

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education

- 2018 Ph.D., the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dissertation title: "Israel's Future in Ezekiel's Restoration Oracles (Ezekiel 33–37)." Advisor: Prof. Baruch J. Schwartz.
- 2011 M.A. with distinction, the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Master thesis title: "The Legislation of War: A Study of the Priestly War Legislation Reflected in the Story of the Israelite War against Midian (Numbers 31)".
- 2006 B.A. with distinction, the Faculty of Law and the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Jewish Education

- 1998, 2001 The Religious Kibbutz Yeshiva, Ein Tzurim.
- 1994–1997 Yeshiva high school, Neve Shemuel, Efrat.

Fellowships and Awards

For Post-doctoral Research:

- 2019–2020 Fulbright Post-doctoral Fellowship, the United States-Israel Educational Foundation.
- 2019 Gorgias Press Prize for Biblical Studies.
- 2018–2019 Post-doctoral Fellowship, The Zalman Shamir Department of Bible at Bar-Ilan University.

For Ph.D. Studies:

- 2017–2018 The Nioshaka Hidiaki Award and the Department of Bible of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Fellowship for outstanding doctoral students.
- 2014–2017 Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich Fellowship - the planning & budgeting committee of the Israeli council for higher education fellowship for outstanding doctoral researchers in the humanities.
- 2014–2015 Irene and Stephen Lipper Prize in excellence in Judaic studies, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2013 Joseph Trink Award for outstanding doctoral students in the Faculty of Humanities, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2013–2016 President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Fellowship for outstanding doctoral students in the faculty of humanities.

For M.A. Studies:

- 2011 Segal Master Thesis Award for the thesis “The Legislation of War: A Study of the Priestly War Legislation Reflected in the Story of the Israelite War against Midian (Numbers 31),” from the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2011 Seeligmann Award for the essay “Ezekiel’s Theology of Holiness and Impurity as a Key to Understanding the Description of the Departure of the Glory of YHWH from the Temple (Ezekiel 8–11),” from the Seeligmann family and an intervarsity committee of senior Israeli Bible scholars.
- 2008 Hausner Award for outstanding master students, from the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2007–2008 Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies Fellowship for outstanding master students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

For B.A. studies:

- 2006 Kaufmann Award for outstanding bachelor students, from the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2004, 2005 Paskan Award for outstanding bachelor students, from the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2003, 2005 Dean’s List Honors, Faculty of Law, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Academic Appointments**Research Appointments:**

- 2019– Post-doctoral fellow, the University of Chicago Divinity School. Project title: “Shedding New Light on Ancient Writings: The Āl-Yāhūdu Tablets and Exilic Period Biblical Literature.” Advisors: Prof. Jeffrey Stackert and Prof. Simeon Chavel.
- 2018–2019 Post-doctoral fellow, the Zalman Shamir Department of Bible, Bar-Ilan University. Project title: “Ezekiel and His Mesopotamian Environment.” Advisors: Prof. Michael Avioz and Dr. Shawn Zelig Aster.

Lectureships:

The Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

- Spring 2019 Introduction to Medieval Exegesis; B.A. level course.
- Fall 2017 Introduction to Medieval Exegesis; B.A. level course.
- Spring 2016 Studies in the Book of Kings; B.A. level course.
- Spring 2015 Studies in the Book of Kings; B.A. level course.
- Spring 2014 Studies in the Book of Kings; B.A. level course.

Research Assistantships:

- 2013–2018 To Dr. Shimon Gesundheit, the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012–2013 To the research group “Convergence and Divergence in Pentateuchal Theory: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Israel, North America, and Europe” at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (Group members: Prof. Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota; Prof. Konrad Schmid, University of Zurich; Prof. Baruch J. Schwartz, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Prof. Sara Japhet, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Dr. Shimon Gesundheit, the Hebrew

University of Jerusalem; Prof. Jan Christian Gertz, University of Heidelberg; Prof. Dalit Rom-Shiloni, University of Tel-Aviv; Prof. Benjamin D. Sommer, the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York).

- 2011 To Prof. Menahem Kister and Dr. Ruth Clements, Orion Center for the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2009–2011 To Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon z”l, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2007–2009 The Hebrew University Bible Project – research assistant in apparatus IV.
- 2007–2008 To Prof. Esther Chazon, Scholion – Interdisciplinary Research Center in the humanities and Jewish Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Teaching Assistantships:

- 2011–2016 Introduction to the Bible; Pattern of leadership in the Bible; Biblical love poetry; Sacred cities in the Bible; Biblical law; Elijah and Elisha, to Prof. Yair Zakovitch, the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.
- 2007–2009 Introduction to the textual criticism of the Bible; Introduction to the Bible; to Profs. Michael Segal, Yair Zakovitch, Baruch Schwartz and Lea Mazor, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Editing and Conference Organization:

- 2013–2014 Organization of “*Bikurei Mechkar*”, the eleventh and twelfth annual conferences of the research students at the Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (co-organized with Oren Roman [2013], and Nadav Berman-Shifman [2014]).
- 2009 Editorial secretary, *Textus 24* – Studies of the Hebrew University Bible Project.

Other Appointments

Legal Experience:

- 2007–2009 Lawyer, Puris, HaEztni, Rosenberg & Co. Law Firm, Jerusalem.
- 2007 Member, the Israel Bar Association.

