

# Prof. Adv. Yuval Elbasha

## Executive Summary

Prof. Yuval Elbasha is a community lawyer who since 1997 has continuously addressed those in need of assistance in the field of social rights. In 1997, he founded and directed the legal department of YEDID for the Advancement of Social Rights and Poverty Reduction Law. In 2000, he founded and directed the Human Rights Division at the Academic College of Law to promote law, and address poverty and the plight of the individual. In 2003 he founded and directed the Clinical Center for Social Responsibility and Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. From 2008 to 2013, he again managed the YEDID network of rights centers in the poor periphery of Israel, the organization of which he was one of the founders in 1997. At the same time, from 2009, managing the Tevel B'Tzedek educational programs that promote social justice in the Third World and is active through this organization in Nepal and Burundi, in the establishment of legal and cultural aid systems for human rights. In 2013, he was appointed Dean of Social Development at Ono Academic College, responsible for multiculturalism in the institution and accessibility of higher education to excluded populations. In 2015 he was appointed Chairman of the Pro-Bono National Program of the Israel Bar Association - the "Shachar Mitzvah Program." In 2016, after receiving the rank of Professor, he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College.

Prof. Elbasha has published ten books - including a book of poems "Yesterday They Finished Trimming the Bushes" (Aked 1994); "Strangers in Law" - on accessibility to justice in Israel (Hakibbutz Hameuchad 2005); the novel "Always Flora" (Yedioth Books 2009), which won critical acclaim and sold close to 40,000 copies so far; a children's book "Peanut the Mouse and the Cruel Glue" (Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2010), which also won critical acclaim; a thriller novel "The Masada Case" (Yedioth Books 2012), which sold close to 40,000 copies; "Attorneys of the Exploited-the Law as a Tool for Social Change" - about jurists who fixed the world (Yedioth Books, 2014); a novel for young people of all ages "Sipu - Unfinished Story" (Yedioth Books 2011) and the novel "Five" for teenagers (Yedioth Books 2016). The last two were chosen to be included in the Ministry of Education's book charts and following critical praise.

In addition, since 2016, he has been a broadcaster for programs in the Israel Broadcasting Corporation - Reshet Bet, including a weekly program with Emily Amrousi on Fridays between 08:00 and 10:00 AM.

## Education and Academic Appointments

2015	Associate Professor in Law, appointment by the the High Committee for the Appointment of Professors of the Israel Council for Higher Education.
2004-2005	Senior Lecturer in Law (adjunct) Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
1997-1999	Masters in Law (LLM) Hebrew University, summa cum laude.

1993-1996 Bachelor of Law (LLB) summa cum laude (ranked 2/410), Tel Aviv University. Dean's List for years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### **Professional and Managerial Experience**

2016-present ***Dean, Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College***  
Israel's largest law faculty (over 5,000 students) that operates in four multi-cultural and ultra-Orthodox campuses, two of which are in Jerusalem.

2013-2016 ***Dean of Social Development, Ono Academic College***  
Responsibility for managing the institution as a multicultural campus; responsible for the development and management of the institution's social initiatives, for the structuring of social responsibility as part and parcel of the the professionalism of the institution's students in all areas of study (law, accounting, occupational therapy, rehabilitation, health professions, management and business administration and music).

2007-2013 ***Deputy General Manager and Director of YEDID's Citizen Rights Centers Network, YEDID – The Association for Community Empowerment***  
Director of a network of over 100 employees and 400 volunteers in 27 centers across the country that provide rights of legal and social aid in utilizing social and cultural rights. As part of each center there are dozens of educational and cultural activities to empower disadvantaged populations. For further details see: [www.yedid.org.il](http://www.yedid.org.il)

2007-2009 ***Chairman of The Association of Vocational Rehabilitation Centers (volunteer position) The Association of Vocational Rehabilitation Centers***  
The Association is the largest network of vocational rehabilitation centers, operating in Israel since 1964, consisting of 73 rehabilitation centers, and sheltered factories and placement testing services throughout the country. Nearly a thousand employees treat about twenty thousand persons annually. For these two years led necessary restructuring process following changes in the labor market of persons with disabilities and the transition from eligibility to legal rights. For further details see: [www.keren.org.il](http://www.keren.org.il)

2003-2007 ***Founder and Director of The Center for Clinical Legal Education for Human Rights and Social Responsibility Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem***  
Center provides legal assistance to the underprivileged in Jerusalem with 11 Legal Clinics (150 students and a staff of 14 attorneys). In this context developed an academic curriculum and practical training programs; initiated cooperation within university and outside; initiated and organized dozens of conferences, some of them international, and productions to promote a culture human rights in society. During this period established cooperation with international programs and the university was branded as a leader in the field of education for social responsibility. For further information: [www.cle.huji.ac.il](http://www.cle.huji.ac.il)

2000-2003 ***Founder and Director of the Human Rights Division College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan***

Special division to train lawyers for the protection of human rights prior to their integration into key positions in the Israeli public and non-governmental organizations. Promoted the main rights: the right to take part in cultural life. In this context, Managed a team that developed programs to promote education and culture of human rights that were taught throughout the country; organized conferences and the like.

