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CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: Porat Benjamin; ID Number 029518271

Date of birth: December 14, 1972, Jerusalem

Personal status: Married with five children

HIGHER EDUCATION

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

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Humanities, M.A. (*cum laude*),
2002

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law, LL.D. (*summa cum
laude*) 2010

Supervisor: Prof. Hanina Ben Menahem

Doctoral Studies: 2004-2009

University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Halbert Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2010

Host: Prof. Ernest Weinrib

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Lecturer, 2011-2015

Senior Lecturer, 2015-2017

Senior Lecturer with tenure, July 2017 – March 2021

Appointed to the Joseph (J.T.) Tanenbaum Chair in Jewish Law, 2019

Associate Professor, April 2021-present

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

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

Editor of SHENATON HA-MISHPAT HA-IVRI, 2011-present

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

Member of the Academic Committee of the Sacher Institute, 2013-2018

Member of the Research Committee, Faculty of Law, 2013-2018

Member of the Guest Lecturers Committee, Faculty of Law, 2017-2018

Member of the Library Committee, Faculty of Law, 2018-present

Vice Dean, Faculty of Law, 2019-present

Head of the Teaching Committee, Faculty of Law, 2019-present

Member of the University's Teaching Procedures Committee, 2019-present

ACADEMIC VISITING POSITIONS IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Georgetown Law School, Visiting Professor, 2018

University of British Columbia Law School, Visiting Professor, 2019

Penn Law School, Gruss Visiting Professor of Talmudic Civil Law, 2020,2021

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Organization of Tzova annual conferences in Jewish law (with colleagues from Bar Ilan University and Tel Aviv University), 2011-present

Organization of an international conference on “Law as Religion, Religion as Law” (with David Flatto), The Hebrew University, 2017

Organization of an international conference on “Charity in Classical Jewish Law”
(with Gregg Gardner), The Hebrew University, 2019

Organization of a weekly reading group of Jewish law primary sources, The Hebrew
University, 2011-present

Teaching a weekly Talmud lesson for judges, scholars and lawyers, The Bar
Association, Jerusalem, 2015-present

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rahman Bahana Prize for Excellence in Jewish Law (The Hebrew University,
Faculty of Law), 2002

The Yaakov Herzog Prize for Excellence in Jewish Law (The Hebrew University,
Faculty of Law), 2003

Prize for Outstanding Teaching (The Hebrew University, Faculty of Law), 2007

The Shoenrach Prize for Excellence in Jewish Law (The Hebrew University,
Faculty of Law), 2008

The Guggenheim Fund for Research in Jewish Ethics, Scholarship, 2008

The Birk Prize for excellent doctoral students at the Hebrew University of
Jerusalem, 2009

The Weber and P.E.F. Prizes for the most excellent article published in
Mishpatimm, 2009; #22

Halbert Post-Doc Fellowship, The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, 2010

The Guggenheim Fund for Research in Jewish Ethics, Scholarship, 2010

The Ephraim Urbach Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2010

The Moshe Zilberg Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in Jewish Law (The Hebrew
University, Faculty of Law), 2010

The Tager Award for Outstanding Article in Jewish Law (Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan
University), 2016; #26

RESEARCH GRANTS

The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research (with David Flatto) [2016-2017], 60,000 USD (total amount); # 11

Israel Science Foundation Grant No. 591/16 [2017-2018], 280,000 NIS (total amount); # 30

Israel Science Foundation Grant No. 1040/20 [2021-2024], 476,000 NIS (total amount)

TEACHING

1. Introduction to Jewish Law (undergraduate)
2. Contract Law in Jewish Law (undergraduate & graduate)
3. Social Rights in Jewish Law (undergraduate & graduate)
4. Jewish Law and Theories of Law (undergraduate & graduate)
5. Jewish Law: Methods of Research (seminar)
6. Distributive Justice in Jewish Private Law (seminar)
7. Jewish Law Jurisprudence: From the Bible to the Rabbis (graduate, USA)