

Curriculum Vitae

Professor Moshe (Morris Jay) Benovitz

- Education: BA, Magna Cum Laude, Ancient Semitic Languages, Columbia University, 1983.
- MA with distinction, Biblical Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1987.
- MA with distinction, Talmudic Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, 1987.
- Ph.D., Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1993.
- Employment: Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, since 2010 (Lecturer 1993-1997; Senior Lecturer 1997-2002; Associate Professor 2002-2010).
- Visiting Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York City, Fall 2004.
- Acting Dean, Rabbinical School, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, 2000.
- Assistant Dean, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, 1996-1997.
- Lecturer, Talmud, Haifa University, 1991-1994.
- Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, 1982.
Departmental Prize in Talmud, Bar Ilan, 1985.
Saul and Judith Lieberman Prize, Bar Ilan, 1986.
Finkelstein Prize in Talmud, JTSA, 1988.
Revson Fellowship, 1987-1989.
Lieberman Fellowship, 1989-1991.
National Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship, 1991-1992.
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship, 1992-1993.
Memorial Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1994-1995.
Harry Starr Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 2007.
- Conference Papers: “Towards an Appreciation of the Image of Babylonian Torah in *Tosefta Kifshutah*”, paper delivered at the conference marking the twentieth anniversary of the passing of Prof. Saul Lieberman of blessed memory, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, April 2003 [Hebrew].

“Recitation of the Shema and Torah Study in Professor Louis Ginzberg’s *Perushim veHiddushim BiYrushalmi*”, paper delivered at the conference marking the fiftieth anniversary of the passing of Prof. Louis Ginzberg of blessed memory, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, March 2004 [Hebrew].

“The Tabernacles Water Libation and the *Simhat Bet HaShoevah*”, paper delivered at the 29th History Conference, Zalman Shazar Center, Jerusalem, April 2005 [Hebrew].

“The Hasmonean Hanukkah as a Turning Point in the Development of the Ritual of Tabernacles”, paper delivered at the Harry Starr Fellowship seminar, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, February 2007.

“‘Drink thy wine with a merry heart, for God now accepteth thy works’ (Ecclesiastes 9:7): Alcohol in Jewish Ritual”, lecture at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, March 2007.

"Blessings before Meals in Sectarian and Tannaitic Halakhah", paper delivered at the Seventh Haifa Workshop for the Study of Qumran Literature, May 2008 [Hebrew].

"Booths on the Roof of the *Parvar* and Branches on the Roof of the *Stoa*: Echoes of an Early *Halakhah* in the Temple Scroll and Mishnah *Sukkah*", paper delivered at the Conference of the Jesselsohn Epigraphic Center for Jewish History, Bar Ilan University, 29 May 2008.

"Miriam bat Bilgah in the Temple: Self, Symbol, Substitute or Stereotype?", paper delivered at the Chana Safrai Memorial Conference on Women in the Temple, Hebrew Union College Jerusalem Campus, March 2011.

"The Three-Year *Hazaqah* as an Extended Act of Acquisition", paper delivered at the Conference on Talmud, Halakhah and Law in honor of Professor Joseph Tabory, Bar Ilan University, June 2013.

Publications:

Books: *Kol Nidre: Studies in the Development of Rabbinic Votive Institutions* (Brown Judaic Studies 315), Atlanta GA, 1998.

BT Shevu'ot III: Critical Edition and Commentary [Hebrew], New York and Jerusalem, 2003.

Talmud Ha-Igud: BT Berakhot Chapter I [Hebrew], Jerusalem 2006.

Talmud Ha-Igud: BT Sukkah Chapters IV-V [Hebrew], Jerusalem 2013.

Talmud Ha-Igud: BT Berakhot Chapter VI [Hebrew], forthcoming from the Society for the Interpretation of the Talmud, Jerusalem.

Books (edited): *Za'akat Dalot: Halakhic Solutions for the Agunot of our Time*, by Monique Susskind Goldberg and Diana Villa, edited by David Golinkin, Richard Lewis and Moshe Benovitz, Jerusalem 2006.