- 1998-2000 ***Founder and Director of the Legal Department  
YEDID – The Association for Community Empowerment***  
Operated YEDID's Citizen Rights Centers network in communities in the social and geographic periphery of Israel. Focused on strategy to developing free legal assistance and protecting the social and economic rights of individuals and groups.
- 1997-1998 ***Member of Think-Tank on the Proposed Israeli Constitution  
Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem***
- 1996-1997 ***Legal Intern, The Supreme Court of Israel*** under the supervision of Justice Yaakov Turkel
- 1992-1995 ***Research and Information Officer Advisor, Ministry of Defense***

#### **Public Activities**

- 2015-present Co-Chairman of the "Shachar Mitzvah" Program, Israel Bar Association  
The National Program for the Provision of Pro-Bono Legal Aid to Needy Populations.
- 2017-present Member of the Public Council of the Government Unit for Coordination of the Struggle Against Racism headed by Judge Elyakim Rubinstein (Ret.) (Ministry of Justice).
- 2016-present Broadcaster for programs in the Israel Broadcasting Corporation - Reshet Bet, including a weekly program with Emily Amrousi on Fridays between 08:00 and 10:00 AM.
- 2016-2017 Member, Committee on Citizenship, Ministry of Education (Minister of Education Naftali Bennett)
- Member, Committee for the Examination of the Increase of the Retirement Age for Women on behalf of the Government (headed by Amir Levi, Head of the Budget Division)
- Member of the Advisory Committee to the President of Israel on the "President's Award for Volunteerism" Project for 2016
- Member of the Judiciary Committee of the Civil Service Commission of the "Advanced Employer's Letter" to promote the employment of women in the civil service.
- 2014-2015 Member of the Haris Committee to examine the repayment plan in bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the official receiver.

- 2012-2016 Guest host on radio show "Things will be fine" to promote the culture of utilizing civil rights, Galei Zahal Radio.
- 2008-2009 Host: Counseling Corner item on Live Well TV program for Reshet, Israel Channel 2 TV.
- 2006-2007 Regular Legal Advice item on Civil Defense show, with Guy Maroz and Orly Vilnai for Keshet, Israel Channel 2 TV
- In addition:
- Board Member, Perach – student volunteer program, Ministry of Education
  - Member of the Legal Aid Reform Act Committee 1972, Ministry of Justice
  - Parliamentary Inquiry Committee consultant to examine inequality and gaps in Israel, headed by MK Ran Cohen
  - Head of Labor Party's planning committee for the elections to the 17th Knesset (responsible for writing action plans and party line on culture and law).
  - Former member of the leadership of the campaign of social organizations in Israel
  - Steering Committee member for pro bono project of the Bar Association and board member of many social action organizations.
- 2001-2002 Professional Advisor for documentary series "All Human Beings" on human rights - Channel 8 production.

#### **Experience in Teaching and Academic Education**

- 2015-present ***Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Ono Academic College***
- 2008-present ***Senior Lecturer and Academic Director at Tevel Betzedek*** which promotes Tikkun Olam in third world countries. Active in promoting access to justice in Nepal, India, Poland, Myanmar and various countries in the Middle East. See <http://www.tevelbtzedek.org/he/team-2-3>
- 2004-2016 ***Senior Lecturer (Adjunct) Faculty of Law and Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, Hebrew University and Ono Academic College.***  
Expertise: human rights, accessibility to justice, poverty and social law, social rights, law as a tool for social change.
- 2000-2004 ***Adjunct Lecturer on the topic of Social Rights Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law and Academic College of Law, Ramat Gan***  
Courses taught: Social Rights, Community Law, Public Interest Law, Law and Culture, and Access to Culture in Israel.
- 1996-2000 ***Instructor of Criminal Law Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law Academic College of Law, Ramat Gan***

**Champlain College Faculty of Law, Israel Branch  
Interdisciplinary Center, Faculty of Law, Herzliya**

Educated students in the subjects of criminal law, constitutional law and social rights.

