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## **EDUCATION**

2013-2019                    The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. PhD in Talmud.  
                                  Thesis subject: “Lending at Interest in Rabbinic Literature: Law, Narrative and Cultural Contacts.”  
                                  Advisor: Professor Shlomo Naeh

2016-2017                    Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Religion, Princeton University.

2014                            Visiting Doctoral Student, Wolfson College, Oxford University (Winter).

2013, 2014                    Visiting Scholar, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University (Summer).

2009-2012                    The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. MA Magna cum Laude in Talmud.

2006-2009                    The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. BA Magna cum Laude in Talmud and Classics.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2019-                        Martin Buber Society of Fellows, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Junior Fellow.

2018-2019                    Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University Law School, Post-Doctoral Fellow.

2010                            Paideia, The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, Instructor in Talmud.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Forthcoming, 2023        “Asking for it: An Overlooked Reading Tradition of פלילם (Exod 21:22),” *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

Forthcoming, 2022        “‘The way it is in the Church:’ Lawyers and Monastics on Late Ancient

Roman Interest Rates and Syriac Christian Piety,” *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal*.

In print, 2021 “Roman Coinage and its Early Rabbinic Users,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 111: 529–554.

2021 “*Bene Pareza*: a new Talmudic Lexeme,” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 84: 219–236

2021 “Usury and Poverty: A Case Study of the Post-rabbinic Moment in Piyyut and Midrash” *Harvard Theological Review* 114: 72–95.

2019 “The Tannaitic Laws of Battery,” *Tarbiz* 86: 533–573 (Hebrew).

2017 “Two Financial Terms: *Keluto Shel Yam* and *Tarsha*,” *Lšonenu* 79: 247–267 (Hebrew).

2017 “Twisting Words: Does *Halakhah* Really Circumvent Scripture?” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 68: 260–283.

2012 “A New Reading of the Three Dialogues in Mishnah Avodah Zarah,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 19: 207–229.

### **Book Chapters**

2020 “A ‘New’ Fragment of Sifre Numbers from Breslau,” in *European Genizah: Newly Discovered Hebrew Binding Fragments in Context*, European Genizah Texts and Studies vol. 5, ed. by A. Lehnardt. Leiden: Brill, 84–106.

2018 Texts annotated and introduced in *Judaism and the Economy: A Sourcebook*, ed. by M. Satlow. London; New York: Routledge, sections A20, A26, A27, A36, C20.

2017 “There and Back again: A Journey to Ashkelon and its Intertexts in Yerushalmi Sanhedrin 4:6 (=Hagigah 2:2),” *Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real*, ed. by M. Niehoff and R. Feldmeyer. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 139–154.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

2021 “Moneylending in Modern Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, 19:779–780.

2021 “Money; Judaism; Rabbinic Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, 19:747–749.

2021 “Moneylending; Judaism; Rabbinic Judaism,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, 19:773–775.

### **Book Reviews**

Forthcoming, 2022 “Review of Rosenfeld and Perlmutter, *Social Stratification of the Jewish Population of Roman Palestine*,” *Journal of the Study of Judaism*.

Forthcoming, 2021 “Review of Porat, *Justice for the Poor*,” *Jewish Law Annual*.

2020 “Review of Krmnicek, and Chameroy (eds.). *Money Matters: Coin Finds and Ancient Coin Use*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2020.10.33.

2020 “Review of Marcus, *Sefer Hasidim and the Ashkenazic Book in Medieval Europe*,” *The Medieval Review*, 2020.04.20.

2020 “Review of Berthelot and Price (Eds.), *In the Crucible of Empire*,” *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2020.01.20.

2016 “Review of Azzan Yadin-Israel, *Scripture and Tradition*,” *Shofar* 34.2 (2016): 139-141.

### **Web-Based Publications**

2021 “Book Note: Annette Yoshiko Reed, *Demons, Angels, and Writing in Ancient Judaism*” *Ancient Jew Review* (<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2021/3/7/book-note-demons-angels-and-writing-in-ancient-judaism>).

2019 “Book Note: Jörg Rüpke, *Pantheon*,” *Ancient Jew Review* (<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2019/9/9/book-note-pantheon-by-jrg-rupke>)

2018 “Review of Dov Weiss, *Pious Irreverence*,” *Religious Theory* (blog). (<http://jcrt.org/religioustheory/2018/04/05/review-reverent-irreverence-amit-gvaryahu/>).

