

## Curriculum Vitae and List of Publications

### I. Curriculum Vitae

#### 1. Personal Details

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#### 2. Higher Education

1970-75 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dept. of Physics:  
**B.Sc. / M.Sc.** [1976]  
1976-83 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Division of  
Midrash and Aggadah: **M.A. (cum laude)** [1983]  
1978 Teacher's Certificate, Mathematics and Physics, School of Education, Hebrew  
University of Jerusalem  
1983-96 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Division of  
Midrash and Aggadah: **Ph.D.** [1998]

#### 3. Teaching Positions in Institutes of Higher Education

2006-2014 Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Midrash and Aggadah, Senior Lecturer  
2006-2014 Hebrew Univ., Rothberg Graduate School for Overseas Students, Instructor  
1999-2006 University of Haifa, Dept. of Hebrew and Comparative Lit., Lecturer  
1998-99 University of Haifa, Dept. of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, Instructor  
1996-98 The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Dept. of Talmud and  
Rabbinics, Visiting Assistant Professor  
1992-95 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Instructor  
1991-92 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Dept. of Hebrew Language and  
Literature, Visiting Instructor  
1983-90 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Tutorial  
Instructor

#### 4. Research Positions

2009—2014 Research Grant of the Israel Science Foundation  
2005 Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University  
1999-2001 Friedberg Genizah Project  
1998-99 Post-Doctoral Rennert Fellow, The Ingeborg Rennert Center for  
Jerusalem Studies at the Dept. for Studies of the Land of Israel, Bar-Ilan  
University  
1995-96 Research Fellow, Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania  
(formerly: Annenberg Research Institute)  
1992-93 Research Assistant, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem, Research Group on 'Jewish History in the Mishna and Talmud  
Period'  
1979-82 Midrash Genizah fragment project, Israel Academy of Sciences and  
Humanities: Researcher of genizah fragments

## 5. Scholarships and Awards

- 2009—2014 Research Grant of the Israel Science Foundation, Critical Edition of Lamentations Rabbati
- 2006 E.S. Rosenthal Prize in Talmudic Study, Dept. of Talmud, Hebrew University
- 2004—5 Harry Starr Fellowship, Harvard University
- 1995—96 Awarded Golda Meir Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University
- 1994 Abraham I. Katsch Prize in Hebrew Literature
- 1990—91 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Doctoral Scholarship
- 1988—89 National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Doctoral Dissertation Scholarship
- 1986—88 Warburg Prize, Hebrew University, Institute for Jewish Studies
- 1986—88 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Graduate Fellowship
- 1986 Arthur Mayling Prize in Hebrew Literature
- 1983—86 Scholarship, Hebrew University, Institute for Jewish Studies
- 1983 Chayim Rubin Prize for excellence in M.A. Studies
- 1980—82 Lady Davis Graduate Fellowship, Hebrew University
- 1979 Nislowitz Prize for work on Genizah fragments
- 1978—80 Scholarship, Hebrew University, Institute for Jewish Studies
- 1974—75 Research Fellowship, Lincoln Laboratory, Mass. Institute of Technology