- 1993-1996 **High School Teacher – Legal Studies**  
**Tel Aviv University, Center for Community Action**  
Taught legal and civil studies in various high schools as part of the Tel Aviv University program.
- 1993-1996 **Facilitator, Legal Seminars**  
**Council for the Advancement of the Rule of Law and Democracy in Israel**  
Public educational seminars for underprivileged populations on the subject of rights and benefits.

**Military Service**

- Current: IDF Intelligence Corps reservist: Major
- 1987-1992 IDF Intelligence Corps – Talpiot project. Outstanding Officer Award: 1989, Commander for Intelligence Course Talpiot project: 1990. Released as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.

**Awards**

- 2015 Awarded "Honoris Causa" by the Israel Bar Association (the highest award granted by the Israel Bar Association).
- 2014 Winner of the "Yad Vashem Holocaust 2003-4 for book on the subject of the Holocaust titled **Sipu - Unfinished Story**.
- 2014 Tel Aviv District Bar Association award "for his contribution to the legal system along with significant public activity".
- 2013 Chosen as one of one hundred of the most inspiring Israelis by Ma'ariv and Makor Rishon in the Zionism category.
- 2013 Platinum Book award on the sale of over 40,000 copies of his book **The Masada Case** (Yedioth Ahronoth Books)
- 2009 Book Publisher Association's Gold Prize for 2009 novel, **Forever Flora**
- 2008 Recipient of Erasmus Mundus grant for developing Culture of Human Rights by the European Union
- 2005, 2007 Chosen as one of the "ten most positive influences in the social area" by *The Marker* newspaper.
- 2004, 2005 Chosen as one of three "Attorneys of the Year" by The Advocate, Journal of the Tel Aviv Bar Association
- 2004 Chosen as "Person of the Year in Law" by Globes

From 2008 Chosen six times as outstanding lecturer at the School of Social Work and the Faculty of Law at Hebrew University.

### **Publications**

#### **Books:**

1. Elbashan, Yuval (ed.), ***A World without Secrets: Secrets and Disclosure as Tools to Repair the World and Individual*** (in hebrew) (Ono Academic College, 2015).
2. Jacoby, A., Ben Said, L.A., Elbashan, Y., ***Man is Not Born Alone - Social Exclusion among Students in Israeli Society***, Ono Academic College ( 2015).
3. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Attorneys of the Exploited-the Law as a Tool for Social Change*** - Yedioth Acharonot Books, (2014).
4. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Strangers in the Realm of the Law (Access to Justice in Israel)*** Hakibutz Hameuchad (2005).
5. Elbashan, Yuval, ***The Law and The Child***, Tamar Morag and Yuval Elbashan, Editors, *Hagigim* (1996).
6. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Criminal Law in Light of Amendment 39 to Israel's Criminal Statutes***, Shahar Eldar and Yuval Elbashan *Etika* (1995).

#### **Novels:**

1. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Five, A Novel for Youth***, Yediot Acharonot Publications (2015).
2. Elbashan, Yuval, ***The Masada Case***, Yediot Acharonot Publications (2012).
3. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Sipu - Unfinished Story***, Yediot Acharonot Publications (2011).
4. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Peanut the Mouse and the Cruel Glue (a children's fable)*** Hakibutz Hameuchad (2010).
5. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Forever Flora – A Novel***, Yediot Acharonot Publications (2009).
6. Elbashan, Yuval, ***Yesterday They Finished Trimming the Bushes***, (poetry), Yuval Elbashan *Aked* (1992).

#### **Articles:**

- From 2009, Regular columnist for ***Ma'ariv***.
- From 2002-2009 Regular column in the newspaper's opinion section, ***Ma'ariv***.
- Numerous publications in major daily newspapers and magazines, such as, Yediot Aharonot, Haaretz and Globes on Access to Justice, Democracy and Human Rights, and in Professional Law Reviews.