2018 “Review of Eve Krakowsky, *Coming of Age in Medieval Egypt*,” *Marginalia Review of Books* (<https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/jewish-girls-medieval-egypt/>).

2016 “Review of Richard Kalmin, *Migrating Tales*,” *Marginalia Review of Books* (<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/here-there-and-everywhere-by-amit-gvaryahu/>).

2011–2014 Regular contributor to *The Talmud Blog*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

#### Books:

*Usury: Money and Society in Rabbinic Literature* (a revised Hebrew version of my PhD Diss.), under review at the Magnes Press.

*Money and Society in Early Rabbinic Literature* (under discussion with UC

Press).

*Other People's Money: Jews and Imperial Coins.*

*Mekhilta Deuteronomy and the Mekhilta de-Arayot: Edition and Translation with a Short Commentary and Introduction.*

#### Articles:

“A Hebrew Letter on Papyrus and Its Contexts: Oxford MS Heb.d.69 (P)” (currently under review).

“גַּפְה שְׁלֹרְוֹמִי: a new reading” (with Moshe Blidstein).

“Towards a Lexicon of the Loanwords in Song of Songs Rabbah.”

“The Antiochus Scroll: A Straggler onto the Hebrew Bible.”

“Talmud al-Shāmī: The Palestinian Talmud in the *Book of the Apple* by Shemaria of ‘Asqalān’.

“Money and Debt in the Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism,” commissioned for *The Palgrave Handbook of Philsophy and Money*, ed. Joseph Tinguely (forthcoming 2022).

#### Other Publications

2017 “And They are Both Equal: Interpretation and Moral Values in Ancient Jewish Literature,” *Biferat u-bikhlah 3* (2017): 54-86. (Heb.).

2005 “Da-Mai? A Discussion of the Laws, Character and Rationale of the Prohibition of Demai,” *Sinai 134* (2005): 144-153 (Heb.).

2005 “‘New Under the Sun?’ Halakhah and Orthodoxy in the Thought of Rabbi Joel Bin-Nun,” *Aqdamot 16* (2005): 65-80 (Heb.).

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014-2017 Council for Higher Education – Rothenstreich Doctoral Fellow in the Humanities.

2013-2016 Research Fellow, Program in Jewish Studies and Human Rights, Israel Democracy Institute.

2013-2017 Honors PhD Program, The Hebrew University.

2013 Targum Shlishi Dissertation Award.

2012-2013 Guggenheim Foundation for Jewish Morals and Ethics, PhD Fellow.

2011-2012 Guggenheim Foundation for Jewish Morals and Ethics, MA Fellow.

2007 J. N. Epstein prize, The Talmud Department, The Hebrew University.

## INVITED TALKS

2022 “A Hebrew Papyrus and its Context,” Jewish History Departmental Seminar, University of Haifa, May.

2021 “Thinking with Money in the Roman East,” *German-Israeli Frontiers of the Humanities Symposium*, November.

2019 “Jewish and Roman Jurists on Navigating Financial Markets,” *Rabbinics in Context*, University of Chicago Divinity School, November.

2019 “Making the Poor Disappear in Akivan Midrash,” *Charity in Classical Jewish Law Workshop*, University of British Columbia and Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July.

2019 “The Biblical Poor in Tannaitic Midrash,” Talmud Departmental Seminar, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March.

2019 “Roman Money in the Provinces: A View from Rabbinic Literature,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Pennsylvania, January.

2018 “Your Enemy, the Gentile,” Joint conference of the Truman Center for Peace and the Vidal Sassoon Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Jerusalem, June.

2015 “There and Back Again: A Journey to Ascalon and Its Intertexts,” *Travel in the Roman East: An International Symposium*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June.

2014 “Usurers and Other Unsavory Professions in Tannaitic Literature,” Oxford Seminar on Jewish Literature in the Greco-Roman Period, January.

2013 “Neutral Spaces Reconsidered,” *Oxford-Jerusalem Colloquium on Abrahamic Religions*, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, June.

2011 “Deuteronomy 25:11-12: Hermeneutics in the Service of Halakhah,” *The Midrashim of Eretz-Israel*, Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, June.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2020 “From Syria with Love: Justinian’s Usury Rate Reform and Symeon Stylites,” Meeting of the Israeli Society for Legal History, October.

2018 “Inflation in Rabbinic Thought: Three Examples,” Meeting of the Money and

Finance section of the Israeli Economic History Society, June.

