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Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Details

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2. Higher Education

A. Undergraduate and Graduates Studies

Period of study	Name of institution, department, and host	Degree	Year of completion
1997-2003	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, (HUJI), Department of Ecology, Systematics, and Evolution, and the Interuniversity Institute for Marine Sciences in Eilat (IUI), Advisor: Prof. Amatzia Genin	Ph.D. with distinction	2003
1995-1997		M.Sc. with distinction	1997
1990-1994	Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) Faculty of mathematics and sciences Biology - major, Statistics – minor	B.Sc. With distinction	1994

B. Post-Doctoral studies

Period of study	Name of institution, department, and host
2003-2006	Rothschild Postdoctoral fellowship Biology Department, University of Victoria (UVic), British Columbia, Canada. Host: Prof. Verena Tunnicliffe.

3. Academic Ranks and Tenures in Institutes of Higher Education

Dates	Name of institution and department	Rank / Position
2023-Present	Faculty of Marine Science, Ruppin Academic Centre, Israel	Professor
2016- 2023		Associate Professor
2008-2016		Senior Lecturer
2007-2008		Lecturer

4. Offices in Academic Administration

5. Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution

(a) Community contribution and outreach

- 2021-present Editorial board of Frontiers in Marine Science as a review editor for Marine Biology
- 2021- present: National Advisory Committee for Israel Water Authority - The Fate of Wastewater Surpluses in Israel
- 2020-2021: National Steering Committee for Israel Marine Science – Israel Science Academy
- 2019-present: Member of the scientific diving committee of the Interuniversity Institute in Eilat
- 2017-Present: Scientific committee Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel (MERC I)
- 2015 – Present: Head of the scientific diving committee of the Faculty for Marine Science in Michmoret
- 2010-Present: EcoOcean marine science advisor and scientific committee
- 2009-2019: BASHAAR – Academic Outreach activity in High schools at the periphery
- 2009-2014: EcoOcean board member

(b) Membership in professional/scientific societies

Since 1996 - American Society of Limnology and Oceanography

Since 2008 – Israeli Association of Aquatic Sciences

Since 2013 - Israeli Microbiology Society

(c) Seminar presentations at universities and institutions (last 5 years)

2017 – Volcani Institute

2016 – Denmark Technical University (Copenhagen, invited seminar)

2016 – Weizman Institute

2016 – ILOR (KLL)

(d) Reviewer for (among others): Aquatic Biology, Aquaculture Research, Frontiers in Marine Science, BMC Physiology, Bulletin of Marine Science, Diversity and Distribution, Ecosystems, FEMS Microbiology Letters, Limnology and Oceanography, Limnology and Oceanography Methods, PLOS ONE, Marine Ecology Progress Series, NSF, ISF, MOST

6. Participation in Scholarly Conferences

A. Active Participation

Date	Name of Conference	Place of conference	Subject of lecture/discussion	Role
2021	ASLO Aquatic Sciences	Virtual	How does sponge control their pumping	Presenter
2019	Red Sea Marine Ecosystems Under Environmental and Anthropogenic Changes	Eilat, Israel	Benefits and lessons from 20 years of in situ studies of suspension feeders nutrition and metabolism	Presenter
2018	Particles in Europe 2018	Lisbon, Portugal	Biological activity: an overlooked, mechanism for sediment resuspension, transport, and modification in the ocean	Presenter
2016	Microscale Ocean Biophysics	Eilat, Israel	Teflon bacteria: The most abundant bacterium in the ocean evades predation by slipping through mucous nets	Presenter
2016	Early evolution of multicellular sponges	Copenhagen, Denmark	Teflon bacteria? Microbe specific biological filtration at the submicron range	Presenter
2016	Israel Ecology and Environment	Tel Aviv, Israel	Persistent hypoxia and prolonged anoxia in a Mediterranean micro-estuary are controlled by the interplay of seawater intrusions and anthropogenic pollution.	Presenter
2015	ASLO Aquatic Sciences	Granada, Spain	Teflon bacteria? Can <i>Pelagibacter ubique</i> , the most abundant bacterium in the ocean, evade predation by slipping through mucus nets?	Presenter
2013	ISM	Bar Ilan University	Microbe specific biological filtration at the submicron range	Presenter
2013	IAAS	Mikmoret, Israel	Microbe specific biological filtration at the submicron range	Presenter
2009	IAAS	Mikmoret, Israel	Decimation of groundfish populations reduce silica availability to diatoms	Presenter
2007	PICES-XVI	Victoria BC, Canada	Fish activity, a major mechanism for nutrient and carbon recycling from coastal marine sediments	Presenter *best presentation award

