



Kai Golan Hashiloni

NLP PhD Student

I am motivated and proactive, learn fast and **enthusiastic about challenges**. Have experience in programming, teaching, working under pressure and improvising. Skilled in **leading projects** and in organizational development and versatile regarding field of work. Work gladly alone or in teams and have excellent communication skills.

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Work experience

DS, NLP, GenAI Lecturer

Self-employed, October 2024 – Today

Developed and executed DS/ML/DL/AI/GenAI/NLP courses for students and organizations, at [Ready Group](#), [Limudey-hutz](#) and the NLP Course of Reichman University.

NLP research Consultant

I Next Data, April 2025 – August 2026

Supported NLP research in the field of medical Hebrew. Worked on language models, anonymization, NER and Temporal Relation Classification.

NLP Course TA

Reichman University, March 2024 – September 2026

Designed Assignments and auto-grading scripts. Evaluated Assignments and projects. Mentored students in their final research project.

NLP student Researcher

TU [Darmstadt-TrustHLT](#), April 2023 – March 2024

Worked with Diffusion models in the area of Differential Privacy and in the anonymization field.

Working Student NLP Team

[L-One](#), Mar 2022 – Aug 2022

Designed QA automation for a large NLP Project, including setting up a mutation testing environment and improving code quality and usability.

Founder & CEO

[Tuti](#), Jan 2021 – Jun 2022

Tuti was a dating app that matches through mutual friends. Founded Tuti with 2 partners. Designed our strategy, recruited the team, developed the app (JS-RN), BizDev, HR, legal, etc.

Soldiers and Instructors' Instructor

Israel Air Force, Oct 2016 – Jun 2019

Trainees' theoretical and "field" classes. Developed study material and techniques, created courses' schedules and managed the instructors' team. Led innovation projects.

Skills

Skills: Algorithms, NLP, Business Analysis, Operations, Project Management, Recruiting, Autodidact, Lecturing

Languages: Hebrew – native, English – excellent, German – B2

Education & Learning

PhD in CS

Reichman University, 2025 – Today

- Supervised by Dr. Kfir Bar
- Researching under the [Intellexus](#) project, focusing on NLP for Buddhist texts
- Working on semantics, figurative language (such as metaphors and idioms), representation of abstract concepts and ideas
- Co-supervising master thesis of students with Dr. Kfir Bar
- Awarded the 2026 [Chateaubriand Fellowship](#) for a research stay in Paris

MSc in CS

Reichman University, 2022 – 2025

- Excellence Scholarship
- Exchange Program in TU Darmstadt
- Thesis in NLP with Dr. Kfir Bar
 - [Publication](#)
- [AMI Research Project](#) with Dr. Kfir Bar

BSc in CS and Entrepreneurship

Reichman University, 2019 – 2022

- Honor's Program & Excellence Scholarship
- [Research Project](#) with Dr. Ilan Gronau
- Graduated Summa cum laude
- Class Representative & Students Union's head of Regulations Committee

Volunteering

Vice President

ESN Darmstadt, Sep 2022 – Oct 2023

- Developed the section's backbone.
- Did Recruiting and HR
- Planned and hosted events of ESN Darmstadt and ESN Germany



Kai Golan Hashiloni - Publications

2026

- **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Daniel Fadlon, Lior Livyatan, Ofri Hefetz, Jiahuan Pei, and Kfir Bar. [IdioLink: Retrieving Meaning Beyond Words Across Idiomatic and Literal Expressions](#). EMNLP 2026.
- Lior Livyatan, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Asif Amar, Roei Rahamim, and Kfir Bar. MoraLink: Bridging Morals and Narrative Fables for Retrieval. EMNLP 2026 Findings.
- Bar Cohen, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, and Kfir Bar. IdioSteer: Controlling Figurative-vs-Literal Interpretation via Residual-Stream Activation Steering. EMNLP 2026.
- Orr Meir Zwebner, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Guy Bilitski, Oded Hellman, Nir Marciano, Erez Yousfan, Shai Fine, and Kfir Bar. Do We Really Need So Many Tokens? The Performance-Efficiency Trade-off in Tibetan and Sanskrit. INLG 2026.
- Topaz Freizeit, Moreah Zisquit, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Chaitze Tavens, Doron Friedman, and Kfir Bar. MuSe-MI: A Framework for Assessing Multi-Session Motivational Interviewing with AI-Generated Patients. AACL 2026.
- **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Lior Livyatan, Ofri Hefetz, Alon Mannor, Bar Cohen, and Kfir Bar. [ID10M-JAM: Stress-Testing Idiom Identification Under Challenging Context](#). ACL 2026 Findings.
- Guy Bilitski, Lev Shechter, Sonam Jamtsho, Nir Marciano, Nicola Bajetta, Rebecca Sundén, Omri Drori, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Orr Zwebner, Asaf Shina, Orna Almogi, Dorji Wangchuk, and Kfir Bar. [Automatic Segmentation of Classical Tibetan Texts into Autochthonous and Allochthonous Regions](#). LREC 2026.

2025

- Ofri Hefetz, **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Alon Mannor, and Kfir Bar. [Not Just a Piece of Cake: Cross-Lingual Fine-Tuning for Idiom Identification](#). IJCNLP-AACL 2025.
- **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Shay Cohen, Asaf Shina, Jingyi Yang, Orr Meir Zwebner, Nicola Bajetta, Guy Bilitski, Rebecca Sundén, Guy Maduel, Ryan Conlon, Ari Barzilai, Daniel Mass, Shanshan Jia, Aviv Naaman, Sonam Choden, Sonam Jamtsho, Yadi Qu, Harunaga Isaacson, Dorji Wangchuk, Shai Fine, Orna Almogi, and Kfir Bar. [DharmaBench: Evaluating Language Models on Buddhist Texts in Sanskrit and Tibetan](#). IJCNLP-AACL 2025.
- **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Ofri Hefetz, and Kfir Bar. [Easy as PIE? Identifying Multi-Word Expressions with LLMs](#). EMNLP 2025.
- **Kai Golan Hashiloni**, Brenda Kasabe Nokai, Michal Shevach, Esthy Shemesh, Ronit Bartin, Anna Bergrin, Liran Harel, Nachum Dershowitz, Liat Nadai Arad, and Kfir Bar. [Building Patient Journeys in Hebrew: A Language Model for Clinical Timeline Extraction](#). IJCAI 2025 (Workshop).