

CURRICULUM VITAE
AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONS
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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. EDUCATION

1961-1964: B.Sc., Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Graduated with Honors.

1965-1967: M.Sc., Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Graduated with Honors.
 Title of M.Sc. Thesis: "The Influence of High Soil Temperature on the Development of Apple Rootstocks."
 Advisor: Prof. A. Gur.

1969-1972: Ph.D., Department of Botany, Faculty of Natural Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
 Title of Ph.D. Thesis: "Mechanisms Involved in the Adaptation of the Plant Shoot to Root Stress."
 Advisors: Prof. A. Richmond and Prof. Y. Vaadia

3. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research and Teaching Experience

- 1963-1964: Research Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Microbiology, Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 1965-1967: Research and Teaching Assistant in the Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 1967-1968: Scientist and Teaching Assistant in the Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 1968-1973: Scientist in the Department of Plant Physiology, Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research, Beer-Sheva, Israel.
Tenured position as a scientist was obtained 1971.
- 1969-1973: Instructor in plant physiology, Department of Biology, University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva.
- 1973 **Lecturer**, Department of Biology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel (on sabbatical leave from September 1973-1974, 1974-1975 as unpaid vacation)
- 1973-1975: Postdoctoral and Research Associate in the Department of Horticulture, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.
- 1975-2006: Senior Scientist at the The Institutes for Applied Research formerly the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 1975-1982: Research Subjects:
a) Flowering, Fruit-set, and Ripening in Jojoba (*Simmondsia chinensis*). This research included phenological observations, hormonal treatments, and determinations of endogenous hormone levels. Other subjects, carried out in cooperation with other scientists in the department, included Water and mineral relationships, mechanical harvesting, and hardening of rooted cuttings and tissue culture plantlets. All these subjects were treated from both the basic and applied points of view. **(Since the research was supported by a commercial firm, no publications were allowed.)**
- 1976: Teaching a course on "plant and soil water relationships," at the Biology Department, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 1979: Promoted to **Research Rank A** at the Institutes for Applied Research (equivalent to Associate Professor at a teaching Institute)

- 1978-1983: **Senior Lecturer** at the Department of Biology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Tenure was granted in 1978.**
- 1982-1983 Visiting Associate Scientist at Washington State University, Department of Horticulture in the framework of sabbatical leave from BGU.
- 1983-1991 **Associate Professor**, at the Department of Biology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- 1984-2008 Promoted to **Research Rank A+** at the Institutes for Applied Research (equivalent to Full Professor at a teaching Institute)
- 1986: Visiting Professor at the Institute of Botany, University of Bologna, Italy, teaching undergraduate course in English: "Plant Stress Physiology."
- August 1987- Visiting Research Scientist at Yale University, Department of Biology in
August 1988: the framework of sabbatical leave from BGU.
- 1991-2008. **Full Professor**, at the Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
- October 2008- present, **Professor Emeritus - Still active in cacti R&D.**
- 1994-1995 Visiting professor, at the School of Horticulture University of Western Sydney, Richmond, NSW, Australia, in the framework of sabbatical leave from BGU.
- 1995-1998 **Head- Department of Life Sciences BGU.**
- 2001-2002 Viting professor at the Center of Horticultutre and Plant Sciences (CHAPS) University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury, Richmond NSW, Australia, in the framework of sabbatical leave from BGU.
- 2003- 2006 **Head- Institute of Agriculture and Applied Biology BGU.**
- November 2007-October 2008. **Final Sabbatical at: Big Island Hawaii, Sydney, Northern Territory & Queensland Australia, Okinawa Japan and the University of Cartagena in Spain. This final sabbatical dealt with Israeli new clones' adaptation to the various eco-zones and marketing of pitayas.**
- October 2008- Retired- Professor Emeritus. Still working on pitaya breeding and opened MIZRHAI AGREEGULTURAL COUNSULTATION firm (MAC).**

4. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

a. Positions in academic administration

- 1983-1985: Member of the Graduate Student Committee, Department of Biology.
- 1984-1985: Member of the Academic Committee, The University Salinity Center.
- 1986-1987: Member of Research Grade Committee, The Institutes for Applied Research.
- 1989-1990: Member of the Academic Committee of the University's Centers.
- 1992-2008: Member of the Committee for Academic Promotion, Department of Life Sciences.
- 1995-1998: **Chairman** - Department of Life Sciences at BGU.
- 1995-1999- Member of the University Research Grade Committee (Senate nomination).
- 1998- 2000: Member of the "Faculty Committee" elected by the faculty assembly.
- 1999-2001 Member of the High Committee for Academic Promotion (Senate nomination).
- 2002-2003: Member of the committee for Research Grade promotion at BGU.
- 2002-2005: Member of the Evaluation Budget Committee, nomination of the Senate.
- 2003- 2006: **Chairperson** - Institute of Agriculture and Applied Biology BGU

b. Professional functions outside the university

- 1979-1982: Director and Coordinator of Agricultural Research & Development in the Southern Region of Israel (Negev) on behalf of the Agricultural Research Organization, Ministry of Agriculture.
- 1985-1987: Director and Coordinator of R&D activity aimed at exporting fresh market open-field tomatoes from the Negev desert.
- 1989-2007: Chairman of the Research Grade Evaluation Committee for research grades, Ministry of Agriculture.
- 1988-1993: Israeli representative at the Natural Sciences and Health Committee of the Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU).
- 1989-1995: Member of the Scientific Directorate of "Genes Bank for Agricultural Crops in Israel" Ministry of Science and Technology.

1990-1992 Scientific Adviser for "Earthwatch" Organization.

2002- present Member of the Academic Committee of the Hebrew University Botanical Garden.

c. Memberships of committees

1984-present: Mariculture Steering Committee, Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, State of Israel.

1985-1987: Directorate member of the R&D project of the Arava Valley, Ministry of Agriculture.

1983-1987 Member of the Scientific Committee of the Texas-Israel proposed Fund for Agricultural Research.

1983-1987: Member of the Vegetable Crops Committee, Ministry of Agriculture.

1985-1987: Referee for Scientific Funds- Member of Evaluating Committee of BARD (General Section which deals with all the basic proposals).

1988-2007. Chairperson of the promotion committee for the C and B Research Grads at the Ministry of Agriculture Israel

1996-1998 Member of rare fruits R&D committee Chief Scientist Ministry of Agriculture.

1996-1998 Member of the evaluation committee India - Israel biotechnology cooperation. Ministry of Science and Arts

1998 Member of the evaluation committee of the "Ecology center" at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on behalf of MINERVA foundation.

1999-2001 Scientific director of Yehuda R&D on behalf Ministry of Science Culture and Sport.

2003-present Member of the Advisory Committee- Botanical Garden of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2006- Member of the evaluation committee for plant sciences proposals - Chief Scientist Ministry of Agriculture.

2006- Member of the evaluation committee for plant sciences proposals -BARD

d. 1. Past courses taught. Stopped teaching upon retirement October 2008.

1 Biological Principles of Practical Use- A (undergraduate course, lectures and desert trips in research stations and commercial companies with applied biological activities).

2 Biological Principals in Practical Use B (as in A).

3.- Undergraduate Research Project for 8 credit points.

