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PERSONAL DATA

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Date of Birth: November 8, 1955.

Nationality: French, Israeli.

Military Service: (enlist) March, 1974 (disch.) May, 1976. Rank: Lieutenant.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

1987 Ph.D. Tel Aviv University.

1980 B.A. (hons.), Tel Aviv University.

EDUCATION

1979 – 1986: Tel Aviv University, Philosophy, Doctoral Student.

Thesis Title: “Personal Redemption according to Spinoza and Nietzsche”.
Supervisor: Prof. J. Agassi.

1976 – 1979: Degree courses in Philosophy, Mathematics, History, Psychology,
Tel-Aviv University.

1973 – Matriculation, Paris, France.

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Ethics, Business Ethics, Modern Philosophy, Spinoza, Nietzsche,
Philosophy of Humor, Philosophical Practice, History of Philosophy,
Philosophy of Love.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Aesthetics, Philosophy of Psychology, Moral Psychology, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Religion, Hellenistic Philosophies, Eastern Philosophies, History of Ideas.

LANGUAGES

French, Hebrew, English, Spanish, Latin (reading).

CURRENT POSITION

Senior lecturer, College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel-Aviv.

Head of Humanistic Studies, School of Media Studies, College of Management.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 1979 – 1984 Tel Aviv University, Philosophy. Teaching Assistant in courses: Phil. of Science; Phil. of Religion; Phil. of Language; and various electives for Social Sciences students (Intr. to Epistemology; Reduction in Sciences; The Mind-Body Problem),
- 1980 – 1983 Tel Aviv University, Education, Assistant in courses: Phil. of Education; Rationalism and Irrationalism in Education.
- 1984 - 1986 Tel Aviv University, Philosophy, Doctoral teaching fellow, Courses: Phil. of Biology; Kant's Phil. of Mathematics; Peace of Mind: Stoics, Epicureans and Pyrrhonists; Personal Redemption: Spinoza, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche.
- 1984 - 1989 The Young Persons' Institute for the Promotion of Art and Science, Tel Aviv, Lecturer in various electives courses: Creative Thinking; Personal Development of Humor; Humor as a Worldview.
Author of educational handbooks about various Institute courses: Astronomy; Mathematics; Computer Programming; Science Fiction; Creative Thinking; Word Games; Development of Humor.
- 1985 – Summer Art Teachers Seminar, Ramat Hasharon. Lecturer, Courses: Phil. of Education; The Ethics of Humor in Education; Gifted Children.
- 1987 – Summer Kibbutzim Movement Teachers Seminar, Tel Aviv. Lecturer.

- Courses: Humor in Education; Educating Gifted Children.
- 1989 - 1990 Tel Aviv University, Business Administration. T.E.C. Top Executive Course (Lahav). Lecturer. Course: the Ethics of Humor in Management.
- 1989 - 1990 The Zinman College of Physical Education, Wingate Institute. Course: Philosophy of Education and of Physical Education.
- 1989 - 1993 The College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv, The School of Business Administration. Lecturer in courses: Creativity; The Ethics of Humor in Business Administration.
- 1989 - 2000 The Open University, Tel Aviv, Supervisor of seminar papers in the courses: Business Ethics - Social Responsibility in Management; Advertisement Management.
- 1992 - 1994 The Popular University in Tel Aviv, Lecturer. Courses: Laughing Matters: Ethical Humor; Practical Wisdom - On the Uses of Philosophy for Everyday Life.
- 1993 – present The College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv, The School of Media Studies. 1993-2000 – Lecturer. 2000-present – Senior lecturer. Courses: History of Western Thought; Philosophy and History of Science and Technology; Ethics; Aesthetics; Seminars: Humor: Ethical, Psychological and Sociological aspects; Religion: Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology.
- 1994 – The College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv, Department of Behavioral Sciences. 1994-2000 – Lecturer. 2000-present – Senior Lecturer. Courses: History of Western Thought; Ethics: the Self, the Other and the Good Life. Seminar: Change in Psychotherapy, Philosophy, and Religion.
- 1995 – 2003 Ruppin Institute; Department of Behavioral Sciences. Senior lecturer. Courses: History of Western Thought; Body and Mind; Society and the Individual; The Nature of Love; Seminar: Humor – Philosophical, Psychological and Sociological Aspects.
- 1997 – The College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv, School of Media Studies, Head of Humanities. Responsible for courses: Introduction to Sociology; History of Western Thought; Philosophy, History and Sociology of Science; Aesthetics; Technology, Culture and Society;
- 1998 – The College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv, School of Business Administration, Graduate Studies.

