

Erik H. Cohen

Prof. Erik H. Cohen of Bar Ilan University passed on 14 October, 2014 (20 Tishrei 5775) in Jerusalem. Erik H. Cohen was Associate Professor of Education at Bar-Ilan University. He received his B.A. in Philosophy and Sociology, and M.A. in Philosophy and Psycho-Sociology from the University of Lyon, France, his DEA in Sociolinguistics at the Sorbonne, and was a Jerusalem Fellow in Jewish education. In 1986, he received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Nanterre, France. He taught in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Bar-Ilan University's School of Education. He was the scientific director of the independent Research and Evaluation Group in Jerusalem. Prof. Cohen's research fields included French Jewish Demography and Sociology, Youth Culture in Modern and Postmodern Society, Educational Tourism, Sociology of Jewish Education, and theoretical and methodological issues in informal education. He published seven books in English, French and Hebrew and numerous articles in international journals. Many of these dealt with aspects of Jewish identification. Recently he was a member of the international team that investigated Jewish perceptions of antisemitism in 9 European Union countries, coordinated by the Jewish Policy Research institute in London with the sponsorship of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna. Erik was an active board member of the Facet Theory Association (FTA). He presented data analyses of his research findings using Facet Theory methods at FTA conferences, and engaged members in discussions on various approaches to theory formulation and data analysis. He presented his views with great enthusiasm and was involved in many of the discussions concerning these issues. Erik was a genial person, deeply committed to his Jewish heritage and to furthering Jewish Education through research and its application. He was always willing to hear and discuss differing perspectives, and he challenged others with his own views. Erik will be missed as a researcher, colleague, and human being. The article published in this issue of Hagira is one of the last at whose completion he attended personally.

Yehi zichro baruch.

David Mittelberg

Roberta Bell-Kligler

Dr. Roberta Bell-Kligler is the director of the International School at Oranim Academic College of Education in Israel. At Oranim she teaches courses about identity, peoplehood and globalization. Topics about which she has presented at academic conferences and published articles include: *mifgash*, American-Israeli school connection projects, family education and Jewish peoplehood. She did her academic work in the United States, completing two BA's from Brandeis – one in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and one in Russian Language and Literature – an MA from University of California at Berkeley in Bible, and a doctorate in Jewish Education from JTS. Roberta has initiated many educational programs dedicated to promoting Jewish peoplehood and experiencing Israel for groups of families, community leaders, educators and students from North America, Germany, Russia, South America and Israel. She lives on Moshav Zippori in the Galilee.

Ariela Keysar

Dr. Ariela Keysar, a demographer, is Associate Research Professor of Public Policy and Law and the Associate Director of the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. She is a principal investigator of the Demographic Survey of American Jewish College Students 2014; the ARIS 2013 National College Student Survey; the American Religious Identification Survey 2008; and Worldviews and Opinions of Scientists: India 2007-2008; and the associate director of the Longitudinal Study of American and Canadian Conservative Youth 1995-2003 (*The Eight Up*). She was co-editor of *Secularism, Women & The State: The Mediterranean World in the 21st Century*; *Secularism and Science in the 21st Century*; and *Secularism & Secularity: Contemporary International Perspectives*, and co-author of *Religion in a Free Market*, and *The Next Generation: Jewish Children and Adolescents*.

אלי שיש**יובל דרור****Judit Bokser Liwerant**

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סרג'ו דלה-פרגולה

פרופ' סרג'ו דלה-פרגולה, מוסמך אוניברסיטת Pavia באיטליה, בעל תואר דוקטור מהאוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים, פרופסור אמריטוס ולשעבר ראש המכון ליהדות זמננו באוניברסיטה העברית. כתב ספרים ומאמרים רבים על הדמוגרפיה של יהודי התפוצות ועל הדמוגרפיה של ישראל ופלסטין. עסק במיוחד בהגירה בינלאומית, המשפחה, ותחזיות אוכלוסייה. היה מרצה אורח באוניברסיטאות רבות באירופה, צפון אמריקה, אמריקה הלטינית ואוסטרליה, לרבות ב-Brown, UCLA, Brandeis, University of Illinois Chicago, Oxford Center of Jewish Studies, University of USP, UNAM, Colegio de Mexico, INED, SOAS, Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Sydney. בין פרסומיו: *תחזיות אוכלוסייה לירושלים, 1995-2020* (עם ע. רבהון, 2003); *Jewish Demographic Policies: Population Trends and Options in Israel and the Diaspora* (2011); *Fertility Prospects in Israel: Ever Below Replacement Level?* (2011); *Demographic Trends, National Identities and Borders in Israel and the Palestinian Territory* (2013); *From Old and New Directions: Perceptions and Experiences of Antisemitism among Jews in Italy* (with L.D. Staetsky, 2015); *World Jewish Population 2016* (2016).

עוזי רבהון

פרופ' עוזי רבהון הוא דמוגרף שמחקרו מתמקד ביהדות ארה"ב ובאוכלוסייה הישראלית בימינו. בעזרת ניתוח נתונים כמתוניים ובאמצעות שיטות מחקר ממדעי-החברה הוא בוחן הגירות בינלאומיות ופנימיות, נישואים ומשפחה, הזדהות יהודית, ריבוד חברתי-כלכלי, אנטישמיות, ויחסי ישראל-תפוצה. ספריו האחרונים כוללים: *ישראלים אמריקנים: הגירה, טרנס לאומיות, זהות תפוצתית* (עם ל. לב-ארי, הוצאת מוסד ביאליק, 2011); ו- *Jews and the American Religious Landscape* (Columbia University Press, 2016). מחקרו הנוכחי עוסק בישראלים בגרמניה.