4. Post harvest biology for graduate students.

2 Research students, postdocotorates and Sabbaticals

1.	Ehud Kopeliovitch	-	Ph.D. together with Prof. Kedar of the Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2.	Amit Dror	-	M.Sc. with Dr. E. Birnbaum
3.	Regina Zohar	-	M.Sc.
4.	Shoshana Didi	-	M.Sc. with Dr. S. Arad
5.	Ephraim Cohen	-	Ph.D.
6.	Daniel Teitel	-	Ph.D.
7.	Yosef Shaaltiel	-	M.. with Prof. Kedar
8.	Avinoam Nerd	-	Ph.D. with Dr. A. Benzioni
9.	Israel Rosolio	-	M.Sc.
10.	Offer Dubinski	-	M.Sc. with Dr. S. Arad
11.	Devora Weinberg	-	M.Sc.
12.	Ram Golan	-	M.Sc.
13.	Dvira Livne	-	M.S. with Dr. V. Kagan-Zur
14.	Rachel Abu	-	M.Sc. with Prof. S. Arad
15.	Ayala Meir	-	M.Sc. with Dr. V. Kagan-Zur
16.	Ety Peler	-	M.Sc. with Prof. S. Arad
17.	Daphna Meiron-Yaron	-	M.Sc. with Dr. V. Kagan-Zur
18.	Marcos Egea Gutierrez-Cortines	-	Ph.D.
19.	Julia Weiss	-	Ph.D. with Dr A. Nerd

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| 20. | Elisha Mizrahi | - | M.Sc. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 21. | Eran Raveh | - | M.Sc. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 22. | Miri Lapidot
Zvi | - | M.Sc. With Drs V. Kagan Zur and D. Bar |
| 23. | Ayelet Na'us (Keren) | - | M.Sc. |
| 24. | XingNong Wang | - | Ph.D. with Prof. M. Friedlander |
| 25. | Ronit Mesika | - | M.Sc. |
| 26. | Nili Berdugo-Bura | - | M.Sc. With Dr A. Nerd |
| 27. | Vered Irijimovitch | - | M.Sc. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 28. | Elli Aflalo | - | M.Sc. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 29. | Judith Lichtenzveig | - | M.Sc. with Dr S. Abbo |
| 30. | Annan Yaghmur
HUJ | - | M.Sc. with Dr Nerd & Prof. N. Garti of the |
| 31. | Nasser Abdi | - | Ph.D. with Prof. Barry McGlasson
At the University of Western Sydney,
Hawkesbury NSW Australia |
| 32. | Eran raveh | - | Ph.D. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 33. | Hamutal Pompan | - | M.Sc. with Prof. Dov Pasternak |
| 34. | Neomi Tel-Ztur
Zvi | - | Ph.D. with Dr S. Abbo and Dr. Dudy Bar- |
| 35. | Christiana Metz | - | Ph.D. with Dr A. Nerd |
| 36. | Andrea Schuchman | - | M.Sc. with Prof. Yaakov Tal |
| 37. | Yehoram Leshem | - | M.Sc. with Dr. Nerd |
| 38. | Raheli Ninio | - | M.Sc. with Dr. Sitrit & Dr. Lewinson |
| 39. | Rahel Davidovitch | - | M.Sc. with Dr. Sitrit |
| 40. | Guy Armosa | - | M.Sc. with Dr Sitrit |

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| 41. | Anna Haimov | | Ph.D. |
| 42. | Eran Yossov | | M.Sc. |
| 43. | Israel Wiess | current | M.Sc. Continues for Ph.D. |
| 44. | Einat Vitner | | M.Sc. with Dr. Sitrit. |
| 45. | Mordekhai Dudai | current | Ph.D. |
| 46. | Tzippi Hillman | | M.Sc. |

Postdoctorates,

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| 1. | Dr. Genady Goldman | | UCLA Fellowship |
| 2. | Dr. Dan Pelah | | Vatat Fellowship |
| 3. | Dr. Ram-Avtar Kaushik | | Vatat Fellowship |
| 4. | Dr. Alex Chechelnitzki | | Immigration fund |
| 5. | Dr. Feiga Gutman | | Immigration fund |
| 6. | Dr Slawomir Wybraniek | | From Cracow Poland |
| 7. | Dr. Noemi Tel-Zur | | UCLA Fellowship |

Sabbaticals

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| 1. | Dr. Yitzhak Plazner | | From NRC (Kamag) |
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e. Membership in Professional/Scientific Associations

1967-2007: The Israel Botanical Society

1968-present: The American Society for Plant Physiology

1970-present: The Scandinavian Society for Plant Physiology

1984-present: The European Society for Plant Physiology

1986-2004: The American Society for Horticulture Science

1990-present: The International Society for Horticulture Science

1998-present The American Botanical Society.

2002-present The American Society for Economic Botany.

2003-2005. The American Society of Genetics.

5. AWARDS, HONORS, RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

1980: The annual E.D. Bergmann Prize for Applied Research of Ben-Gurion University for my contribution to the development of a controlled ripening process in new tomato varieties.

1983: The National Food Processors Association, Washington D.C., Award (NEPA) for the best paper in the area of basic or applied research dealing with the effect of "preprocessing horticultural variables" on the quality of canned products, for my paper no. 29. (See list of publications).

1992- 2008. Incumbent - The Israel and Bernard Nichunsky Chair in Desert Agriculture.

2001 "Excellent Scientist" certificate on behalf of the Association of Exotic Fruit Growers in Israel.

2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007. Awarded "Excellent Teacher" in the Faculty of Natural Sciences BGU.

2007- Dedication of the Horticultural Reviews Volume 34.

2007 – Dedication of the book - Creating Markets for Economic Development of New Crops and New Uses, The proceedings of the Sixth National New Crops Symposium. J. Janick, & Anna Whipkey editors, ASHS Press, Alexandria, VA. This book was dedicated to Dr. Francis Nakayama of the UDA-URS and to me for our contributions in the area of new crops. This preface can also be seen on: <http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/ncnu07/pdfs/preface.pdf>

6. SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

a. Articles in Reviewed Journals

1. Mizrahi, Y., Amir, J. and Richmond, A.E. (1970). The mode of action of kinetin in maintaining the protein content of detached *Tropaeolum majus* leaves. *New Phytol.* 69:355-361.
2. Mizrahi, Y., Blumenfeld, A. and Richmond, A.E. (1970). Abscisic acid and transpiration in leaves in relation to osmotic root stress. *Plant Physiol.* 46:169-171.
3. Mizrahi, Y., Blumenfeld, A., Bittner, S. and Richmond, A.E. (1971). Abscisic acid and cytokinin contents of leaves in relation to salinity and relative humidity. *Plant Physiol.* 48:752-755.
4. Mizrahi, Y., Blumenfeld, A. and Richmond, A.E. (1972). The role of abscisic acid and salination in the adaptive response of plants to reduced root aeration. *Plant Cell Physiol.* 13:15-21.
5. Mizrahi, Y. and Richmond, A.E. (1972). Hormonal modification of plant response to water stress. *Aust. J. Biol. Sci.* 25:427-442.
6. Gur, A., Bravdo, B. and Mizrahi, Y. (1972). Physiological responses of apple trees to supraoptimal root temperature. *Physiol. Plant.* 27:130-138.
7. Mizrahi, Y. and Richmond, A.E. (1972). Abscisic acid and mineral deprivation. *Plant Physiol.* 50:667-670.
8. Arad (Malis), S., Mizrahi, Y. and Richmond, A.E. (1973). Leaf water content and hormone effects on ribonuclease activity. *Plant Physiol.* 52:510-512.
9. Benzioni, A., Mizrahi, Y. and Richmond, A.E. (1974). Effect of kinetin on plant response to salinity. *New Phytol.* 73:315-319.
10. Mizrahi, Y., Scherings, S.G., Arad (Malis), S. and Richmond, A.E. (1974). Aspects of the effect of ABA on the water status of barley and wheat seedlings. *Physiol. Plant.* 31:44-50.
11. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C., McGlasson, W.B. and Cherry, J.H. (1975). Transplantation studies with fruit of normal and *rin* and *nor* mutant tomatoes. *Plant Physiol.* 55:1120-1122.
12. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C. and Cherry, J.H. (1975). Ethylene induced ripening in attached *rin* fruits, a non-ripening mutant of tomato. *HortSci.* 10:414-415.
13. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C., McGlasson, W.B. and Cherry, J.H. (1975). Effect of abscisic acid and benzyladenine on fruits of normal and *rin* mutant tomatoes. *Plant Physiol.* 56:544-546.