- 1998-2000 – Lecturer; 2000-present – Senior lecturer. Course: Ethics in Management.
- 1998 – 2001 The School of Alternative Medicine, The College of Management, Tel Aviv. Course: Introduction to Eastern Philosophies.
- 2000 (summer) Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, Mikkeli Campus, Finland, MBA Program. Visiting senior lecturer. Course: Business Ethics.
- 2001 – 2002 Visiting Scholar at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, U.S.A., Visiting Scholar at the University of Maryland, Maryland, U.S.A.
- 2002 – 2004 Tel-Aviv University, Department of Business Administration, Graduate Studies. Lecturer. Course: Ethics in Management and Social Responsibility.
- 2002 (summer) Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, Mikkeli Campus, Finland. Visiting senior lecturer. Course: Intercultural Communication.
- 2003 (summer) University of Edinburgh, Scotland, Summer School of Humor Studies, International Society for Humor (SSH3). Visiting senior lecturer. Courses: The Ethics of Humor; A Short History of Humor; Religion, Mysticism and Laughter: East and West; Humor as a Worldview: Theory and Practice.
- 2004 (summer) The Educational University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Lecturer. Seminar: Philosophy as Adult Education.

ROLES AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

- 2004 - Board Member of the Dove Israeli Center for Organizational Transparency and Ethics.
- 2006 - Member of the Audit Committee of SHVIL (Transparency International – TI) Israel.

ACADEMIC COUNSELING AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

- 1992 – Philosophical and Ethical Counseling to Individuals and Organizations. Certified by APPA (The American Philosophical Practitioners Association).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Philosophical Redemptions: Spinoza and Nietzsche as Alternative Redeemers. (preparing for review by Martinus Nijhoff).
2. Homo Risibile: Philosophy, Humor and the Human Condition. (Advanced contract from SUNY Press, Albany, N.Y.)

Papers in Refereed Journals:

1. Dascal, M., **Amir, L.B.** Inadequacies of Chisholm's Definitions of the Evident. Critica, Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofia, vol. 13, n. 37: 69-76, 1981.
2. **Amir, L.B.** Rationality as Passion: Plato's Theory of Love. Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners, Vol. 4, n. 3: 6-14, 2001.
3. **Amir, L.B.** Pride, Humiliation and Humility: Humor as a Virtue. International Journal of Philosophical Practice, Vol. 1, n.3: 1-9, 2002.
4. **Amir, L.B.** Philosophical Practice: A Method and Some Cases. Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners, Vol. 6, n. 1: 36-41, 2003.
5. **Amir, L.B.** The Affective Aspect of Wisdom: Some Conceptions of Love of Humanity and their Use in Philosophical Practice. Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners, Vol. 7, n. 1: 14-25, 2004.
6. **Amir, L.B.** Three Questionable Assumptions of Philosophical Counseling. International Journal of Philosophical Practice, Vol. 2, n. 1: 9-18, 2004.
7. **Amir, L.B.** Morality, Psychology, Philosophy. Philosophical Practice, vol. 1, n. 1: 43-57, 2005.
8. **Amir, L.B.** Virtue, Happiness and Management: A Spinozistic Approach. Reason in Practice: The Journal of Philosophy in Management, (forthcoming after revision).
9. **Amir, L.B.** Autonomy, Sovereignty and Generosity: Nietzsche's Ethics in Management. Reason in Practice: The Journal of Philosophy in Management, (forthcoming after revision).
10. **Amir, L.B.** How Can Philosophy Benefit from Philosophical Practice? Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners, (forthcoming after revision).
11. **Amir, L.B.** When Nietzsche Laughed: The Sanctification of Laughter in

Nietzsche's Thought, Metaphora, vol. 6: 109-125, 2006, (in Hebrew).