## 6. Conferences Papers and Invited Lectures

- 1990** ‘Transmission and Textual Margins: A Study of the Transmission History of a Mishnah’ (Hebrew), Conference on the Study of Aggadic Midrash, Talmud Dept., Tel-Aviv Univ., January 1990
- 1992** ‘Between Interpretation (*perush*) and *Midrash*: On the Hermeneutic Consciousness of the Talmudic Rabbis’ (Hebrew), Departmental Seminar, Bar-Ilan University, February 1992
- 1993** ‘*Alav Mefaresh ba-Qabbalah*: Historical and Textual Links in Tannaitic Scriptural Exegesis’ (Hebrew), Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, June 1993
- 1996** ‘Tales of the Destruction: Between Babylonia and the Land of Israel’ (Hebrew), Annual Skirball Conference: Israel and the Diaspora in the Second Temple, Mishna and Talmud Periods, Zalman Shazar Center and New York University, New York, February 1996
- ‘Textual Criticism: From Handmaiden to Mistress,’ Guest lecture, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, March 1996
- ‘Recording the Oral, Reciting the Written: Transformations of a Rabbinic Text,’ Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies: Learning and Literacy in the Jewish Tradition, University of Pennsylvania, May 1996
- ‘Meaning in Midrash: Reading the Rabbis, Reading the Bible,’ Penn Lectures in Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, May 1996
- 1997** ‘The Sources of Knowledge in Qumran and in Rabbinic Literature: A Study of the Evolution of a Metaphor,’ Second International Symposium of the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature, Hebrew University, January 1997
- 1998** ‘*Halonei Shequfim Atumim*: From Transparency to Opacity in Rabbinic Scriptural Exegesis’ (Hebrew), Conference on Hermeneutics and Hebrew Texts, Dept. of Jewish Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Dec. 1998
- ‘*Potehim le-Zekhut* in Capital Cases: An Essential Stage in Court Procedure’ (Hebrew), Talmud Departmental Seminar, Bar-Ilan University, December 1998
- 1999** ‘The *Siyuma* as an Institution for Textual Editing of the Babylonian Talmud’ (Hebrew), Annual Conference of the Talmud Dept., Bar-Ilan University, on:

Research of the Babylonian *Sugya* – Edition, Text and Parallels,’ April 1999

‘On Eulogies and the Comforting of Mourners in Byzantine Palestine’ (Hebrew), Colloquium in honor of the book *Shirat Benei Ma’arava*, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, June 1999

‘Midrashic Exegesis and its Precedents in the Dead Sea Scrolls,’ Invited lecture, Joint Session, Qumran and Early Rabbinic Judaism, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 1999

‘On the Study of the Development of Midrash: Between Tannaim and Amoraim’ (Hebrew), Second Annual Conference on Jewish Thought, Beit Morasha of Jerusalem, December 1999

**2000** ‘The Call to Abraham: The Origin of a Motif and its Development’ (Hebrew), Conference on: ‘Biblical Narrative as a Vehicle for Meaning’, Bible Dept., University of Haifa, May 2000

‘*Eretz-Yisrael* in Rabbinic Thought – An Overview’ (Hebrew), Third Annual Conference on Jewish Thought, Beit Morasha of Jerusalem, December 2000

**2001** ‘Towards a Solution to the Question of a Double Transmission of Midrash Lamentations Rabbati in the Light of Genizah Fragments’ (Hebrew), Special Session Dedicated to the Friedberg Genizah Project, Thirteenth Annual World Conference of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 2001

**2003** ‘What is *Midrash Torah*? Teaching and Interpretation at Qumran in the Light of Rabbinic Usage,’ Eighth International Symposium of the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 2003

Panel participant in the 13<sup>th</sup> Jerusalem Summer School in Jewish Studies on: ‘Common Judaism or a Plurality of “Judaisms” in Late Antiquity: The State of the Debate,’ May 2003

**2004** ‘“The Lost Coins”: On Folklore and Midrashic Literature’ (Hebrew), Twenty-third International Congress on Folklore Studies, University of Haifa, May 2004

**2005** ‘When a Scribe is Not a Scribe: A Second Look at the Enochic Scribal Traditions’, Tenth International Symposium of the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Hebrew University, January 2005

‘Who were the “Attendants to the *Beit Midrash*”? On the Public Function of the Early *Beit Midrash*’ (Hebrew), Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 2005

**2006**

‘*Doreshin leshon hedyot: Between Hermeneutics and Law in the midrash of the Sages*’ (Hebrew), Lecture upon receipt of the E.S. Rosenthal Prize in Talmudic Study, Department of Talmud, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2006

‘Redacted Traditions and Transmitted Values: On the Transmission of Aggadic Narratives and the Question of the Redacted Work in Rabbinic Literature’ (Hebrew), International Conference on Rabbinic Textuality, Transmission and Redaction, Talmud Department, Bar-Ilan University, May 2006

**2007**

‘Did the Period of the “Scribes” during the Second Temple Period Determine a New Stage in the Development of *midrash*? On Text, Hermeneutics and Historiography’ (Hebrew), Twenty-Second Inter-University Conference for the Study of Hebrew Literature, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2007

‘Is There a Text in This Midrash? Biblical Exegesis during the Second Temple and Early Rabbinic Periods – A Quest,’ Eleventh International Orion Symposium on “New Approaches to the Study of Biblical Interpretation in Judaism of the Second Temple Period and in Early Christianity,” Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2007

**2009**

‘Legal Midrash Between Hillel and Rabbi Akiva: Did 70 CE Make a Difference?’, International Conference of the Research Group, “On Religion of Place and Religion of Community,” of the Scholion Interdisciplinary Center for Jewish Studies, on the topic: “Was 70 Really a Watershed? On Jews and Judaism Before and After the Destruction of the Second Temple,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 7, 2009

“Who Knows the Interpretation of a Thing (*mi yodea pesher davar*)”: Thoughts on the Consciousness of Interpretation in the *pesharim* of Qumran and Rabbinic *midrash*’ (Hebrew), Lectures in honor of the publication of *The Qumran Scrolls and Their World*, M. Kister, editor, Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem 2009, May 7, 2009

‘Was Rabbi Akiva a Martyr? Palestinian and Babylonian Influences in the Development of a Legend,’ International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Session on “Palestine and Babylon: Two Jewish Late Antique Cultures and their Interrelation,” Rome, July 1, 2009

‘On the Redaction History of the Proems to Lamentations Rabbati’ (Hebrew), The 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 4, 2009

**2011** ‘Midrashic Aggadah in Eretz Yisrael and Their Proliferation’ (Hebrew), International Conference, Israel Science Foundation, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi and The Hebrew University, Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, June 1—5, 2011: Respondent in Session on ‘Midreshei Aggadah and Second Temple Period Literature: New Aspects’

‘Apocalypse and Scribe: Enoch, Baruch and Ezra and the Second-Temple “scribal” Tradition,’ Sixth Enoch Seminar on ‘Second Baruch and Fourth Ezra: First Century Jewish Apocalypticism’, Milan, Italy, June 26—30, 2011 (and respondent to paper by Daniel Boyarin, ‘Judaism, the Director’s Cut: Enoch, Ezra, and the Jewishness of “High Christology”’)

- 2012** 'On the Public Role of the Early *Beit Midrash*' (Hebrew), Second Annual Conference of the Research Program on Jewish Culture in the Ancient World, Yad Hanadiv and the Council for Higher Education, 'The *Beit Midrash*: Institutions of Higher Learning Among the Jews in Antiquity,' Zichron Ya'akov, June 3, 2012
- '*Hakravat Nishmotehen shel Tzadikkim 'al mizbeah shel ma'alah* (BT Hagigah 12b): *Girsa 'ot haTalmud bein Historia lesifrut*,' Annual Departmental Conference of the Talmud Department, Bar-Ilan University, June 18
- 'Rabbinic Midrash from Instruction to Interpretation: The "Petiha" as Case Study,' Invited Lecture, Institut für Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, University of Vienna, June 21
- 'Are Midrash's Roots in Apocalypse? From Mesopotamian Divination to Rabbinic Midrash, through Qumran Apocalypse,' First Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting, Milan, June 24—28
- 2013** 'On the Connection Between the Keeper of the Gate of the *Beit Midrash* and Literary Closure: Thoughts on the Teaching of *Aggadah* in Past and Present,' The Conference in Memory of Jonah Fraenkel, Schechter Institute and the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, May 28—29, 2013
- 'The Sacrifice of the Souls of the Righteous upon the Heavenly Altar: A Rabbinic Transformation of Apocalyptic Tradition,' The Seventh Enoch Seminar, Camaldoli, Italy, July 2013
- 'Between Late and Later: A Comparison of the Redaction of Earlier Midrashim in Lamentations Rabbati and Midrash Tanhuma,' The Sixteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, July-August 2013
- 2014** 'Surprising Textual Details of Maimonides' Mishneh Torah from the Archivio di Stato di Parma', *Hebraica Parmensia - From Many Places and Times: Fragments of Recovered Memory*, International Conference in memory of Giuseppe Baruch Sermoneta, Parma, June 15, 2014
- 'The Ordeal of the 'Wayward Wife' (*Sotah*) in Sifre Numbers 12: A Study of Hermeneutics, Law and Redaction', International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, July 6—11, 2014