14. Poovaiah, B.W., Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C., Cherry, J.H. and Leopold, A.C. (1975). Water permeability during tomato fruit development in normal and *rin* non-ripening mutant. *Plant Physiol.* 56:813-815.
15. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C, McGlasson, W.B. and Cherry, J.H. (1976). Stock-scion interactions of normal and fruit ripening mutant *rin* and *nor* in tomato. *Physiol. Plant.* 35:232-235.
16. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C. and Cherry, J.H. (1976). Protein differences between fruits of *rin*, a non-ripening tomato mutant, and a normal variety. *Planta* 130:223-224.
17. Gur, A., Hepner, J. and Mizrahi, Y. (1976). The influence of root temperature on apple trees. I. Growth responses related to the application of potassium fertilizer. *J. Hort. Sci.* 51:181-193.
18. Gur, A., Mizrahi, Y. and Samish, R.M. (1976). The influence of root temperature on apple trees. II. Clonal differences in susceptibility to damage caused by supraoptimal root temperature. *J. Hort. Sci.* 51:195-202.
19. Mizrahi, Y., Dostal, H.C. and Cherry, J.H. (1976). Descriptive physiology and biochemistry of the abnormally ripening tomato fruit (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill) C.V. Snowball. *Physiol. Plant.* 38:309-312.
20. Bittner, S., Gorodetsky, M., Har-Paz, I., Mizrahi, Y. and Richmond, A.E. (1977). Synthesis and biological effects of aromatic analogs of abscisic acid. *Phytochemistry* 16:1143-1151.
21. Kopeliovitch, E., Rabinowitch, H.D., Mizrahi, Y. and Kedar, N. (1979). The potential of ripening mutants for extending shelf-life of the tomato fruit. *Euphytica* 28:99-104.
22. Heimer, Y.M., Mizrahi, Y. and Bachrach, U. (1979). Ornithine decarboxylase activity in rapidly proliferating plant cells. *FEBS Letters* 104:146-148.
23. Kopeliovitch, E., Mizrahi, Y., Rabinowitch, H.D. and Kedar, N. (1980). Physiology of the tomato mutant *alcobaca*. *Plant Physiol.* 48:307-311.
24. Kopeliovitch, E., Rabinowitch, H.D., Mizrahi, Y. and Kedar, N. (1980). Mode of inheritance of *alcobaca*, a tomato fruit ripening mutation. *Euphytica* 30:223-225.
25. Mizrahi, Y., Zohar, R. and Arad (Malis), S. (1982). Effect of NaCl on fruit ripening of the non-ripening tomato mutants *nor* and *rin*. *Plant Physiol.* 69:467-501.
26. Heimer, Y.M. and Mizrahi, Y. (1982). Characterization of ornithine decarboxylase of tobacco cells and tomato ovaries. *Biochem. J.* 201:373-376.
27. Mizrahi, Y. and Heimer, Y.M. (1982). Auxin-induced increased activity of ornithine

decarboxylase in tomato ovaries. *Physiol. Plant.* 54:367-368.