Chapters in Books

1. Don't Interrupt My Dialogue! Thinking Through Dialogue. Trevor Curnow (ed.), Oxted, Surrey: Practical Philosophy Press, 239-243, 2001.
2. The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life. Philosophy in Society. Henning Herrestad, Anders Holt and Helge Svare (eds.), Oslo: Unipub, 217-242, 2002.
3. Dialogo Moral y Etico - ¿Una Tarea para los Orientadores Filosoficos? La Filosofia a las Puertas del Tercer Milenio. J. Barrientos Rastrojo, J. Ordonez Garcia, F. Macera Garfia (eds.), Sevilla: Fenix, 103-126, 2005.
4. Soren Kierkegaard and the Practice of Philosophy. J. Barrientos Rastrojo (ed.), Philosophers as Philosophical Practitioners, vol. II, Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 31-45, 2006.
- 2.2 Plato's Theory of Love: Rationality as Passion. J. Barrientos Rastrojo (ed.), Philosophers as Philosophical Practitioners, vol. I, Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 77-90, 2006. (reprint Rationality as Passion: Plato's Theory of Love. Practical Philosophy: The Journal of Philosophical Practitioners, vol. 4, n. 3: 6-14, 2001).
5. Taking Philosophy Seriously: Perfectionism *versus* Meliorism. J. Barrientos Rastrojo, J. Ordonez Garcia, F. Macera Garfia (eds.), From Theory to Practice, vol. II, Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 1-18, 2006.
6. More Philosophy, Less Counseling. J. Barrientos Rastrojo, J. Ordonez Garcia, F. Macera Garfia (eds.), From Theory to Practice, vol. I, Sevilla: Ediciones X-XI, 18-25, 2006.
7. The Unconscious: Freud *versus* Sartre. Philosophical Practice and the Unconscious. Peter Raabe (ed.), Amherst, NY: Trivium Publications, 23-78, 2006.

Book Reviews

1. "What's it all about? A Guide to Life's Basic Questions and Answers", Philosophical Practice. 2:2. 2006: 125-127.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2005- Board Editor of Philosophical Practice: Journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association.

GRANTS

1991 - 1993 Grant from the Spinoza Research Program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2001 – 2002 Grant from the College of Management, Academic Studies, Tel Aviv.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES

2004 Co-organizer of the 1st Iberoamerican Congress of Philosophical Practice, Sevilla, Spain.

2005 Organizer of a conference on "Teaching Ethics in Management, Business and Organizations", Transparency International Israel, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

International Conferences

1984 “How to Be Saved from Salvations?” 4th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel.

1990 “Humor, Humiliation and Humility” 8th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Sheffield, England.

1994 “Some Problems of Philosophical Counseling”, and “Humor in Philosophical Counseling” (workshop), 1st International Congress on Philosophical Counseling, Vancouver, Canada.

1996 “Eros, Agape, Philia - the Nature of Love in Philosophy”, 2nd International Congress on Philosophical Practice, Leusden, The Netherlands.

1997 “Philosophy as Counselee: a Re-evaluation of Philosophy”, and “Using Stoicism in Philosophical Practice” (workshop), 3rd International Congress on Philosophical Practice, New York, U.S.A.