Torah Lishma: Essays in Jewish Studies in Honor of Professor Shamma Friedman, edited by David Golinkin, Moshe Benovitz, Mordechai Akiva Friedman, Menahem Schmelzer and Daniel Sperber, Jerusalem 2007.

Articles and Reviews: "Transferred Sugyot in the Palestinian Talmud: The Case of Nedarim 3:2 and Shevuot 3:8", *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research*, volume lix (1994) pp. 11-57.

"The Two Textual Traditions of Chapter Three of Tractate Shevuot in the Babylonian Talmud" [Hebrew], *Sidra* 10 (1994), pp. 5-38.

"The Origin and Meaning of the Prohibitive Vow in Second Temple and Tannaitic Literature" [Hebrew], *Tarbiz* 64 (1995), pp. 203-228.

"Substitute Vow Formulae" [Hebrew], *Sidra* 12 (1996), pp. 5-25.

"*Jewish Legal Writings by Women: A Response*", *Nashim* 2 (1999), pp. 146-160.

"The Concept of Justice in Jewish Sources" [Hebrew], in *Common Values, Different Sources: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Reflection* (Jerusalem 1999), pp. 37-50.

"Witnesses in Civil Cases" [Hebrew], in *Atara L'Haim: Studies in Honor of Professor Haim Zalman Dimitrovsky* (Jerusalem 2000), pp. 28-49.

"The *Korban* Vow and the Ossuary Inscription from the Arnona Neighborhood in Jerusalem" [Hebrew], *Cathedra* 104 (2002), pp. 177-179.

"Herod and Hanukkah" [Hebrew], *Zion* 68 (2003), pp. 5-40.

“The Political Candidate in the Fifth Satire of Persius, lines 176-179: A Slave to Ambition or to Foreign Religion?”, *Scripta Classica Israelica* 23 (2004), pp. 57-62.

“It was taught *bish`at herum`*: The First Act of the Emperor Pertinax (193 CE) and its Impact on Tannaitic Halakhah” [Hebrew], *Sidra* 19 (2004), pp. 7-23.

“Times of Danger in Eretz Israel and Babylonia” [Hebrew], *Tarbiz* 74 (2005), pp. 7-23.

“*Shinun*: Recitation of the *Shema* in the Teaching of Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai” [Hebrew], *Sidra* 20 (2005), pp. 25-56.

“Your Neighbor is like yourself: A Broad Generalization with Regard to the Torah”, *A Holy People: Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Religious Communal Identity (Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series)*, ed. Marce Poorthuis and Joshua Schwartz, Leiden and Boston 2006, pp. 127-146.

Review of *A Lifetime Companion to the Laws of Jewish Family Life*, by Deena R. Zimmerman, and *Man and Woman: Guidance for Newlyweds*, by Eliashiv Knohl, *Nashim* 12 (2006), pp. 309-329.

“Until the Feet of the *Tarmoda'i* are Gone’: The Hanukkah Light in Palestine during the Tannaitic and Amoraic Periods” [Hebrew], in *Torah Lishma: Essays in Jewish Studies in Honor of Professor Shamma Friedman*, edited by David Golinkin, Moshe Benovitz, Mordechai Akiva Friedman, Menahem Schmelzer and Daniel Sperber, Jerusalem 2007, pp. 39-78.

“Time-Triggered Positive Commandments as Conversation Pieces”, *Hebrew Union College Annual* 78 (2007), pp. 45-90.

“*Muqtseh leMitsvah*” [Hebrew], in *Tiferet Leyisrael: Jubilee Volume in Honor of Israel Francus*, edited by Joel Roth, Menahem Schmelzer and Yaakov Francus, Jewish Theological Seminary of America 2010, pp. 169-181.

“Blessings before Meals in during the Second Temple Period and in Tannaitic Halakhah” [Hebrew], *Megillot* 8-9 (2010), pp. 81-96.

“Approaching a Sage’: Dissolution of Vows and Dissolution of Commandments” [Hebrew], *Sidra* 24-25 (2010), pp. 49-69.

“Booths on the Roof of the *Parvar* and Branches on the Roof of the *Stoa*: Echoes of an Early *Halakhah* in the Temple Scroll and Mishnah *Sukkah*”, in *Halakhah in Light of Epigraphy*, edited by A. I.

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