## II. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### A. Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Midrash Lamentations Rabbati - Prolegomenon, and a Critical Edition to the Third *Parasha* (Hebrew), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1997; vol. 1 (Prolegomenon): 209 pp. + xvi, vol. 2 (Critical Edition): 243 pp. Supervisor: Prof. Jonah Fraenkel

### B. ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- 1988** 'The Servant, The Man and the Master: A Study in the Rhetoric of Genesis 24' (Hebrew), *Jerusalem Studies in Hebrew Literature* 10—11 (1988), pp. 613—627
- 1992** "'Birah" as an Architectural Term in Rabbinic Literature' (Hebrew), *Tarbiz: A Quarterly for Jewish Studies* 61 (1992), pp. 195—217
- 1993** 'On the "Duplicate Copy" of the Copper Scroll (3Q15),' *Revue de Qumran* 16 (no. 61), 1993, pp. 69—76
- 1994** 'The Call of Abraham: A Midrash Revisited,' *Prooftexts* 14 (1994), pp. 287—294
- 1996** "'Lo Hayu Yamim Tovim le-yisrael ke-*hamisha 'asar be-'av ukheyom ha-kippurim*" - On the Final Mishnah of Tractate *Ta'anit* and its Transmission History' (Hebrew), *Te'udah XI: Studies in Aggadic Midrash*, Tel-Aviv 1996, pp. 147—148
- 2001** 'Midrashic Exegesis and its Precedents in the Dead Sea Scrolls,' *Dead Sea Discoveries* 8, 2 (2001), pp. 149—168
- 2004** '*INCLUSIO*: On the Final Section of the Damascus Document and its Literary Significance' (Hebrew), *Meghilot* 2 (2004), pp. 141—158
- 2005** "'Kesira"= Ewe: A Study of Midrashim and a Genizah Fragment' (Hebrew), *Ginzei Qedem* 1 (2005), pp. 163—170
- 2006** 'The Loss of Center: Changing Attitudes Towards the Temple in Aggadic Literature', *Harvard Theological Review* 99 (2006), pp. 17—35
- 2007** 'Scriptural Exegesis and the Pharisees in Josephus', *Journal of Jewish Studies* 58 (2007), pp. 19—32
- 2009** "'Darash Rabbi Peloni": A New Study,' *Dappim: Research in Literature* 16—17 (2009), 27—55
- 2014** 'Concerning the Public Role of the Early *beit midrash*' (Hebrew), *Zion* 79 (2014), 327—343

### C. ARTICLES OR CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- 2000** 'Between Byzantium and Islam: The Transmission of a Jewish Book in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Periods', in: *Transmitting Jewish Traditions: Orality, Textuality and Cultural Diffusion*, eds., Y. Elman, I. Gershoni, New Haven: Yale University Press 2000, pp. 74—106
- 2004** 'Tales of Destruction: Between Babylonia and the Land of Israel' (Hebrew), in: *The Land of Israel in the Second Temple, Mishnah and Talmud Periods*, eds., A. Baumgarten, Y. Gafni, L. Shiffman, The Zalman Shazar Center, Jerusalem 2004, pp. 57—68