- 1998 "Humor as a Virtue", 4th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: The Role of Values in the Life of the Individual, Bensberg, Germany.
- 1999 "Don't Interrupt My Dialogue!", 5th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: Thinking through Dialogue, Oxford, England.
- 2000 "Humor as a Worldview – a Philosophy for Our Time", 12th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Osaka, Japan.
- 2001 "The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life", 6th International Congress on Philosophical Practice: Philosophy in Society, Oslo, Norway.
- 2001 "When Nietzsche Laughed: Tragic Philosophy and Laughter", 13th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, University of Maryland, U.S.A.
- 2001 "What Can Philosophy Learn from Philosophical Practice?" The American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
- 2001 "Virtue, Happiness and Management – A Spinozistic-Nietzschean Approach", 1st Conference on Philosophy in Management, St. Anne College, Oxford, England.
- 2002 "Nietzsche's Sanctification of Laughter", 14th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Forli, Italy.
- 2002 "A Method for Philosophical Counseling", National Conference of Italian Philosophical Practitioners, Florence, Italy.
- 2003 "Humor within a Philosophic Perspective: A New Approach", 15th Conference of the International Society for Humor Studies, Chicago, U.S.A.
- 2004 "Educacion Moral y Emotional – Un Papel por Filsofos Practicos?", 1st Iberoamerican Congress of Philosophical Practice, Sevilla, Spain.
- 2004 "Morality, Conflicts and Humor", 2nd International Congress of Axiology: Value Choice and Human Existence, Wuhan, China.
- 2004 "The Role of Humor in Self-Education: Handling Moral Conflicts with a Smile", 7th International Congress of Philosophical Practice: Philosophical Practice – A Question of Building?, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2005 "Moral and Emotional Education", 9th East-West Philosophers Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A.
- 2006 "Taking Philosophy Seriously", Key-note Lecture, 8th International Congress of Philosophical Practice, and 2nd Iberoamerican Congress, Sevilla, Spain.

- 2006 "The Importance of Being Earnest: Kierkegaard's Ethics of the Comic", 17th International Congress of Humor Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2006 "No Laughing Matters: The French Reception of Nietzsche as a Philosopher of Laughter", Nietzsche: V Jornadas filosoficas – La Recepcion Francesa de Nietzsche, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2006 "La philosophie à l'oeuvre – perfectioner l'individu ou ameliorer le citoyen?", Congrès de l'Unesco pour la journée internationale de philosophie, Paris, France.
- 2007 "A Global Criticism of Moral and Emotional Education", 3rd International Congress of Axiology, Value in a Global World, Alcala, Spain.
- 2008 " ", International Conference in Honor of Joseph Agassi, Tel-Aviv (forth.) University, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2008 " ", World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea. (forth.)

National Conferences (Hebrew)

- 1995 "Honesty: Truth or Lies?", The Academic Forum for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 1998 "A Re-evaluation of Philosophy", International Society for Philosophical Practice in Israel Conference (ISPPI), Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 1999 "One of Us at Least Is Wrong: An Argument Against Relativism", 30th Annual Israeli Sociological Association, The College of Management, Israel.
- 2000 "The Role of Philosophy in the 21st Century", ISPPI Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2002 "Virtue, Happiness and Management – On the Difficulty of Teaching Ethics to Unhappy Persons", Conference in Honor of Prof. Dove Israeli, The School of Business Administration, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- 2002 "The Role of Impersonal Love in Everyday Life", ISSP Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2003 "Moral and Emotional Education – A Role for Philosophical Practitioners", ISSPI Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2004 "When Nietzsche Laughed: The Sanctification of Laughter in Nietzsche's Thought", "Philosophy and Everyday Problems", Organizer and Chairperson of a session, The Israeli Congress of Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- 2005 "Moral Conflicts and Humor", The Israeli Congress of Philosophy,

Haifa University, Israel.

- 2005 "Philosophy, Psychology, and Morality", ISSPI Conference, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 2006 "Having the Last Laugh: Kierkegaard's Ethics of the Comic", The Israeli Congress of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, Israel.
- 2007 "How Philosophy Became a Fable: The French Reception of Nietzsche as a Philosopher of Laughter", Bar-Ilan University, Israel.
- 2008 "The Philosopher and the Comic", The Israeli Congress of (forth.) Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.