2006	ASLO, Aquatic Sciences	Victoria BC, Canada	In situ feeding and metabolism of glass sponges and their community mediated fluxes studied in a deep temperate fjord and a sponge reef	Presenter
2006	ASLO, Aquatic Sciences	Victoria BC, Canada	Size independent selective filtration of ultraplankton by hexactinellid glass sponges.	Author
2001	CARRES	Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel	Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC): an overlooked food source for aquatic invertebrates.	Presenter
1999	ASLO, Aquatic Sciences	Santa Fe, NM, USA.	Phytoplankton, bacteria, and DOC removal by coral reef invertebrates	Presenter
1997	Zoological Society of Israel	Tel Aviv, Israel	Suspension feeding in coral reefs - what about dissolved matter?	Presenter
1996	Ecosystem of the Gulf of Aqaba	Eilat, Israel	Spatial and temporal distribution phytoplankton at the coral reef of Eilat	Presenter

B. Organization of Conferences or Sessions

Date	Name of Conference	Place of conference	Subject of lecture/discussion	Role
2021	ASLO Aquatic Sciences	Virtual	Session: Feeding and ecophysiology of marine suspension feeders	organizer and chair

7. **Invited Lectures\Colloquium Talks**

8. **Research Grants**

A. **Grants Awarded** (active within the last five years)

<i>Role in Research</i>	<i>Co-researchers</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Funded by</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Years</i>
PI		Revisiting the role of dissolved organic matter, the largest pool of exchangeable carbon in the ocean, as a nutritional source for aquatic metazoans	ISF	299,646 NIS	2021-2025
CO-PI	Tom Topaz Yair Suari	Applied Research On Coastal Estuaries	Yad Hanadiv	1,600.00 O NIS	2021 - 2023

	(Israel)				
PI	Tom Topaz (Israel)	Science based management of the Kishon Estuary	The Kishon Authority	375,000 NIS	2020 - 2023
CO-PI	T.K. Kiørboe A. Andersen (Denmark) U. Shavit R. Holtzman (Israel)	FLOWMAR: The role of flow in marine life	Styrelsen for Forskning og Uddannelsen (Denmark)	111,537 NIS	2019 - 2021
CO-PI	S. E. Monismith (USA) M. Ribes, R. Coma (Spain)	Role of sponges in biogeochemical benthic-pelagic coupling: carbon and nutrient exchange between the Coraligenous and adjacent communities (Be-Calm)	Ministerio de Ciencia Innovación (Spanish Science Ministry)	700,000 Euro	2019 - 2021
PI	B. Chefetz Y. Suari (Israel)	Long term monitoring of the Alexander Estuary	Jewish National Fund (JNF)	723,000 NIS	2019 - 2021
PI		Assessing the role of invasive bivalves in controlling ecosystem dynamic as a tool for better management of Israeli Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas	Yad-Hanadiv +INPA	600,000 NIS	2018 - 2021
PI	E. Ward (USA) S.E. Shumway (USA) U. Shavit (Israel)	Mediation of biological filtration in marine suspension feeders: significance of intrinsic and extrinsic factors	IOS-NSF-BSF	\$1,315,000	2018 - 2021
PI	U. Shavit T. Katz T. Treibitz Y. Schaner	Developing new methodologies for quantifying biological sediment resuspension in the sea and for studying its dynamics	Israel Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)	2,500,000 NIS	2016 - 2019

