

Moshe Bar-Asher – CV

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Moshe Bar-Asher was born on July 12th, 1939 in Ksar es-Souk (Errachidia) a small town in the region of Tafilalet, Morocco. He studied in "Heder" and in the local school. On Hanukah, 1951 he immigrated to Israel in the framework of Youth Aliyah ('Aliyyat Ha-No'ar). In Israel he studied in the Betenu Youth Village in Ra'anana as well as in Yeshivat Hadarom and its affiliated Teachers Institute in Rehovot. Moshe Bar-Asher studied in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the departments of the Hebrew Language and Bible. He completed his doctorate "PALESTINIAN SYRIAC STUDIES: Source-Texts, Traditions and Grammatical Problems" in 1976. In 1968 he studied in the Sorbonne and the Collège de France in Paris. During the years 1977-1979 he was a visiting scholar at Harvard University where he pursued advanced studies in Semitic Philology and General Linguistics. He is Professor Emeritus of the Hebrew Language Department in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem after having taught there for forty three years. He served as department chair, head of the Institute of Jewish Studies and chairman of the University Appointments and Promotions Committee in Humanities.

From 1987 to 1993 he served as Vice President of the Academy of the Hebrew Language and since 1993 he has served as the Academy's President. In 2000 he was appointed editor of *Lěšonénu*, the scientific periodical for the research of Hebrew and cognate languages published by the Academy of the Hebrew Language. He founded and edits the "Studies in Language" Series, also published by the Academy of the Hebrew Language. In 1995 he was chosen to be a fellow of the American Academy of Jewish Research. He has been a visiting professor at universities in France and in the USA. From 1994 to 2000 he was Vice President of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Moshe Bar-Asher was awarded the Israel Prize in Hebrew Language and Jewish Languages. In 2002 he received the Ben-Zvi Prize for Research into the Traditions of Oriental Jewry and in 2008 the Rothschild Prize for Jewish Studies, and in 2012 EMET Prize for Linuistics.. He was awarded honorary doctorates by INALCO in Paris (1995) and by the University of Haifa (2005).

Areas of Academic Interest

Moshe Bar-Asher's academic interest is in the fields of Classical Hebrew (Biblical Hebrew, the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and especially Mishnaic Hebrew), Palestinian Syriac, the traditions of North African Jewry and the *Sharh* (the Arabic translations of the Bible and other works of Jewish literature) and the linguistic and liturgical traditions of the descendants of the Marranos in southern France. Moshe Bar-Asher has published fifteen books (comprising eighteen volumes) and an additional work (in two volumes) will be published in the beginning of 2015. He has published over two hundred fifty articles in scientific journals and collections of studies in Israel and throughout the world. He has also edited scores of books and *festschriften*. He founded and continues to edit the journals "Massorot" and "Language Studies"(Mehqarim Ba-Lashon) as well as the journal "Meghillot" (together with Prof. Devorah Dimant).