

CURRICULUM VITA

Motti Arad

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Marital Status: Married, three children

1946 Born in Poland

1949 Immigrated to Israel

1964-1966 Served in Israeli Army

1978-1997 A member of Kibbutz Tzora

Education:

1964 Graduated "Midrashiyat Noam" Yeshiva High School, with a matriculated diploma.

1970 B.A. in Psychology and Sociology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

1977 M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling, Drake University, Iowa.

2000 Ph.D in Talmud and Rabbinic Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.

Doctoral dissertation:

The "Sabbath Desecrators with Parhesia" in Talmudic Literature and in its Religious and Social Context, Ph.D. dissertation in Talmud and Rabbinitics, JTS, 2000.

Dissertation Sponsor: Prof. Shamma Friedman

Academic Awards:

1997-1998 Doctoral scholarship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

2000 Dissertation accepted with distinction.

Professional Experience: (non academic)

1968-1971 Research and field work on Juvenile Delinquency in Bet Shemesh, Israel.

1971-1975 A principal of a vocational school for drop-outs in Bet Shemesh.

1975-1978 Teaching at the Bureau of Jewish Education in Des-Moines Iowa.

1978-1986 Vine farming on Kibbutz Tzora, and social work at near-by Bet Shemesh. Involvement in the creation of Masorti (Conservative) settlements in the Galilee.

1986-1989 Emissary of the United Kibbutz Movement to the Conservative Movement in North America, teaching Zionism and creating a Masorti Aliya (immigration to Israel) Organization.

- 1989-1997 Informal High School education on Kibbutz Tzora; Adult Jewish Education outreach at the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.
- 1997-2000 Teaching Talmud at the Solomon Schechter High School in NYC.
- 1995- A Founding member of Bina, teaching Talmud at the Secular Yeshiva

Academic Teaching Experience:

- 1998-2000 Instructor, Talmud Department, Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), NYC.
- 1998, 2000 Visiting Talmud Professor from JTS (summer semesters) at the Seminario Rabbinico in Argentine, and at Project Judaica in Moscow
- 2000- Lecturer (full time), Talmud and Rabbinics, Schechter Institute, Jerusalem [official appointment as of 10.1.2003]
- 2000-2005 Lecturer (part-time), Talmud, the David Yellin Teacher's college, Jerusalem
- 2001-2005 Lecturer (part time), Talmud, Rothberg School for Overseas Students, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Summer 2004 Visiting Assistant Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
- 2005-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, JTS
- 2008- Lecturer (full time), Talmud and Rabbinics, Schechter Institute, Jerusalem

Courses taught:

Introduction to Talmudic Literature

Talmudic Text (various tractates, different levels)

Gentiles, Women, Boors – The Other in Rabbinic Literature

Rabbinic Attitudes and Law toward Christianity and Islam

The Woman in Tractate Nashim

Kiddush Hashem, Martyrdom and Shahada – A comparative study

Blood, People, Land – The Struggle over the Land of Israel in Late Antiquity.

Destruction and Salvation in Rabbinic Literature

Violence in the Family in biblical and Talmudic Texts

Who is a Jew – The Changing Identities of Jewishness in Halakhah.

Prayer and the Modern Man

Ritual and Theatre – Structure and Function

Publications:

Book:

Mechalel Shabbat Bepharhesia – A Talmudic Legal Term and its Historic Context (in Hebrew), JTS [New York – Jerusalem], 2009

Articles:

"The Death of One's Wife is Likened to the Destruction of the Temple' – Reflections on Ezekiel 24:15-27" (in Hebrew), Et La-Asot 4 (1996), Jerusalem, pp. 72-93.

"Gender Attitudes in Babylonia and Eretz Israel during the Time of the Mishnah and Talmud" (in Hebrew), Festschrift in honor of Prof. Itai Zimran, Jerusalem, 2005.

“‘For the Sake of Peace (Mipnei Darchei Shalom)’ – Rabbinic Evolving Attitudes Toward Gentiles, Christians and Moslems”, J. Douchan (Editor), Our Father Abraham: Symposium on Jewish Christian Muslim Relations, held at Andrews University in 2006, to be published in 2010.

"Gader, Hamat Gader and Migdal Gader – Historical/Geographical Considerations in the Study of a Sugiya in Eruvin" (in Hebrew), to be published in a Festschrift in honor of Prof. Lee I. Levine, The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), 2010

"The Great Hallel – The Original Hallel for the Passover Seder" (in Hebrew), to be published in the Jubilee Volume in honor of Israel Francus, JTS, 2010

“The ‘Four who Entered the Pardes’ Story Revisited”, submitted to Okimta.