PI	B. Chefetz R. Egozi G. Eshel S. Gafny Y. Suari (Israel)	The role of estuaries in controlling pollution of the Mediterranean Sea: The Alexander River as a case study	Yad Hanadiv	2,475,000 NIS	2016 - 2019
PI	Yair Suari	Ruppin Marine LTER (Long Term Ecological Research) Station at Michmoret	Ruppin Academic Center	204,000 NIS	2014 - 2021
PI	K. R. Sutherland (USA) Y. Tikochinski (Israel)	Interactions between marine picoplankton and mucous-net filter feeders	United States-Israel Binational Science Fund (BSF)	\$244,000	2013 - 2018
PI	-	Examining size independent biological filtration at the submicron range	Israeli Science Fund (ISF)	1,232.000 NIS	2013 - 2018
PI	S. Gafny Y. Suari (Israel)	Rehabilitation of the micro estuaries along the Mediterranean coast of Israel	Yad Hanadiv	1,084,000 NIS	2013 - 2016
PI	A. Genin, M. Ilan (Is	Study of the deep Israeli Continental margins of the Red and Mediterranean Seas in light of local and global changes (ROV)	Israel Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)	1,638,000 NIS	2014 - 2017
CO-PI	H.U. Riisgård D. Canfield N. T. Eriksen P. Funch P. S. Larsen J.H.Walther J.E. Meyer T.Fenchel C. Nielsen (Denmark)	Early evolution of multicellular sponges - a bioenergetic and bio-fluid mechanical approach for understanding evolutionary adaptation to animal filter-feeding in the sea	The Villum Foundation grant (Denmark)	800,000 Euro	2015 - 2018

B. Submission of Research Proposals - Pending

C. Submission of Research Proposals - Not Funded (last five years)

<i>Role in research</i>	<i>Co-researchers</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Funded by</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Score</i>
PI	E. Ward S.E. Shumway (USA)	Rethinking biological filtration: Intrinsic versus extrinsic controls on feeding efficiency in marine suspension feeders	NSF-BSF	2017	High
PI	U. Hentchel N. Musat (Germany) L. Staindler (Israel)	The Sponge-Microbe Holobiont - Towards an integrated understanding of metabolism and function within a complex microbial consortium	DIP	2017	High
PI	Ariel Olsner (Israel)	Monitoring of the Alexander stream and estuary – infrastructure for science-based management	Israeli Landscape fund	2018	Rejected on technical basis
PI	T. S. Oliveira M. Ribeiro (Portugal) U. Shavit T. Katz (Israel)	Novel methodologies for the quantification of sediment resuspension in the ocean	FCT-MOST	2019	??
PI	S. Gafny (Israel)	Science based management of the Hedera Estuary	Ministry for Protection of the Environment	2019	High
PI	T. Katz U. Shavit (Israel) E. Boss(USA)	Determining the rate and relative contribution of biological resuspension of sediment from the seafloor	NSF-BSF	2019	Fair
PI	T. Katz U. Shavit (Israel) E. Boss(USA)	Quantifying biological resuspension fluxes	NSF-BSF	2021	High

9. Awards, Citations, Honors, Fellowships

- 2003-2004 Rothschild Post-Doctoral Fellowship (KEREN YAD-HANDIV)
- 2013 Ruppin Academic Center – Research Excellency award
- 2014 - 2020 Ruppin Academic Center – Research and Teaching Excellency award

10. Teaching

a. Courses taught in recent years

Year	Name of Course	Type of Course	Degree	No. of students
2007 - Present	Biological Oceanography	Lecture (Mandatory)	BSc	90-120
2008 - Present	Oceanographic Cruise	Field + Lab (Mandatory)	BSc	60-120
2008 - Present	Underwater Research Methods	Field + Lab + Lecture (elective)	BSC+MSc	25
2009 - Present	Guided project for outstanding students	Lab and field	BSc	4-6

b. Supervision of Graduate Students

Name of student	Title of Thesis	Degree	Supervised with:	Date of completion	Student's Achievements
Ph.D. Students					
Rei Diga	Removal, utilization and transformations of DOM by aquatic suspension feeders	PhD	Amatzia Genin	In Progress	
Raz Moskovich	Sponge Metabolism	PhD	Micha Ilan	In Progress	Publication in Frontiers in Marine Science
Tal Amit	An in situ studies of the metabolic strategies of bivalves residing in oligotrophic seas	PhD	Yossi Loya (TAU)	2022	Best Student Lecture – Zoological Society of Israel, 2021 conference
Yuval Jacobi	Revisiting biological filtration – The role of surface properties in prey capture	PhD	Uri Shavit (Technion) Guy Ramon (Technion)	2023	Publications in Limnology and Oceanography; Nature Microbiology; Marine Biology IUI Ph.D. award 2018

Tom Topaz	The role of estuaries in controlling pollution of the Mediterranean Sea: the Alexander as a case study	PhD	Benny Chefetz (HUJI)	2021	MERCI Scholarship 2016 Publications in Environmental pollution, Frontiers in Marine Science, Environmental Science and Technology, Science of the Total Environment Currently Head of the Israeli Estuarine Research Center The Faculty of Marine Sciences, Ruppin Academic Center http://reco.ruppin.ac.il/eng/
Ayelet Dadon Pilosof	Quantification of biological filtration in the ocean at the phylotype level of the microbial prey	PhD	Amatzia Genin (IUI, HUJI)	2019	IUI Ph.D. award 2015 MERCI Scholarship 2016 Best lecture award IAAS 2016 MERCI Scholarship 2017 Publications in Nature Microbiology, Limnology and Oceanography Currently a faculty member at The Faculty for Marine Science, ruppin Academic Center
MSc Student					
Sharon Shperling	The effect of environmental conditions on Cyanophage production & decay	MSc	Debbie Lindell (Technion)	In Progress	
Neomi Darmon	Dissolved Inorganic Carbon (DIC) fluxes mediated by marine sponges	MSc	Eyal Wurgaft (HUJI)	In Progress	
Rei Diga	The impact of invasive bivalves on Mediterranean rocky habitats	MSc	Jonathan Bellmaker (TAU)	2022	
Raz Moskovich	In situ study of the metabolism of HMA and LMA sponges	MSc	Micha Ilan (TAU)	2020	
Merav Gilboa	Toward Quantification of biological resuspension rate	MSc	Adi Torfstain (HUJI)	2019	

Aviv Ben Tal	Ecology of feeding in Ascidians – Factors controlling the mucus net production	MSc	Noa Shenkar (TAU)	2018	Publications in Marine Biology and Marine Ecology Progress Series
Yuval Jacobi	Biomechanics and ecological aspects of Ascidian filtration	MSc	Noa Shenkar (TAU)	October 2016	Best Lecture award Microscale Ocean Biophysics 2016 Publications in Limnology and Oceanography

11. Miscellaneous

a. Military and civil service

- 1987-1989 Field Guide for the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) at the Mount Hermon Field School.
- 1996-2003 Airborne Rescue Squadron of the Israeli Air Force (Unit 669) Rescue Team commander in reserves.
- 1982-1986 Airborne Rescue Squadron of the Israeli Air Force (Unit 669), last position – Rescue Team commander, discharged at the Rank of Major.

*As I started my academic studies only at the age of 28, my academic career is lagging behind my age.

12. Professional Experience

- 2012-Present: Environmental Impact Monitoring of the Herzliya sewage treatment plant outfall
- 2015-2020: Turbidity monitoring of the port construction work in Namal Hadarom, Ashdod.
- 2010: Evaluation of Environmental Impact Monitoring programs for the Ministry for Protection of the Environment
- 2006 Environmental Impacts of air-gun surveys on Glass Sponges for the Ministry of Energy and Mines, BC, Canada

Publications

A. Ph.D. Dissertation

Feeding on ultraplankton and dissolved organic carbon in coral reefs: from individual-based rates to community processes (2003) Submitted to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem under the supervision of Prof. Amatzia Genin.

All chapters were published (items no. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, and 19 in the publication list below).

