

## טל לבנוני – קורות חיים

בשנת 2013 התחלתי בשמה את תפקידי כאוצרת בגן הבוטני אוניברסיטת תל-אביב. במקביל, אני נמצאת בשלבי סיום מתקדמים של עבודה הדוקטורט במחלקה לזואולוגיה אוניברסיטת תל אביב.

נושא מחקר עוסקים במגוון ביולוגיים בעירות אורנים טבעיים, בדגש על צמחים, פרוקי רגליים ויונקים קטנים. בעבודה המאסטר התמקד באזורי השפלה, ובעבודה הדוקטורט – בגליל הגליל. בעבודתי בחנתי השפעה של נושאים מסוימים שונים על המגוון הביולוגי בעיר הנטו – ציפיפות הנטיעות והרכב מיני העצים הנטוועים. תוצאות מעובדה זו הוצגו כנסים מדעיים בארץ ובעולם.

במהלך לימודי הייתי מעורבת באופן פעיל בהנחיית סטודנטים ישראלים זרים בעבודות פרויקט מחקריות לתואר ראשון והשני, וכן תרגلت בקורס אוניברסיטאי.

עבודת הדוקטורט שלי מבוססת על שיתוף פעולה עם קבוצת מחקר מאוניברסיטה לונברג בגרמניה. עבודה זו הינה עד כה מספר פרסומים מדעיים, ונוספים צפויים לצאת قريب. עוסkti ב轟�ן עבדות שדה אקולוגיות, שאוות ביצעה הן במהלך המחקר שלי והן במסגרת רבות אחרות, בינהן סקרים צומח ואיסוף זרעים.

יש לי ניסיון רב שנים בהדרכה בנושאי טבע וסביבה לקהלים שונים ובמגמות שונות, בעיקר במסגרת גופים ירוקים שונים. בשנים האחרונות התמקד בהדרכות מקצועיות בנושאי אקולוגיה, זואולוגיה, בוטניקה, מגוון ביולוגי, שימרת טבע וטבע עירוני, בעיקר לקהל של מורים, מדריכים ואנשי שטח, הן בשטח והן בגן הזואולוגי ובגן הבוטני אוניברסיטת ת"א. כמו כן כתבתי מסמך מידע למקבלי החלטות ומערכות הדרכה בנושאים אלה.

התגוררתי במשך שנתיים בארצות הברית, במדיסון, ויסקונסין, שם הייתה סטודנטית אורחת במעבדה במחלקה לבוטניקה, והייתי מעורבת בפעילות התנדבותיות שונות בתחום טיפול במינים פולשים ושיקום בת גידול.

## **TAL LEVANONY - CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Military service: 1993-1995 (Israeli Nahal brigade, teacher of new immigrants)

### **Education:**

- 1998-2001** B.Sc., Biology,  
Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University
- 2002-2005** M.Sc., Zoology,  
(Department of Zoology), Tel Aviv University  
Thesis entitled: Species diversity in pine plantation and natural maquis in the Judean Foothills (Under the supervision of Prof. Tamar Dayan, Tel Aviv University, fund by the JNF).  
*Magna cum laude*
- 2005-** Ph.D., Zoology,  
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Thesis entitled: Species diversity in plantations of *Pinus halepensis* and *P. brutia* in comparison to the natural habitats they replaced (Under the supervision of Prof. Tamar Dayan, Tel Aviv University, fund by the GIF).

### **Teaching and working experience:**

- 1992-** Guide, The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.
- 1998-2004** Guide, *Havaieda* – science museum for children, Holon.
- 2001-** Instructing guides in ecology, botany and zoology, The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.
- 2001-** Guide, Nature Campus, Tel Aviv University.
- 2003-2004** Teaching assistant (Vertebrates: comparative anatomy and functional morphology), Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University.
- 2003** Developing teaching programs on Biodiversity. Nature Campus, I. Meier Segals Garden for Zoological Research, Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University.
- 2003-2011** Supervising undergraduate students in research projects, Faculty of life sciences, Tel Aviv University:

- Species richness and community composition of vascular plants in the Judean foothills.
- Seasonal variation of the species diversity of reptiles, amphibians and small mammals in the Judean foothills.
- Species diversity of beetles in pine plantations *vs.* natural maquis during the winter.
- Species diversity of spiders in field margins, pine plantations and natural maquis.
- Temporal and spatial variation in the of beetles fauna in the Judean foothills.
- Species diversity of beetles in pine plantations *vs.* natural maquis during the summer.
- The millipedes' fauna in field margins, pine plantations and natural maquis.
- Seasonal variation in the species diversity of beetles and rodents in the Judean foothills.
- Species composition of beetles in pine plantations *vs.* natural maquis.
- The scorpions' fauna in field margins, pine plantations and natural maquis.
- Differences in mammal and reptile assemblages between ancient woodlands, recent woodlands and batha in the Upper Galilee zone (Israel).
- Rodent species diversity in plantations of *Pinus halepensis* and *P. brutia* in comparison to the natural habitats they replaced.
- The shrews (Insectivora: Soricidae) of Israel – Taxonomy and Zoogeography.
- Ecological differences in scorpion population of four different habitats in the Upper Galilee.
- Analysis of factors affecting species diversity and abundance of woody plants in Mt. Meron area.