28. Mizrahi, Y. (1982). Effect of salinity on tomato fruit ripening. *Plant Physiol.* 69:966-970.
29. Kopeliovitch, E., Mizrahi, Y., Rabinowitch, H.D. and Kedar, N. (1982). Effect of the fruit-ripening mutant genes *rin* and *nor* on the flavor of tomato fruit. *J. Am. Soc. HortSci.* 107:361-364.
30. Cohen, E., Heimer, Y.M. and Mizrahi, Y. (1982). Ornithine decarboxylase and arginine decarboxylase activities in meristematic tissues of tomato and potato plants. *Plant Physiol.* 70:544-546.
31. Cohen, E., Arad (Malis), S., Heimer, Y.M. and Mizrahi, Y. (1982). Participation of ornithine decarboxylase in early stages of tomato fruit development. *Plant Physiol.* 70:540-543.
32. Arad (Malis), S., Didi, S., Mizrahi, Y. and Kopeliovitch, E. (1983). Pectic substances: changes in soft and firm tomato cultivars and in non-ripening mutants. *J. Hort.Sci.* 58:111-116.
33. Arad, (Malis), S. and Mizrahi, Y. (1983). Stress-induced ripening of the non-ripening tomato mutant *nor*. *Physiol. Plant.* 59:213-217.
34. Cohen, E., Arad (Malis), S., Heimer, Y.M. and Mizrahi, Y. (1983). Polyamine biosynthetic enzymes in *Chlorella*: characterization of ornithine and arginine decarboxylase. *Plant Cell Physiol.* 24:1003-1010.
35. Cohen, E., Arad (Malis), S., Heimer, Y.M. and Mizrahi, Y. (1984). Polyamine biosynthetic enzymes in the cell cycle of *Chlorella*.: Correlation between ODC and DNA synthesis at different light intensities. *Plant Physiol.* 74:383-388.
36. Teitel, D.C., Arad (Malis), S., Birnbaum, E. and Mizrahi, Y. (1984). Growth and development of tomato fruits *in vivo* and *in vitro*. *Plant Growth Regulation* 3:179-189.
37. Veluthambi, K., Rhee, J.K., Mizrahi, Y. and Poovaiah, B.W. (1985). Correlation between lack of receptacle growth to auxin and accumulation of a specific polypeptide in a strawberry (*Fragaria ananassa* Duch.) variant genotype. *Plant & Cell Physiol.* 26:317-324.
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39. Teitel, D.C., Cohen, E., Arad, S. (Malis), Birnbaum, E. and Mizrahi, Y. (1985). The possible involvement of polyamines in the development of tomato fruits *in vitro*. *Plant Growth Regulation* 3:309-317.
40. Mizrahi, Y. and Pasternak, D. (1985). Effect of salinity on quality of various agricultural crops. *Plant and Soil.* 89:301-307.

41. Teitel, D.C., Arad (Malis), S., Birnbaum, E. and Mizrahi, Y. (1986). Nitrate reductase activity in tomato fruits grown *in vivo* and *in vitro*. *Plant Growth Regulation* 4 :357-362.
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43. Mizrahi, Y., Taleisnik, E., Zohar, Y., Offenbach, R., Kagan-Zur, V., Matan, E. and Golan, R. (1988). Saline irrigation regime for improving tomato fruit quality without reducing yield. *J. Am. Soc. Hort. Sci.* 113:202-205.
44. Nerd, A., Aronson, J.A. and Mizrahi, Y. (1990). Introduction and domestication of rare fruits and nut trees for desert areas. In: *Advances in New Crops* Eds. J. Janick and J.E. Simon Timber Press, Portland, Oregon, USA. pp. 355-363.
45. Nerd, A., Karady, A. and Mizrahi, Y. 1989. Irrigation, fertilization and polyethylene covers influence bud development in prickly pear. *HortScience* 24:773-775.
46. Mizrahi, Y., Applewhite, P.B. and Galston, A.W. 1989. Polyamine binding to proteins in oat and *Petunia* protoplasts. *Plant Physiol.* 91:738-743.
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50. Nerd, A., Karady, A. and Mizrahi, Y. (1991). Out-of-season prickly pear: fruit characteristics and effect of fertilization and short drought periods on productivity. *HortScience.* 26:527-529.
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- 52*. Nerd, A., Karady, A. and Mizrahi, Y. (1991). Salt tolerance of prickly pear cactus, *Opuntia ficus-indica*. *Plant and Soil.* 137:201-207.
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studies. *Scientia Horticulturae*. 51:213-222.