B. Scientific Books (Refereed)

A. Authored Books - Published

B. Edited Books and Special Journal Issues - Published

C. Other Scientific Publications

D. Articles in Refereed Journals

h-index: Web of Science 19; Google Scholar 23 (20 since 2016)

* denotes papers published after the last rank (Associate Professor)

AC (Author Contribution) is denoted only for GY.

Published

Hebrew Publications

1. *Suari Y, Shaish L, Gafny S, Amit T, Gilboa M, Brokovich E, **Yahel G** (2017) Prolonged anoxia in the Alexander estuary – a consequence of the interaction between seawater intrusions and high nutrients load. Ecology and Environment, 8, 44-52 (in Hebrew).
AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

English Publications

- 41*. Jacobi Y, Shenkar N, Ward EJ, Rosa M. Ramon GZ, Shavit U, **Yahel, G** (2021) Evasive plankton: Size-independent particle capture by ascidians. Limnology and Oceanography, 66(4), 1-12.
Q1, Impact factor 4.745.
AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 40*. Morganti TM, Ribes M, Moskovich R, Weisz J, **Yahel G**, Coma R (2021) The in situ pumping rates of 20 marine demosponges are a function of osculum area. Frontiers in Marine Science, 8:583188.

Q1, Impact factor 4.912, Citations 1.

AC: GY participated in formulation of the hypothesis, fieldwork, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 39*. Ben-Tal A, Shenkar N, Paz A, Conley KR, Sutherland K, **Yahel G** (2021) High mucous-mesh production by the ascidian *Herdmania momus*. Marine Ecology Progress Series, 663:223-228.

Q1, Impact factor 2.824.

AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 38*. Asadzadeh SS, Kiørboe T, Larsen PS, Leys SP, **Yahel G**, Walther JH (2020) Hydrodynamics of sponge pumps and evolution of the sponge body plan. Elife. 9, e61012.

Q1, Impact factor 8.146.

AC: GY participated in laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 37*. Topaz T, Egozi R, Suari Y, Ben-Ari J, Sade T, Chefetz B, **Yahel G** (2020) Environmental risk dynamics of pesticides toxicity in a Mediterranean micro-estuary. Environmental Pollution 265, 114941.

Q1, Impact factor 8.071, Citations 3.

AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 36*. Suari Y, Dadon-Pilosof A, Sade T, Amit T, Gilboa M, Gafny S, Topaz T, Zedaka H, Boneh S, **Yahel G** (2019) A long term physical and biogeochemical database of a hyper-eutrophicated Mediterranean micro-estuary. Data in Brief 27, 104809.

Q2, Impact factor NA, Citations 4.

AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 35*. Morganti TM, Ribes M, **Yahel G**, Coma R (2019) Size is the major determinant of pumping rates in marine sponges. Frontiers in Physiology 10, 1474.

Q1, Impact Factor 4.566, Citations 11.

AC: GY participated in planing and experimental design, field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 34*. Dadon-Pilosof A, Lombard F, Genin A, Sutherland KR, **Yahel G** (2019) Prey taxonomy rather than size determines salp diets. Limnology and Oceanography 65, 1996-201 Q1, Impact factor 14.745, Citations 6.

- AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation and the writing of the manuscript
- 33*. Suari Y, Amit T, Gilboa M, Sade T, Krom MD, Gafny S, Topaz T, **Yahel G** (2019) Sandbar breaches control of the biogeochemistry of a micro-estuary. *Frontiers in Marine Science* 6, 224.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.912, Citations 5.
 AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 32*. Conley KR, Ben-Tal A, Jacobi Y, **Yahel G**, Sutherland K (2018) Not-so-simple sieving by ascidians: re-examining particle capture at the mesh and organismal scales. *Marine Biology* 165(3), 45.
 Q1, Impact factor 2.573, Citations 2.
 AC: GY Formulated the hypothesis, participated in planning, field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 31*. Jacobi Y, **Yahel G**, Shenkar N (2018) Efficient filtration of micron and submicron particles by ascidians from oligotrophic waters. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 63(S1).
 Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 12.
 AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 30.*Morganti T, Coma R, **Yahel G**, Ribes M (2017) Trophic niche separation that facilitates co-existence of high and low microbial abundance sponges is revealed by in situ study of carbon and nitrogen fluxes. *Limnology and Oceanography*, 62(5), 1963-1983.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.745 Citations 38.
 AC: GY Formulated the hypothesis, participated in planing, field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 29.* Dadon-Pilosof A, Conley K R, Jacobi Y, Haber M, Lombard F, Sutherland K R, Steindler L, Tikochinski Y, Richter M, Glöckner F O, Suzuki M T, West N J, Genin A, **Yahel G** (2017) Surface properties of SAR11 bacteria facilitate grazing avoidance. *Nature Microbiology* 2:1608-1615.
 Q1, Impact factor 17.745, citations 25.
 AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
- 28*. Lavy A, Keren R, **Yahel G**, Ilan M (2016) Intermittent hypoxia and prolonged suboxia measured in situ in a marine sponge. *Frontiers in Marine Science* 3:1–11.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.912, Citations 18.

AC: GY Designed and directed the project, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 27*. Morganti T, **Yahel G**, Ribes M, Coma R (2016) VacuSIP, an improved InEx Method for in situ measurement of particulate and dissolved compounds processed by active suspension feeders. JOVE - Journal of Visual Experiments, e54221-e54221.

Q3, Impact factor 1.355, Citations 9.

AC: GY Designed the methodology, fabricated the original prototypes, participated in planning, field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

- 26*. Katz T, **Yahel G**, Reidenbach MA, Tunnicliffe V, Herut B, Crusius J, Whitney F, Snelgrove P, Lazar B (2016) The silica cycle in a Northeast Pacific fjord; the role of biological resuspension. Progress in Oceanography 147, 10-21.

Q1, Impact factor 4.08, Citations 4.

AC: GY lead the field and laboratory work, and took a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

25. Kahn AS, **Yahel G**, Chu JWF, Tunnicliffe V, Leys SP (2015) Benthic grazing and carbon sequestration by deep-water glass sponge reefs. Limnology and Oceanography 60, 78-88.

Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 65.

AC: GY Designed the project, fabricated the instruments, participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

24. Ribes M, Jiménez E, **Yahel G**, López-Sendino P, Diez B, Massana R, Sharp JH, Coma R (2012) Functional convergence of microbes associated with temperate marine sponges. Environmental Microbiology 14,1224-1239.

Q1, Impact factor 5.491, Citations 96.

AC: GY designed the methodology, participated in experimental design, field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

23. Katz, T., **Yahel G.**, Reidenbach M. A., Tunnicliffe V., Herut B., Crusius J., Whitney F., SnelgroveP., and Lazar B. (2012) Resuspension by fish facilitates the transport and redistribution of coastal sediments. Limnology and Oceanography 57, 945-958.

Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 13.

AC: GY lead the field and laboratory work, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

22. Chu JWF, Maldonado M, **Yahel G**, Leys SP (2011) Glass sponge reefs as a silicon sink. Marine Ecology Progress Series 411, 1-14 (feature article).

- Q1, Impact factor 2.824, Citations 44.
 AC: GY participated in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
21. Leys SP, **Yahel G**, Reidenbach MA, Tunncliffe V, Shavit U, Reiswig HM (2012) The sponge pump: The role of current induced flow in the design of the sponge body plan. PLOS ONE 6(12), e27787.
 Q1, Impact factor 3.24, Citations 80.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed and fabricated the instruments for underwater work, took a major part in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript.
20. Katz T, **Yahel G**, Yahel R, Tunncliffe V, Herut B, Snelgrove P, Crusius J, Lazar B (2009) Groundfish overfishing, diatom decline, and the marine silica cycle: Lessons from Saanich Inlet, Canada, and the Baltic Sea cod crash. Global Biogeochemical Cycles, 23, GB4032.
 Q1, Impact factor 5,703, Citations 16.
 AC: GY lead the field and laboratory work and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
19. **Yahel G**, Beninger PG, Marie D, Genin A (2009) In situ size-independent retention of phytoplankton and bacteria by the tropical bivalve *Lithophaga simplex*. Aquatic Biology 6, 235-246.
 Q3, Impact factor 1.8, Citations 36.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed the study, lead the field and laboratory work, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
18. Genin A, Monismith SG, Reidenbach MA, **Yahel G**, Koseff JR (2009) Intense benthic grazing of phytoplankton by the coral reef community. Limnology and Oceanography 54, 938–951.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 55.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis and had a major part in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
17. **Yahel G**, Yahel R, Katz T, Lazar B, Herut B, Tunncliffe V (2008) Fish activity, a major mechanism for sediment resuspension and organic matter remineralization in coastal marine sediments. Marine Ecology Progress Series 372, 195-209.
 Q1, Impact factor 2.824, Citations 54.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed the study, lead the field and laboratory work, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

16. **Yahel G**, Whitney F, Reiswig HM, Eerkes-Medrano DI, Leys SP (2007) In situ feeding and metabolism of glass sponges (Hexactinellida, Porifera) studied in a deep temperate fjord with a remotely operated submersible. *Limnology and Oceanography* 52, 428-440.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 93.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed and fabricated the instruments for underwater work, took a major part in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript.
15. **Yahel G**, Eerkes-Medrano DI, Leys SP (2006) Size independent selective filtration of ultraplankton by hexactinellid glass sponges. *Aquatic Microbial Ecology* 45, 181-194.
 Q3, Impact factor 1.759, Citations 46.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed and fabricated the instruments for underwater work, took a major part in field and laboratory work, data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
14. Reidenbach MA, Monismith SG, Koseff JR, **Yahel G**, Genin A. (2006) Boundary layer turbulence and flow structure over a fringing coral reef. *Limnology and Oceanography* 51, 1956-1968.
 Q1, Impact factor 4.745, Citations 124.
 AC: GY participated in fieldwork and the writing of the manuscript
13. Monismith SG, Genin A, Reidenbach MA, **Yahel G**, Koseff JR (2006) Thermally driven exchanges between a coral reef and the adjoining ocean. *Journal of Physical Oceanography* 36(7), 1332-1347.
 Q1, Impact factor 3.373, Citations 69.
 AC: GY made the initial observations, participated in fieldwork and the writing of the manuscript
12. **Yahel G**, Zalogin T, Yahel R, Genin A (2005) Phytoplankton grazing by epi and in-fauna inhabiting exposed rocks in coral reefs. *Coral Reefs* 25(1), 153-163.
 Q1, Impact factor 3.902, Citations 7.
 AC: GY formulated the hypothesis, designed the study, lead the field and laboratory work, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
11. Perkol-Finkel S, Shashar N, Barneah O, Ben-David-Zaslow R, Oren U, Reichart T, Yacobovich T, Yahel G, **Yahel R**, Benayahu Y (2005) Fouling reefal communities on artificial reefs: Does age matter? *Biofouling* 21, 127-140.
 Q1, Impact factor 3.209, Citations 31.
 AC: GY participated in the experimental design and fieldwork, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript

10. **Yahel G**, Marie D, Genin A (2005) "InEx" – an in situ method to measure rates of element intake and excretion by active suspension feeders. *Limnology and Oceanography Methods* 3, 46-58.
 Q1, Impact factor 2.634, Citations 53.
 AC: GY designed the methodology, designed the study, lead the field and laboratory work, and had a major part in data analysis, interpretation, and the writing of the manuscript
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L. Summary of my Activities and Future Plans

As a marine biologist and oceanographer by training my research interests lie in the diverse processes that link the seafloor to the overlying ocean. These processes range from the ecophysiology and feeding of individual suspension feeders such as sponges and bivalves through the behavioral pattern of groundfish and plankton to the interplay between hydrodynamics and the benthos (organisms that inhabit the bottom of the sea). Due to the interdisciplinary nature of my work, I have developed over the years strong collaborations with several international groups from Spain, Canada, France, Denmark, and the USA, with whom I work and correspond on a weekly to daily basis. Fieldwork and the development of new methods and instrumentation for underwater studies are major themes in my work with the aim of providing the scientific community with tools to study marine organisms and processes in their natural habitat.

