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## Curriculum Vitae

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- 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:** Associate Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2002-present (Lecturer 1993-1997; Senior Lecturer, 1997-2002).
- 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Chapter IV* [Hebrew], forthcoming from the Society for the Interpretation of the Talmud, Jerusalem.

*Talmud Ha-Igud: BT Sukkah Chapter V* [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.

“Time-Triggered Positive Commandments as Conversation Pieces”, forthcoming in the *Hebrew Union College Annual*.

“Blessings before Meals in during the Second Temple Period and in Tannaitic Halakhah” [Hebrew], forthcoming in *Megillot*.

“Approaching a Sage’: Dissolution of Vows and Dissolution of Commandments” [Hebrew], forthcoming in *Sidra*.

“*Muqtseh leMitsvah*”, forthcoming in the Professor Israel Francus Jubilee Volume.

“The *Halil* that Played before the Altar”, forthcoming in *KaTavor beHarim: the Joseph Tabory Jubilee Volume*.

“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*”, forthcoming in the Jesselsohn Epigraphic Center for Jewish History Conference Volume, Bar Ilan University Press, Ramat Gan.