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- 56*. Egea-Cortines, M., Cohen, E., Arad (Malis), S., Bagni, N. and Mizrahi, Y. (1993). Polyamine levels in pollinated and auxin-induced fruit of the tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*) during development. *Physiol. Plant*. 87: 14-20.
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No. 86312701
1.9.87-31.3.88 - NIS16,000
1.4.88-31.3.89 - NIS.25,000
Ministry of Agriculture

2. New subtropical fruit and nut crops for saline and arid lands
No. 863382
1.6.86-31.12.89
DM600,000
GIARA West Germany
Renewed from 1.1.91 - 31.12.93 - DM.500,000

3. Introduction and development of new fruits and nuts for export from the Negev
No. 86317301
17.7.87- 31.7.88 \$40,000 -
1.8.88 - 31.7.89 \$37,500
1.8.89-31.7.90 - \$40,000
PEF - Israel Endowment Fund

4. New fruits and nut crops for arid lands (in Botswana)
No. 86334301
1.9.85-31.8.88
\$150,000
US AID CDR

5. *Opuntia ficus-indica* new crop for export
No. 86451201 NIS11,200
No. 86451101 NIS 4,800
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1.1.92-1.1.93 - NIS20,000
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1.1.94-1.1.95- NIS40,000
1.1.95-1.1.96- NIS40,000

Ministry of Agriculture

6. Yehib (*Cordeauxia edulis*) as a new crop for desert areas
No. 31700009
1.10.87-30.11.88 - \$23,475

1.10.88-31.9.89 - \$20,000
 1.10.89-31.9.90 - \$20,000
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 Freedom from Hunger Campaign, New Jersey

7. Triploid tomatoes for export
 No. 86318401
 1.8.87 - 31.7.88 - \$15,000
 1.7.88 - 30.6.89 - \$50,000
 1.7.89 - 30.6.90 - \$40,000
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 PEF Israel Endowment Fund

8. Production of triploid tomato plants from endosperm
 No. 86356101
 1.4.88 - 31.3.89
 \$25,000
 The Jewish Agency

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 Ministry of Agriculture

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 No. 86-3622101
 \$100,000 for 3 years
 1989-1992
 BARD

11. New approach to ease food production problems in arid and semiarid lands by introduction and domestication of highly nutritious fruit and nut trees.
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 No. 86385101
 NIS.20,000 1.8.90-31.3.91
 Ministry of Agriculture, Israel

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 No. 86384101

- Together with Dr. Kagan-Zur
NIS.20,000 1.8.90-31.3.91
Ministry of Agriculture, Israel
14. Production of triploid tomato genotypes by regeneration of callus, derived from endosperm cultures. No. 86383101
Together with Dr. Kagan-Zur and Dr. David Mills
NIS.20,000 1.8.90-31.3.91
Ministry of Agriculture, Israel
 15. Commercialization of white sapote, cacuts apple and crawling pitaya in the Negev Desert of Israel.
15.10.92-15.10.95 - \$100,000 per year
Meyrhooff Foundation via Negev Farming
 16. Cultivar tests of white sapote
1.1.91-1.1.94 - NIS20,000 per year
Ministry of Agriculture
 17. Nopalitos (Cactus cladod used as a vegetable) New crop for Israel
1.10. 93-31.3.94 \$26,000 Sadot (private firm)
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1.1.93- 31.12.95. 40,000 NIS/year. Ministry of Agriculture.
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 20. *Hylocereus and Selenicereus* sp as new fruit crops for export grown in net-houses.
1.1.93- 31.12.95. 40,000 NIS/year. Ministry of Agriculture.
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1.1.95-31.12.98 40,000 NIS/year. Ministry of Agriculture
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1.1.93- 31.12.95. 60,000 NIS/year. Ministry of Agriculture.
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29. Pitaya Fruits R&D Activity Dictated by Export Market Needs, 330,000 NIS for 1999-2000 and 270,000 NIS for 2000-2001. Financed by the Chief Scientist Ministry of Agriculture.
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38. Effect of water regimes on plant development, fruiting and water relations in three vine cacti crops. 2001-2003. BARD with Prof. P. Nobel of UCLA +Nerd, A. and Ben-Ahser J. of BGU. \$180,000.