**Academic Articles:**

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2. Elbashan, Yuval, "Freedom to Assimilate in the Crowd," in **Against All Odds - From Rehabilitation and Recovery in Mental Health to Community Integration** (edited by Naomi Hadas Lidor and Max Lachman, Ono Academic College, 2018).
3. "The Sunlight Dilemma of the Attorney of the Rights Shop", **Tikun- Academic Journal of Social Change** (May 2015)
4. "The Legal Clinic as a Laboratory: A Different Model from the Middle East" **Global Legal Education Approaches: Special Reference to the Middle East** Cambridge Scholars Publishing (forthcoming 2015)
5. "Without Complete Unity, the Main Thing Missing - the Failure of Civil Society to Promote Social Solidarity Journey to Fraternity", edited by Yedidia Stern and Benny Porat, **Israel Democracy Institute**, (2014), 485.
6. "Absence of the Law", **Reading the Protest - Political Lexicon**, eds. Ariel Handel, Tel Aviv University and Hakibbutz Hameuchad (2013) 92.
7. "Preventive Lawyering as a Tool for Working with Disempowered Communities" **Ma'asei Mishpat – Tel Aviv University Journal of Law and Social Change**, (2011) 151.
8. "From Court to Judges House? - The Judicial Humanization in Israel as Part of Legal System Privatization" **8 Aley Mishpat – Academic College of Law - Law Review** November (2009) 201.
9. "Barak Obama, Community Lawyer" **Ma'asei Mishpat – Tel Aviv University Journal of Law and Social Change**, (2009) 141.
10. "Aharon Barak – Between Law and Protest" **Mishpatim - The Hebrew University Law Journal – A special edition in honor of Aharon Barak's retirement**, December 2008.
11. "The Dilemma in Representing Underpowered Communities on the Way to Social Change" **Ma'asai Mishpat** (November 2007).
12. "The Exclusion of Social Rights from the Developing Israeli Constitution 1948 – 2000" **Israel – Between Society and Economy (Ben Gurion University of the Negev Books)** January 2005.
13. "Teaching Lawyers Social Responsibility" 34 **Mishpatim - The Hebrew University Law Journal** (October 2004), p. 454.
14. "From Law Teaching to Justice Education" 4 **Aley Mishpat – Academic College of Law - Law Review** (September 2004) p. 1.
15. "Social Justice and Academic Law – Are they Contradictive?" **Eyonay Zedek**, The Van Leer Institution (2004).



16. "Review: On Social Justice and Equality" ***Social Security*** no.65 (March 2004) p.152.
17. "Strangers in the Domain of Law – the Poor and the Legal system" 26 ***Panim- Quarterly for Society, Culture and Education*** (November 2003) p.5.
18. "Access to Justice of Underpowered Communities in Israel" 3 ***Aley Mishpat – Academic College of Law - Law Review*** (November 2003) p. 497.
19. "Why do Neighborhoods Keep Quiet?" ***A Voice in the Neighborhoods***, no.2, July 2003, p.3.
20. "A Plan for Economic Dictatorship" ***Neto – Workfare Magazine***, no.159, June 2003, p.49.
21. "On the Silence of the Lawyers" ***A Juridical Choice*** (Ha'arez special edition) June 2003, p.2.
22. "The Shattering of the Democratic Power System and the Damage to Legal Procedure" ***Position Paper No. 3*** (The Van Leer Institute) May 2003, p.30.
23. "The Key to Change – Why are Struggles for Social Justice Paralyzed?" ***Erez Aheret – A Magazine on Israeliness and Judaism***, April 2003, p.2.
24. "The City Concealed from the Eye " ***Masa Aher***, April 2003, p.99.
25. "On Absence of Social Justice in the Israeli Legal Education" 3 ***Aley Mishpat – Academic College of Law - Law Review*** April 2003, p.5.
26. "Facing the Economic Crisis – A Comparison between USA 1929 and Israel 2002" ***Amotat Yedid***, no.4, September 2002.
27. "The Public Defender's Accessibility to Underpowered Communities" in "Equality in the eyes of the law? Accessibility to Representation in the Criminal Law" ***The Van Leer Institute***, no.6, 2002.
28. "The Death of the Laws," ***Amotat Yedid***, no.2, October 2001.
29. "Once Again, It's the Lower Classes Legal Aid that Suffers," 8 ***The Lawyer***, Official Review of the Israeli Bar Association, April 2001, p.34-35.
30. Y. Elbashan, "The Broken Clock Refuses to Move" (High Court and Social Rights) ***Mispat Nosaf*** Issue 1 (February 2001) pp 9-15.
31. "The New Arrest Law," 22 ***Tel Aviv University Law Review***, February 1999 p. 81.
32. Y. Elbashan, "Give a Gas Farm, Take a University" (On Social Environmental Justice in Israel) ***Panim- Quarterly for Society, Culture and Education***, No. 13, Spring 2000, pp 73-78.
33. Y. Elbashan "Human Rights in the Third Millennium - the Social Revolution" ***The Lawyer***, 1999, p 30.