2018 “Usury and Poverty in a letter attributed to St. Symeon Stylites (MS BL Add. 14,484),” Israel Historical Society Annual Meeting, Ra’anana, March.

2017 “Face Value: Rabbis on Roman Coinage and Roman Imperium,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August.

2017 “Roman Coins as Multivalent Tokens: A Rabbinic Perspective,” *Theorizing Contacts in the Roman Empire*, University of Edinburgh, December.

2016 “Late Usury: the Post-Halakhic Moment in the Rabbinic Usury Laws,” AJS annual meeting, San Diego, December.

2015 “Exodus Rabbah 31 and Parallels,” *Jewish Attitudes Towards Wealth and Poverty*, Brown University, November.

2013 “Battery as a Test Case for Grand Theories in Tannaitic Literature,” *Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, December.

2012 “Assault and Papyri: Rabbinic laws of Damages and Papyrological Parallels,” *Jewish Law Association Biennial Conference*, Yale University, August.

2009 “Sweeter than Wine: the 'Redacted Backbone' of Mishna Avoda Zara,” *Rabbis and Others in Conversation: A Graduate Seminar*, Princeton University, May.

## CAMPUS TALKS

2021 “A Passive-Aggressive Hebrew Letter from Late Antiquity,” Martin Buber Society of Fellows Colloquium, March.

2015 “Prostitution, Usury and Gambling: Money in the Ancient World and Rabbinic Literature,” Hebrew University Honors PhD Program Annual Conference, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June.

2014 “Lists of Unsavory Professions: Aristotle, Cicero and the Mishnah,” Jerusalem Seminar for the Study of the Ancient World, March.

2013 “Some Laws of Idolatry in a Forgotten Fragment of Mekhilta Deuteronomy,” Annual Graduate Conference, The Institute for Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March.

2012 “Mishnah Bava-Kamma Chapter 8 and Rabbi’s Role in the Redaction of the Mishnah,” Annual Graduate Conference, The Institute for Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of

## Hebrew Literature.

2021 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Jewish History.

2020 Hadar Institute, New York, Instructor in Midrash (online).

2018 Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Schechter Institute, Jerusalem, Instructor in Talmud, Spring Semester.

2018 BINA English Speaking Beit Midrash, Tel Aviv, Instructor in Talmud (in conjunction with Hebrew College, Boston).

2014 Universita Pontifica Gregoriana, Rome, Brinkheijmer-Werhan visiting teacher, *Docente*, Cardinal Bea Center for Jewish Studies, April.

2011-2014 Hadar Institute, New York, Instructor in Talmud (Summer Sessions).

2008-2016 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Junior Lecturer (Instructor of record).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019 Research associate, “The Mishnah and Roman Law,” PI: Prof. Yair Furstenberg.

2016-2018 Research associate, “The beginnings of Midrash,” PI: Prof. Shlomo Naeh.

2015 Research associate, “Journeys in the Roman East,” PI: Prof. Maren Niehoff.

2006 Research associate, Lieberman Institute for the Study of the Talmud.

2006 Research associate, Friedberg Genizah Project.

2006-2016 Research assistant to Prof. Ishay Rosen-Zvi.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2021- Founding co-Editor of *Say Not Enough*: a Peer-Reviewed newsletter and podcast for the Economic Humanities.

2021 Manuscript Reviewer for *The Journal of Biblical Literature*.

2021 Manuscript Reviewer for *The Jewish Quarterly Review*.

2021 Manuscript reviewer for *Al-‘Usur al-Wusta: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists*.

2021	Manuscript reviewer for <i>AJS Review</i> .
2020-	Co-manager of the Economic Humanities Forum of the Israel Economic History Society.
2020	Manuscript reviewer for the <i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i> .
2019	Manuscript reviewer, Bar Ilan University Press.
2018	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Zion</i> .
2018	Manuscript reviewer for <i>Muza</i> .
2013-2015	Member of the editorial board of <i>The Talmud Blog</i> .

## LANGUAGES

Research Languages: English, Hebrew (Native), Swedish (reading), French, German (can read with dictionary), Spoken Palestinian Arabic (Basic conversational).

Source Languages: Biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew, Ancient Greek, Aramaic and Syriac, Latin, Middle Persian, Classical Armenian.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies  
 Society of Biblical Literature  
 World Union of Jewish Studies  
 Israeli Historical Society  
 Economic History Association of Israel  
 Israeli History and Law Association