

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal Details

Year of Birth: 1972, Israel

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Higher Education:

1999 B.A. (*cum laude*), The Faculty of Humanities, The Open University of Israel

2002 M.A. (*cum laude*), The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University,
Thesis: *Justice in Contract in Talmudic Law*, under the supervision of Prof.
Hanina Ben Menahem and Prof. Moshe Halbertal

2009 LL.D. (*summa cum laude*), Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University,
Dissertation: *The Interpretation of the Contract in Talmudic Law*, under the
supervision of Prof. Hanina Ben Menahem

2010 Halbert Post-Doctoral Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Host:
Prof. Ernest Weinrib

Appointments at the Hebrew University:

2005-2009: Assistant Instructor, Faculty of Law

July 2011-June 2015: Lecturer, Faculty of Law

June 2015-present: Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law

Additional Functions at the Hebrew University:

2011-present: Director of the Matz Institute for Research in Jewish Law

Service in other Academic Institutions:

2004: Assistant Instructor, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

2004-2009: Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Haifa University

2009: Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University

Other Activities:

2007-2009: Secretary of the Editorial Board of the SHENATON HA-MISHPAT HA-IVRI

2011-present: Co-Editor of SHENATON HA-MISHPAT HA-IVRI

2013-present: Co-Editor of THE JEWISH LAW ANNUAL

2012-2017: Organization of Zova annual conferences in Jewish law (with colleagues from Bar Ilan University and Tel Aviv University)

Grants

2016-2017 The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research (with David Flatto), "Law as Religion, Religion as Law"

2017-2018 Israel Science Foundation (grant No. 591/16), "Private Law and Distributive Justice: A Conceptual-Comparative Analysis"

Honors and Awards:

2002 Bahana Prize

2003 Herzog Prize

2007 Prize for Outstanding Teaching, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University

2008 Shoenrach Prize; Guggenheim Prize

2009 Birk Prize; Weber and P.E.F. Prizes for the most excellent article published in *Mishpatim*

2010 Halbert Fellowship; Guggenheim Fellowship; Ephraim Urbach Fellowship; Zilberg Prize

2016 The Tager Award for Outstanding Article in Jewish Law

Conference Presentations and Academic Lectures

2004 'The Problem of Social Justice: What Principles Can We Learn from the Torah?', the Jewish Law Association, 13th International Conference, Boston University.

2008 'Good Faith in the Interpretation of Contract: a Talmudic Study in Comparison with Israeli Law', Seminar meeting, Faculty of Law, Haifa University

2008 'Sale and Betrothal under Duress', Conference on Free Will, Responsibility and Coercion in the Talmud, Harvard Law School.

2009 'Good Faith in the Interpretation of Contract: a Talmudic Study in Comparison with Israeli Law', Seminar meeting, Faculty of

2010 ‘Good Faith in the Interpretation of Contract: a Talmudic Study in Comparison with Israeli Law’, Seminar meeting, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University
Law, Bar Ilan University

2010 ‘Law, Metaphor and Political Theory: A Biblical Perspective’, University of Toronto, Centre for Jewish Studies.

2010 ‘Three Halakhic Types of Jewish Democratic Regime’, Conference on the Halakhic Laws of Democracy, Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem.

2010, ‘Deadly Force against a Rapist in Self-Defense: Jewish Law Perspective’, the Jewish Law Association, 16th International Conference, Netanya Academic College.

2012 ‘Deadly Force against a Rapist in Self-Defense: Jewish Law Perspective’, Jewish Law Workshop, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University.

2012 ‘Joint and Several Liability in Jewish Law’, The Third Tzova Conference on Jewish Law and Torts.

2012 ‘The Nature of Judicial Legal Error’, Conference on Forgetting and Error in Jewish Legal Culture, Harvard Law School.

2013 ‘Property and Exclusivity: Two Visions, Two Traditions’, Jewish Law Workshop, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University.

2013 ‘Property and Exclusivity: Two Visions, Two Traditions’, Jewish Law Workshop, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University.

2013 ‘The Socio-Economic Legislation in the Bible: Fundamental Principles’, Conference on Pursuing Justice: Between Society and Economy in Jewish Sources, Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem.

2013 ‘The Contribution of the Philosophy of Law to the Philosophy of Halakha’, the Sixteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University.

2014 ‘Property and Exclusivity: Two Visions, Two Traditions’, the Jewish Law Association, 18th International Conference, University of Antwerp.

2014 ‘The Language of the Contract as the Purpose of Interpretation’, the Fifth Tzova Conference on Jewish Law and Contract Law.

2015 ‘From the Commandment to Lend to the Commandment of Charity’, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, An Evening in Honor of Yael Wilfand’s Book, Poverty, Charity and the Image of the Poor in Rabbinic Texts from the Land of Israel.

2015 Roundtable participant: ‘Jewish Law in Israeli Courts Ruling: The Protection of a Person’s Reputation’, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University.

2015 ‘Gendered Social Metaphors and Law in Biblical and Rabbinic Sources’, The Cambridge Conference on Law, Language and Gender

2016 ‘Ownership and Exclusivity: Two Visions, Two Traditions’, WINIR Symposium on Property Rights, Bristol University

2017 ‘Legal-Theological Revolutions’, workshop on *Theologians in a Jurist’s Rube: Relations between Theology and Law in the Judaeo-Islamic Milieu*, University of Toronto

2017 ‘The Problem of Unjust Prices’, Symposium on Rabbi Hertzog’ Book, The Main Institutions of Jewish Law, Bar-Ilan University

2017 ‘Legal-Theological Revolutions’, Conference on *Law as Religion, Religion as Law*, Jerusalem

Teaching at the Hebrew University:

Supervision of Master degree students:

2012-2013 Danny Lasmi (M.A.), co-supervisor: Dr. Danny Schwartz

2013-2014 Shahar Katovitz (LL.M.)

2013-2014 Eli Halle (LL.M.)

2015-2016 chagai Schlesinger (LL.M.), summa cum laude

2015-2016 Lilach Naftaly (LL.M.)

Supervision of doctoral students:

2017-present Tehila Gimpel

Host of post-docs

2017 Dr. Ayelet Libson

2017 Dr. Yoel Kretzmer-Raziel

Courses:

Introduction to Jewish Law (Bachelor's)

Contract Law in Jewish Law (Bachelor's)

Social Rights in Jewish Law (Bachelor's)

Jewish Law: Methods of Research (Master's and Doctorate)