39. Marketing derived R&D for exporting Pitayas (Vine cacti) together with Dr. Nerd, A. and Yaron Sitrit. 2003 and 2005, 250,000 NIS/year.
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ACHIEVEMENTS IN APPLIED RESEARCH

1. The major reason for the very low yields of jojoba in our area (flower bud dormancy) was determined and an efficient agricultural solution to this problem was proposed which involves irrigation and fertilization. Today all jojoba plantations are fertigated to optimize yields.
2. The hypothesis that non-ripening tomato mutants can be used for the prolongation of tomato shelf life was shown to be true. From a practical point of view, the problem of shelf life has been solved. These cultivars have been passed on to commercial seed companies and offered to Israeli farmers as new varieties for export as early as 1982. This achievement is the result of a joint project between me, as a plant physiologist, and Prof. Kedar of the Faculty of Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a tomato breeder and geneticist. Today all Israeli cultivars are hybrids of these non-ripening mutants. These Israeli hybrids are exported for seeds all over the world.
3. Saline water irrigation has been proved to yield high-quality tomato and melon fruits. This finding was the basis for the establishment of the "Desert sweet" lines successfully grown today for export in the Israeli Negev Desert.
4. Prickly pear ripens in most of Israel at the end of July-beginning of August, hence earning a low price per unit. By physiological manipulation through irrigation and fertilization we were able to induce second flowering wave in September. In warm areas, fruit can ripen in winter and earn very high prices as "out-of-season crop". These techniques are used today mainly by farmers in Pithat-Shalom.(Publication 49).
5. The first semi commercial orchards of cactus apple (*Cereus peruvianus*) and Pitahaya *Hylocereus and Selenicereus* sp both newly introduced fruit species were planted in 1993 at four locations in the southern part of Israel. In 1996 10 tons of pitahaya were exported to Europe and around 1 ton of cactus apple was sold in the domestic market. Both yielded a good income to the growers, and prospects for their development into export crops with low water requirements(i.e., high water use efficiency) are excellent. To date over **500 Dunams** of Pitahaya and **100 Dunams** of cactus apple (named by AGREXCO as Koubo- Trade name) are planted around the country and both are sold for prime prices both in Europe and the domestic market. Three new hybrid clones of Pitaya were registered lately, Venus, Golden and Dragon Egg S-75.
6. Two Australian Companies, American Company in Hawaii and Japanese company from Okinawa are using clones and know-how developed by us to grow Vine cacti as new crops in their area. Contracts were signed for future Royalties.
7. **Desert Exotic Company** was established on August 1999 in **Ein Habesor** in the Western Negev. This company produces various exotic food products made of the exotic fruits we introduced. The emphasis at this moment is on liqueurs made of marula, koubo and cactus pear. Samples were sent on October 2000 to various foreign countries for market analysis. Dr. Genady Goldman who worked in my lab

for 4 years developed the food technology know-how.

8. In 2007 the Southern Arava R & D took a decision to develop the Marula as new crop for arid areas. It can tolerate extreme high temperatures and low humidity on saline environment. 4.4 hectares of grafted trees from selected clones were planted. All around Israel in 2009 there are over 7 hectares of these clones under the hands of various farmers.

ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES

Lecturer	1973
Senior lecturer	1978
Associate Professor	1983
Full Professor	1991

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Scientist (Rank 'C')	1972
Senior Scientist (Rank 'B')	1975
Senior Scientist (Rank 'A')	1979 (also at ARO)
Senior Scientist (Rank 'A+')	1984