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## EDUCATION

### ***University of Chicago***

Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2016.

*Specialization:* Islamic History & Civilization; Medieval Islamic History; Jewish-Muslim Relations.

*Dissertation title:* "All the Kings of Arabia are Seeking Your Counsel and Advice": Intellectual and Cultural Exchange between Jews and Muslims in the Later Middle Islamic Period."

*Ph.D. Committee:* Franklin Lewis (chair), Fred M. Donner, David Nirenberg, and Orit Bashkin.

M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2009.

### ***Tel Aviv University***

M.A., Middle Eastern and African History, 2008.

B.A., Middle Eastern and African History, 2006.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-18: Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Postdoctoral Associate, Judaic Studies, Yale University.

2015-16: Postgraduate Associate, Judaic Studies, Yale University.

## AWARDS

### ***Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Faculty Research Grant***

Yale Program for the Study of Antisemitism, 2016-17

### ***Felix Posen Doctoral Fellowship***

The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism (SICSA), at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2014-15

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Current Projects***

*Jews in the Writings of Ibn Taymiyya and Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya* (book manuscript).

**Published Work**

"Jewish Accounts of Muhammad and His Apostate Informants." Forum: 'Conflict and Convergence in Late Antiquity,' ed. Michael Pregill, *Mizan Project*, December 21, 2015.

<http://www.mizanproject.org/jewish-accounts-of-muhammad-and-his-apostate-informants/>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****UCLA**

Lecturer, "Medieval Jewish History: Maimonides and the Mediterranean" (Autumn 2018).

**Yale University**

Lecturer, "Marginal Groups in Islam" (Spring 2018).

Lecturer, "Jews at the Origins of Islam" (Autumn 2016)

Lecturer, "Jews of the Medieval Islamic World" (Autumn 2015).

**University of Chicago**

B.A. Preceptor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2013-15).

Teaching Assistant, "Modern Israeli History," lecturer: Orit Bashkin (Winter 2014; Autumn 2014).

Teaching Assistant, "History of the Israeli-Arab Conflict," lecturer: Bernard Wasserstein (Spring 2013; Autumn 2013).

Teaching Assistant, The Hebrew Program, lecturer: Ari Almog (2011-13).

Lecturer, "Advanced Modern Hebrew" (2007-12).

**Tel Aviv University**

Lecturer, "Introduction to Islam" (Spring 2007).

Teaching Assistant, "The History of Printing in the West, the Jewish World, and Islam," lecturers: Miri Eliav-Feldon, Ami Ayalon, and Elchanan Reiner (Autumn 2006).

Teaching Assistant, "The Arabs and Islam in History," lecturer: Miri Shefer-Mossenohn (Autumn 2005).

**SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES**

"Ibn Kammuna's Position on Prophecy and His Christian and Muslim Opponents." Conference: *Polemics and Prophethood in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. University of Zurich, May 2018. Conveners: Reuven Firestone, Christoph Uehlinger, and Sarah Werren.

"Ibn Taymiyya's Views on Judaism: The Damascene Theologian's Contacts with Jews and Former Jews." Conference: *Jews in Muslim Societies-History and Prospects*. Jewish Museum Berlin, October 2017. Conveners: Yasemin Shooman and Achim Rohde.

"The Apocryphal Treaties of Jews with the Prophet of Islam." Jewish Studies Workshop, Dartmouth College, August 2017. Convener: Susannah Heschel.

"For Your Sake We are Slain All Day Long' (Psa. 44:22): Maimonides and Joseph ibn 'Aqnin's Responses to the Almohad Anti-Jewish Persecutions." Conference: *Sicily, al-Andalus and the Maghreb: Writing in Times of Turmoil*. Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona, May 2017. Convener: Nicola Carpentieri.

"S.D. Goitein and the 'Arab Eclipse.'" Jewish Studies Workshop, Divinity School, UChicago; co-sponsored by the Middle East History and Theory Workshop (MEHAT) and the Islamic Studies Workshop, May 2016.

"The Other 1492: al-Maghīlī's Anti-Jewish Polemic and the Expulsion of the Jews of Touat." Summer School: *Eurasian Religions in Contact (ERiC)*. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, July 2014. Conveners: Anna Akasoy and Georgios Halkias.

"Jewish-Muslim Polemics in the Islamic West: The Case of Muḥammad b. ‘Abd al-Karīm al-Maghīlī." *The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Conference*, UChicago, May 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Instructor, Workshop on Medieval Judeo-Arabic, Yale University, December 2017, co-organized with Frank Griffel.

Conference Co-organizer (with Jessica Andruš and Uri Shachar), *Borders in Jewish Thought*. Chicago Center for Jewish Studies, UChicago, February 13, 2012.

<https://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/borders/conference-schedule/>

Academic Editor. *Ha-Teḥiyah ha-Shi‘it*, the Hebrew translation of Vali Nasr, *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future*, trans. Tsilla Elazar. Tel Aviv: Yedioth Sefarim, 2011.

<http://www.text.org.il/index.php?book=1104026>

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies (AJS); Middle East Studies Association (MESA); Middle Eastern Medievalists (MEM); International Qur’anic Studies Association (IQSA).

## LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Hebrew (native), Arabic (research), French (research), Spanish (basic), German (basic).