- 2005** “‘*Ve-haḥai yiten el libo*’”: On Eulogies and Customs of Comforting Mourners in Babylonia and Palestine of the Talmudic Period’ (Hebrew), *Studies in Talmudic and Midrashic Literature In Memory of Tirzah Lifshitz*, Jerusalem: Bialik Institute 2005, pp. 385—410
- 2006** ‘The Origins of Midrash in the Second Temple Period’, in *Current Trends in the Study of Midrash*, C. Bakhos, ed., Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism, vol. 106, Leiden: Brill, 2006, pp. 9—34
- ‘The Tosefta’, in: *The Cambridge History of Judaism, Volume 4: The Late Roman-Rabbinic Period*, Steven T. Katz, ed., Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 316—335
- 2007** ‘On *Pataḥ* and on the *Petiḥah* – A New Study’ (Hebrew), in: *Higayon L’Yona: New Aspects in the Study of Midrash, Aggadah and Piyut, in Honor of Professor Yona Fraenkel*, Y. Elbaum, G. Hasan-Rokem, J. Levinson, eds., Jerusalem: Magnes 2007, pp. 49—82
- 2012** ‘Legal Midrash Between Hillel and Rabbi Akiva: Did 70 CE Make a Difference?’, in *Was 70 CE a Watershed in Jewish History? On Jews and Judaism before and after the Destruction of the Second Temple*, eds., D. R. Schwartz, Z. Weiss, Brill, Leiden and Boston 2012, 343—370
- ‘Jewish Hermeneutics,’ *Religion in Europa heute: Sozialwissenschaftliche, rechtswissenschaftliche und hermeneutisch-religionsphilosophische Perspektiven*, eds., K. Appel, C. Danz, R. Potz, S. Rosenberger, A. Walser, V&R unipress, Göttingen 2012, 209—231
- 2014** ‘Was Rabbi Akiva a Martyr? Palestinian and Babylonian Influences in the Development of a Legend,’ *Rabbinic Traditions between Palestine and Babylonia*, eds., R. Nikolsky, T. Ilan, Leiden: Brill 2014, 306—353
- ‘Kidor’s Revenge: Murder, Texts and Rabbis – An Analysis of a Rabbinic Tale and its Transmission (BT Yoma 83b),’ Constanza Cordoni / Gerhard Langer (eds.), *Narratology, Hermeneutics, and Midrash Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Narratives from the Late Antique Period through to Modern Times*, Vienna University Press 2014, 107—144

#### **D. ENTRIES IN ENCYCLOPEDIA OR DICTIONARY**

- 1997** *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion*, eds., R.J.Z. Werblowsky, G. Wigoder, Oxford University Press, New York, London 1997: ‘Exodus Rabbah’ (p. 246); ‘Genesis Rabbah’ (p. 268); ‘Lamentations Rabbah’ (pp. 409f.); ‘Leviticus Rabbah’ (p. 419); ‘Midrash Rabbah’ (p. 464), ‘Petihah’ (pp. 527f.)
- 2010** *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, eds. H.G. Klauck *et al*, Walter de Gruyter Press, Berlin 2010: ‘Lamentations Rabbah’
- The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed., John J. Collins, David C. Harlow, William B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Cambridge, UK 2010: ‘Hillel’; ‘Shammai’
- 2011** *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion, Second Edition*, A. Berlin, ed., Oxford University Press, New York, London 2011: ‘Aggadah’; ‘Midrash’
- 2013** *Encyclopedia of Jewish Folklore and Traditions*, R. Patai, H. Bar-Itzhak, eds., Armonk, NY 2013: ‘Av, Fifteenth of’ (54—55), ‘Bar Kokhba, Shimeon’ (67—69), ‘Cain and Abel’ (95—97), ‘Psalms’ (428—430), ‘Rabbinic Literature’ (436—440)

#### **E. BOOKS**

##### **ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION**

*Text, Law and the Origins of Midrash: The Rise of Jewish Exegesis in Antiquity*, Leiden: Brill (Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism)