

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Lea Taragin-Zeller

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### **Personal Details**

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### **1. Higher Education:**

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| 2012- present | PhD candidate., Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (PhD entitled: Contemporary Family Planning Discourse among Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel). Supervised by Dr. Nurit Stadler. |
| 2008- 2012    | Master., <i>Cum Laude</i> , Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (MA Thesis entitled: Modesty among Haredi female teenagers). Supervised by Dr. Nurit Stadler.                                 |
| 2010- 2011    | Teaching Degree in Social Sciences, Tsfat College (Bar-Ilan University).                                                                                                                                              |
| 2006-2008     | Bachelor., <i>Cum Laude</i> , Sociology and Anthropology and General BA in Liberal Arts, focused in: Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Folklore, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.                                           |

### **2. Fellowships and Awards**

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| 2013 - 2016 | The Israel Democracy Institute                                                                                                            | “Human Rights and Judaism” Research Fellowship for Phd students |
| 2013        | The Shaine Center for Research in Social Studies, Hebrew University                                                                       | Research Grant for Phd students                                 |
| 2010- 2011  | Cherrick Center for the Study of Zionism, The Yishuv And The State of Israel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Keren Kayemeth Leyisrael | “Amitey Hertzl” Research Fellowship for M.A. students           |
| 2010        | The Shaine Center for Research in Social Studies, Hebrew University                                                                       | Research Grant for M.A. students                                |

## **Publications**

Taragin-Zeller, Lea, (revise and resubmit), Modesty for Heaven's Sake: Authority and Creativity among Female Ultra-Orthodox Teenagers in Israel, *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*.

Taragin-Zeller, Lea, (forthcoming), Women's Modesty as a Religious Concept and Sociological Tool. In: Fishman Barack, Sylvia (ed.), *Love, Marriage, and Jewish Families Today: Paradoxes of the Gender Revolution*, Brandeis University Press, Waltham Massachusetts, Published by University Press of New England (expected 2014).

Taragin-Zeller, Lea. (in press). Modesty For Heaven's Sake: Haredi Women Reinterpret Modesty, *Megamot* (Hebrew, expected 2013).

Taragin, Lea. 2007. "The Voice Behind the *Mechitsa*: Identity Processes amongst Religious-Zionist Learned Women", *Studies in Education, Technology and Science* (Hebrew).

## **Works in Progress**

Stadler, Nurit and Taragin-Zeller, Lea, Yeshiva Students, Virtuous Mothers and the "Evil Inclination": Reinterpreting Body and Taboo in Haredi Culture.

## **3. Presentations and Lectures**

### **A. In Scientific Conferences and Workshops**

- 2012 "Between Beauty and Modesty: A Sociological Analysis of an Ultra-Orthodox Paradox", International Conference on New Understandings of Gender, Love, and the Jewish Family. Van Leer Institute, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Van Leer Institute, 26-27.12.12
- 2010 "Her Halakhah: Modesty Practices of Haredi Female Teenagers – a Model for Halakhic Creativity", Fourth International Conference on the Philosophy of Halakhah: Halakhah as an Event, Van Leer Institute and Hebrew University, 28-29.12.2010

### **B. Invited Lectures**

- 2012 "Educating Dina - A Critical Look at Intergenerational Traditions about Love, Passion and Sexuality", Society and Social Justice, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, 25.11.12.
- 2011 "The Life of a Haredi Teenager in Jerusalem", Department of Jewish Philosophy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 4.5.2011.
- 2006 "The Voice Behind the *Mechitsa*: Identity Processes amongst Religious-Zionist Learned Women", Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 2006.

#### **4. Teaching Experience**

##### **A. Teaching and Research Experience at the Hebrew University**

2012- present	Department of Sociology and Anthropology	Advisor for B.A. Students
2012- 2013	Department of Sociology and Anthropology	Teaching assistant: “Political Anthropology”
2009-2012	Department of Sociology and Anthropology	Teaching assistant: “Sociological Theories” (Voted Outstanding Teacher).
2008-2010	Department of Sociology and Anthropology	Research Assistance for Dr. Nurit Stadler: “Haredim and Fundamentalism”, project for the Israeli Science Foundation (ISF).

##### **B. Other Higher Education Experience**

2011- present	Midreshet Ein Hanatziv	Lecturer (Courses taught: Gender and Judaism, Contemporary Judaism)
2011- present	Mechinat Ha-Emeq	Lecturer (Gender and Society, Reading Canonical Texts Critically)
2006-2010	Midreshet Yeud	Head of Beit Midrash Track for Overseas students

##### **C. Other Research Experience**

2013-present	The Israel Democracy Institute	Participant, Research Group: “Modern Ultra-Orthodoxy”
2011-2013	Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University and the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem	Participant, Research Group: “Contemporary Understandings of Gender, Love, and the Jewish Family”
2010-2012	The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, Rutgers University, New Jersey	Research Assistance for Prof. Yael Zerubavel: Bible Representation in Contemporary Israeli Culture