Aviv, A., & Miron-Ilan, Z. (2007). "The One Whom my Soul Loveth" – Love and Relationship in Jewish Thought. Ministry of Education. [Hebrew]
3. **Ruah-Midbar, M.**, Aviv, A., & Yagar, I. (2007). "The One Whom my Soul Loveth" – Teachers' Guide. Ministry of Education. [Hebrew]

#### *Work in Progress & Under Review*

1. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Levanon, R. (in revision). *Contemporary Trends in Jewish Feminist Liturgy (JFL)*. [Hebrew]
2. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (under review). The study of contemporary spiritualities in Israel: Between academization and public involvement.
3. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.**, & Raz, C. (in preparation). "Orthodox 'Jubus' in Israel."

4. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M., & Kotler, O.** (in preparation). “The mindfulness ‘vogue’ in medical-scientific discourse.”
5. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M., & Wasserman, D.** (in preparation). “A space odyssey into ecstasy: a mystical-cinematic model.”

#### *Essays in Research & Reflection Anthologies*

1. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2019). The never-ending story – From the Land of Israel to Mother Earth. In I. D. Elbaum (Ed.), *The Independence Tractate with an Israeli Talmud* (pp. 72–73). BINAH and Yediot Books. [Hebrew]
2. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2016). From a hoe to a hug – A constitutive narrative of Zionism and renewal. In D. Elbaum (Ed.), *Israeli Talmud (Independence Tractate)* (p. 61). BINAH. [Hebrew]
3. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2012). Oriental is not necessarily authentic. *Earth Spirit [Ruach HaAretz], 1* (Special issue: The Easternization of the West), 55–56. [Hebrew]

#### *Professional Publications & Public Scholarship*

1. **Ruah-Midbar Shapiro, M.** (2017). Passover in a spiritual scent. *The Schechter Institutes of Jewish Studies*. <https://www.schechter.ac.il/article/פסח-בניחוח-רוחני> [Hebrew]
2. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2017, March 25). VaYikra portion. *Opening a Week*. TAL Education Fund. [Hebrew]
3. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2010, October). Spirituality in business – Can the two work together? *TheMarker* (Special issue: Pioneering Management), 80. [Hebrew]
4. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2009, March). An accounting of the soul (reckoning). In D. Naor (Curator), *Heshbon Nefesh* [Exhibition pamphlet]. HighTouch, Herzliya Pituach. [Hebrew]
5. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2008, January). ‘I create God, and He creates me’ – An interview with Dov Elbaum. *A Different Life*, 40–41. [Hebrew]
6. **Ruah-Midbar, M.** (2007, September). ‘I am G-d your God’ – Now on sale. *A Different Life*, 18–23. [Hebrew]