Publications

Refereed Books:

- 2020 *A Scout Looking Forward: Ezekiel’s Exile Theology and Its Impact on His Restoration Program* (Forthcoming; accepted for publication by Gorgias Press).

Refereed Articles:

- 2016 “What Kind of Priestly Writings did Ezekiel Know?,” in *The Formation of the Pentateuch – Bridging the Academic Cultures of Europe, Israel and North America* (FAT 111; J.C. Gertz et al. eds.; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 1041–1054.
- 2014 “The Legislation of War: A Study of the Story of the Israelite War against Midian (Numbers 31),” *Shnaton – An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 23 (2014), 17–53 [in Hebrew].
- 2011 “Ezekiel’s Theology of Holiness and Impurity as a Key to Understanding the Description of the Departure of the Glory of YHWH from the Temple (Ezekiel 8–11),” *Tarbiz* 79 (2011), 317–344 [in Hebrew].

Encyclopedia Articles:

- 2017 “Samuel Ephraim Loewenstamm,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017).
<https://doi.org/10.1515/ebr.loewenstammsamuele>
- 2017 “Magdiel,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017).
<https://doi.org/10.1515/ebr.magdiel>

Articles Submitted to Refereed Journals:

- 2019 “A Murderous, Captured Lion: Ezekiel’s Negative Approach toward Jehoiachin,” submitted to the *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*.

Articles in Preparation:

- 2019 “An Uprooted, Withered Cedar: Ezekiel’s Negative Approach toward Jehoiachin (Ezekiel 17).”
- 2019 “A New Suggestion for the Etymology of יקוֹסֵט (Ezek 17:9).”
- 2019 “Socio-Economic Class Differences in Judahite Diaspora: The Evidence of the Āl-Yāhūdu Tablets.”
- 2019 “Echoes of Neo-Babylonian Imperial Propaganda in Ezekiel’s Prophecy.”
- 2019 “The Social and Historical Background of Ezekiel’s Prophecy to the Flock (Ezek 34:17–22).”
- 2019 “Regalia Deformed and Restored: Ezekiel’s View of Israel’s Future Leadership.”
- 2019 “Land for the Landless: Land Grants to Foreign Minorities in Ezekiel and the Neo-Babylonian Empire.”

Papers Presented at Academic Conferences (including scheduled):

- Jan 2020 “The Āl-Yahūdu Tablets and Exilic Period Biblical Literature,” The Hebrew Bible Seminar of the University of Chicago Divinity School.
- Nov 2019 “Land for the Landless – Assigning Land to Non-Israelites in Ezekiel’s Restoration Program,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, United States.
- June 2019 “Ezekiel and the Judean Exiles in New Jerusalem,” the symposium of the Department of Bible, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel [in Hebrew].
- March 2019 “How Can Ezekiel’s Mesopotamian Environment Reshape Our Understanding of His Message,” the symposium of the Zalman Shamir Department of Bible, Bar-Ilan University, Israel [in Hebrew].
- Nov 2018 “Ezekiel and Neo-Babylonian Imperial Propaganda,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, United States.
- May 2018 “Captured Murderous Lion – On Ezekiel’s Approach toward Jehoiachin in Ezekiel 19,” the symposium of the Department of Bible studies, Archeology and the Ancient Near East at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel [in Hebrew].
- Nov 2017 “Ezekiel’s Negative Approach toward Jehoiachin as a Reflection of His Exile Theology,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, United States.
- Aug 2017 “Uprooted and Dried Cedar – On Ezekiel’s Approach toward Jehoiachin in Ezekiel 17,” The Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel [in Hebrew].

- Nov 2016 “A New Study of Ezekiel’s Prophecy to the Flock (Ezek 34:17–22) in Light of the Āl-Yahūdu Tablets,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, United States.
- May 2014 “What Kind of Priestly Writings did Ezekiel Know? - The Case of Leviticus 26,” The Pentateuch within Biblical Literature: Formation and Interaction, International Conference at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, Israel.
- Dec 2013 “A Watchman Looking Forward: The Opening of Ezekiel’s Restoration Oracles” Conference in Memory of Professor Shemaryahu Talmon, Jerusalem, Israel [in Hebrew].
- Nov 2013 “The Legislation of War – A Study of the Story of the Israelite War against Midian (Numbers 31),” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, United States.
- July 2013 “The Legislation of War: A Study of the Priestly War Legislation Reflected in the Story of the Israelite War against Midian (Numbers 31),” The Sixteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel [in Hebrew].

Other Publications:

- 2019 “The War against Midian and the Compilation of the Priestly Torah,” in *The Torah.com* (forthcoming).
- 2018 “The Closer, the Finer,” in *From Forbidden Fruit to Milk and Honey: A Commentary on Food in the Torah* (D. Lipton ed.; New York: Urim Publications, 2018), 132–134.

Professional Affiliations

- 2013– World Union of Jewish Studies.
- 2013– Society of Biblical Literature.

Languages

- Classical: Hebrew (advanced), Aramaic (advanced), Greek (intermediate), Akkadian (intermediate).
- Modern: Hebrew (fluent), English (fluent), German (reading).