I devote my time and efforts to three missions: basic science, which is the core of my work, public and environmental scientific work, and providing strong scientific training to the next generation of oceanographers.

Basic Science - Currently, my group focuses on four major topics:

1. *The role of suspension-feeding metazoans in carbon cycling*: We use novel methodologies to study if, how, and to what extent, benthic suspension-feeders use DOM (dissolve organic matter, which is the largest pool of organic carbon in the ocean), and participate in its cycling. In this context, we also study *in-situ* respiration rates and DIC (dissolve inorganic matter) efflux by a range of benthic suspension feeders.
2. *The nutritional ecology of suspension feeders*: While bottom-up processes are intensively studied, grazing, the prominent mortality factor that shapes marine microbial food webs, is much less understood. In my lab, we focus on *in-situ* studies of grazing at the micron and sub-micron range and the biomechanical and biochemical mechanisms that facilitate differential and size-independent capture (or evasion) of planktonic microbes.
3. *Ecophysiology of suspension feeders*: We investigate the factors that control the metabolism and behavior of suspension feeders *in-situ*, and how they are related to the size and allometry of modular suspension feeders such as sponges and colonial tunicates.
4. *Quantification of sediment resuspension by fish*: We work with an interdisciplinary group of geologists, engineers, and oceanographers to develop novel tools to estimate the average sediment fluxes due to biological resuspension and *in-situ* sensors to assist in constraining the fluxes of settling sediment.

Public and Environmental work:

While keeping an active research lab with several technicians, Ph.D. and MSc students, in the last decade (since 2013) I have devoted more than 50% of my time to local environmental issues and specifically to the heavily polluted micro-estuaries of the Israeli Mediterranean coast. What started as a student's exercise in the local estuary of the Alexander stream, had grown into a series of studies aimed to develop efficient monitoring, modeling, and management tools that will facilitate the rehabilitation of these important ecosystems. The next step was knowledge dissemination, targeting managers and decision-makers. To that end, we also established the [RECO- Ruppin Estuarine and Coastal Observatory](#) that provides online information on the health of the Israeli micro-estuaries since 2014. During those years we worked intensively with the academia and with local, regional, and national agencies to foster the idea that micro-estuaries are unique water bodies and are very different from coastal streams. Therefore, they require special status and management plans. This tedious work has culminated in the recent establishment of the Israeli Estuarine Research Center at Ruppin Academic Center. The center now monitors and studies several estuaries and streams in order to create science-based data for academics, local managers, and decision-makers. The center has four technicians, several MSc students, and is now headed by my former Ph.D. student Dr. Tom Topaz. My environmental work made me realize that sustainable rehabilitation of Israel's stream and micro-estuaries requires a national solution to the problem of wastewater surplus that is plaguing Israel's waste management system. To remediate this problem, we devised and proposed technical short-term fixes that are now being adapted and translated into policy and management actions at the national level.

Teaching and training the next generation of oceanographers and marine scientists is another passion and academic mission of mine. I do it in the classroom, but first and foremost at sea. Since my arrival, back in 2007, at the Faculty for Marine Science in Michmoret (the marine campus of Ruppin Academic Center which is located at the central part of the Mediterranean coast of Israel) I took upon myself the task of promoting the teaching of quantitative and oceanographic skills at the Faculty. To that end, I constantly refine the faculty's oceanographic curriculum to provide a combination of strong quantitative skills and intensive hands-on experience that is followed by advanced geochemical, biological, and molecular analysis training in the lab. I also established and continue to develop the Scientific Diving Center which is part of the [AAUS](#) network. The center is training tens of scientific divers every year, more than any other AAUS center in the world. Within this framework, I teach a selected group of graduates and undergraduates an intensive two-week course of advanced underwater research methods.

In the near future, I'm planning to phase down my involvement in the estuarine work and environmental policy and devote most of my time to basic science at sea.