Robert Ungar

Urban Designer, Architect and Project Manager who loves creating eye-level connections, overcoming challenges to find shared goals and pushing the needle towards resilient urban environments

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Experience

Sage & Bay, Landscape Design + Build
Founder, CEO

06.2020 – Present

- Landscape design and installation in the San Francisco Bay Area, mainly for residential clients.
- Climate-minded approach for drought tolerant landscape, low-impact materials and biodiversity friendly gardens for people.

Studio for Urban Projects
Research Associate

02.2018 – Present

- Leading research for *From the Ground Up: Local Efforts to Create Resilient Cities* (Island Press, 2022) analyzing transformative, cross-sector urban resilience bottom-up movements in 12 U.S cities.
- Topics cover low-carbon mobility, shoreline adaptation, green infrastructure and urban forestry with a focus on equity and social resilience

Ran Wolf Urban Project Management
Project Manager

06.2016 – 08.2017

- Project Management in public realm renewal for large and mid-size municipalities. Managing budgets and timelines, programming, design and activation
- Fostering partnerships among stakeholders including mayors, city dept., consultants, economic agencies, developers, community organizations, planners, architects, landscape architects, artists and designers
- Designing presentations, and public speaking. Facilitating community engagement meetings

ONYA Collective
Co-Founder, Director, Project Manager

07.2013 – 08.2017

- ONYA is a group of 15 architects, designers and eco-activists doing placemaking with communities.
- General management, marketing, ideation, detailed design in scales from street furniture to plaza
- Supervising design teams, volunteer groups, producing community events and curating public exhibitions hosting over 3000 visitors

Projects and Consultancy
Independent Contractor

07.2013 – Present

- **Tel-Aviv University** Prototyping a climate innovation zone with 4 partner cities, as part of SME 4 Smart Cities, funded by the European Union.
- **IDEO CoLab and Gehl** People-Centered AV Mobility design research and community engagement prototyping as CoLab fellow for City of San José (2019)
- **Calthorpe Associates** Case study analysis developing sustainable urban design guidelines and metrics for World Bank (2018)
- **City of Tel-Aviv-Yafo** Co-design process for public plaza renovation in Kiryat Shalom neighborhood.
- **Public Speaking** Lectures, workshops and academic teaching on people-centered, ecological urban design for environmental organizations and design schools.

Meidata Competitive Intelligence
Senior Analyst, Head of Design

01.2005 – 12.2013

- Managing innovation client portfolios, developing new services, establishing cross-company visual language and integrating design thinking methodologies
- Scaling the company from small consultancy to Israel's leading market research provider

Education

UC Berkeley, College of Environmental Design
Master of Urban Design / 2017-2018 (GPA 3.92)
- Graduate Certificate in Global Urban Humanities
- Vernon De Mars, Gadsby-Trudgett fellowships

Bezalel Academy of Art & Design, Jerusalem
Bachelor of Architecture / 2008-2013
- Initiating Water Towers, New Perspectives competition, conference and exhibition
- Exchange Program in Copenhagen, Denmark

Urban Forestry Training
- Community Forester Course / 2019
  Friends of the Urban Forest, San Francisco
- Mediterranean Agro-Forestry / 2016
  Public Food Forest Planning, Tel-Aviv-Jaffa

Awards and Prizes

Israeli Association of Architects / 2018
Honorable Mention - Reznik Prize for architects under 40
Israeli Ministry of Interior / 2016
Honorable Mention - 'Wake-up city' (with ONYA Collective)
Berkeley Prize / 2010
Design Excellence Endowment - Social Art of Architecture

Languages and Work Culture

Independent-minded, creative, goals driven, emotionally intelligent, team player well versed in solo flight mode

English   • • • • •

Hebrew   • • • • •

Hungarian   • ○ ○ ○ ○

MS Office, Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign) AutoCAD, Rhino 3D + V-Ray, QGIS, Slack, Asana

Volunteer
- Love the Bulb 2019, artistic management
- Grassroots Festival, Central Bus Station Tel-Aviv
- San Francisco Urban Film Festival 2018 + 2022
- Berkeley Prize 2011-2023, committee member
- Trees for Oakland 2022-2023, advisory committee

Teaching

Harvard University / 2023
Extension School Master of Sustainability
ENVR S-194 From the Ground Up, Teaching Assistant

UC Berkeley / 2018
College of Environmental Design
ED4C Future Ecologies, Graduate Student Instructor

Bezalel Academy of Art and Design / 2014-2016
Department of Architecture
Conservation Studio Associate Professor

Art

Works

2019 *Migration Grove,* guerilla urban forest, Albany Bulb
2017 *Refresh Corner,* public space installation, Jerusalem
2016 *All and Every Grass,* Agropolis, artistic interventions in Fields of Tomorrow science exhibition, Science Museum, Jerusalem
2015 *Grow. Build. Do It Yourself.* MusraraMix Jerusalem (w/ ONYA Collective)
2015 *Pop-Up Park,* White Night Tel-Aviv (w/ ONYA Collective)
2014 *The Infiltrators,* Artport, Tel-Aviv
2013 *Growth,* Central Bus Station, Tel-Aviv

Curatorial + Art Production

2019 *Bulbfest,* Albany Bulb, San Francisco Bay Area
2018 *The City that Holds Us,* SF Urban Film Fest
2016 *Seed City: Ecological Interventions in a futuristic City,* Diamond Exchange District, Ramat-Gan
2015 *Urban Ecology as Intervention Tool,* Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw
2015 *Urban Shade,* Design Museum, Holon
2014 *Next Station,* Storefront for Art and Architecture, Central Bus Station Tel-Aviv and New York City
2010 *Water Towers: New Perspectives,* Bezalel, Berkeley Prize, ICOMOS and Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites