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The Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism (YIISA) is dedicated to the scholarly research of the origins and manifestations associated with antisemitism globally, as well as other forms of prejudice, including racisms, as it relates to policy. Through the examination of antisemitism and policy, YIISA disseminates scholarly material so to promote further understanding and contribute to aspects of policy analysis. YIISA is housed at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Yale University

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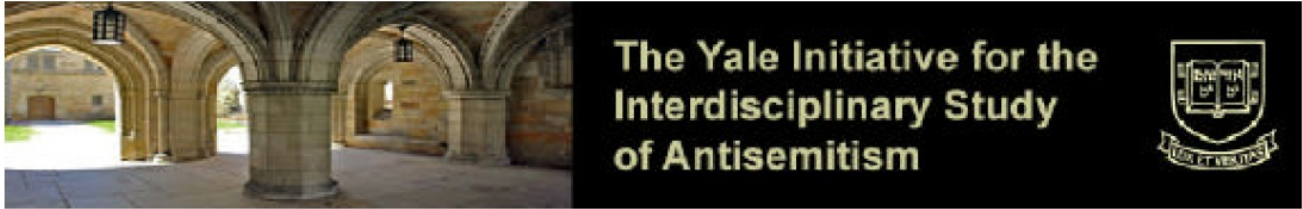
Yaakov Kirschen was born in 1938 in America. He grew up in Brooklyn and was graduated from Queens College in 1961. He studied Art but became a cartoonist, writing and drawing funny greeting cards and gag cartoons. His work is included in several "Best of Playboy" anthologies.

In 1971 he moved to Israel, changed his first name from Jerry to Yaakov, and in 1973 began drawing a daily editorial strip called Dry Bones, which has become internationally famous for analyzing, satirizing, and commenting on the "Jewish condition", Israeli politics, international relations, and current events. Kirschen is a member of the National Cartoonists Society.

In 2008, the cartoon celebrated its 35th year in The Jerusalem Post. Kirschen's political and social commentary has been reprinted or quoted by Forbes, the New York Times, the London Sunday Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Guardian, Time Magazine, LA Times, Associated Press, CBS, CNN, and others. Dry Bones is also a regular feature in 40 papers in the U.S. and Canada. The award-winning and popular Dry Bones Blog began in 2005. It publishes annotated Dry Bones cartoons daily, Monday through Friday. (<http://DryBonesBlog.com>)

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Yaakov Kirschen is a Visiting Fellow – Artist in Residence of the Yale Initiative for the Interdisciplinary Study of Antisemitism. As such Kirschen plans to conduct an examination of the increasingly important role that cartoons and cartoonists are playing in the defamation and demonization of Jews and the Jewish State.

Kirschen is the editorial cartoonist and political analyst who writes and draws Dry Bones, "Israel's Political Comic Strip". It has run continuously since 1973 in the Jerusalem Post and scores of other newspapers internationally. Since 2005 it has been a wildly popular cartoon blog. As a syndicated cartoonist and award-winning blogger he has used the cartoon, comic strip, and graphic novel forms to analyze political situations and social problems, and to promote my understanding of their causes. Note that when Hamas won the election in Gaza, even CNN referenced an historic Dry Bones cartoon to explain the causes of the "unexpected" event.