<b>2008-</b>	Seed collecting for the Israel Plant Gene Bank, Institute of Plant Sciences, The Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Center, Bet Dagan.
<b>2010-2011</b>	Vegetation surveys in non-herbicide treated city parks at Tel Aviv, Citizens Forum for City Nature and Environmental Quality at Tel-Aviv-Yafo.
<b>2013-</b>	Curator, The Botanical Garden, Tel Aviv University.

**Volunteer:**

- 2012-2013** Restoration ecology and invasive species treatment, Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2013** Restoration ecology and office work, Arboretum, University of Wisconsin - Madison.

**Membership in professional societies:**

- 1992-** The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.
- 2003-** The Zoological Society of Israel.
- 2004-** Israel Society for Ecology and Environmental Quality Sciences.
- 2006-** The Entomological Society of Israel.
- 2007-** Adam Teva V'din – Israel Union for Environmental Defense.
- 2009-** The Israeli Association for Rangeland Sciences.
- 2012-** Friends of the Arboretum, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2013-** Ecological Society of America.
- 2013-** Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Madison, Wisconsin.

**Fellowships and awards:**

- 1998-2004** Perach scholarship (*Havaieda* - science museum guiding project).
- 2002-2004** M.Sc. fellowship, Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University.
- 2005-2010** Ph.D. fellowship, Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University.
- 2008** The Adessman travel grant for active participation in an international conference, Department of Zoology, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2010** Annual Prize of the Entomological Society of Israel, in memory of Dr. Syril A. Blondheim, for the best presentation given by a Ph.D. student at the society's 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Invited talks**

- 2004** JNF Forest Service – symposium of the Land Development Authority researches (lecture entitled: Biodiversity in natural maquis and in pine plantation) (the lecture was shared with Prof. Tamar Dayan).
- 2005** The Ramat Hanadiv park, workshop on active management of Mediterranean ecosystems: up-scaling lesson from Ramat Hanadiv (lecture entitled: Biodiversity of arthropods and plants in pine plantation vs. natural maquis in the Judean Foothills).
- 2005** The 1<sup>st</sup> Israel Arachnological Meeting, Sde Boker (lecture entitled: species diversity of spiders in the Judean Foothills).
- 2010** Jerusalem environment and nature conference – Biodiversity. The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. (Response to the lecture: Types of forests in Israel, By Dr. Omri Bone, JNF).
- 2011** Ecology of the forest - continuing education program for JNF foresters, Nature Campus, Tel Aviv University (lecture entitled: Biodiversity in planted forests, focusing on Israel).

### **Active Participation in Scientific Conferences:**

- 2003** The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Sde Boker, Israel.
- 2004** The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Ecology and Environmental Quality Sciences, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2004** The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Haifa, Israel.
- 2005** Living with global change: challenges in environmental sciences. International Conference of the Israel Society for Ecology and Environmental Quality Sciences, Rehovot, Israel.
- 2005** The 1<sup>st</sup> Diversitas open science conference - Integrating biodiversity science for human well-being, Oaxaca, Mexico.
- 2006** The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Rehovot, Israel.
- 2006** The 1<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Conservation Biology “Diversity for Europe”, Eger, Hungary.
- 2007** The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Active Research by Environmental Science Students, Rehovot, Israel.

- 2007** The 13<sup>th</sup> European Carabidologists Meeting, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.
- 2007** The 11<sup>th</sup> International Mediterranean Ecosystems Conference, Perth, Western Australia, Australia.
- 2008** The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for Ecology and Environmental Quality Sciences, Haifa, Israel.
- 2008** 1<sup>st</sup> International Congress – Documenting, Analysing and Managing Biodiversity in the Middle East, Aqaba, Jordan.
- 2010** the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Israel, Volcani Center, Bet Dagan, Israel.

**Abstracts:**

Levanony, T., Columbus, E., Mandelik, Y., Chikatunov, V. and Dayan, T. 2004. Species richness of plants and beetles in pine plantations *vs.* natural landscapes in the Judean foothills. Israel Journal of Zoology 50: 112.

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