

CURRICULUM VITAE AND LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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Personal Details

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Education

- B.A. 1987 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. General Philosophy; Jewish Thought
- M.A. 1991 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Comparative Religion.
- Ph.D 1998 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Jewish Thought.
Dissertation: Early Jewish Magic: Methodological and Phenomenological Studies. Supervisors: Prof. Shaul Shaked, Prof. Moshe Idel.

Employment History

- 2014-present Associate Professor of folklore and Hebrew literature
- 2010-present Chair, Program of Folklore Studies
- 2007-2014 Senior Lecturer of folklore and Hebrew literature
Program of Folklore Studies and Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- 2001-2007 Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of folklore and Hebrew literature
Program of Folklore Studies and Dept. of Hebrew Literature, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (tenure track)
- 1997-2001 External teacher of folklore, Hebrew literature and Jewish thought
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Achva College, Hadassah College of Jerusalem

Professional Activities

Positions in academic administration

- 2010-present Chair, Program of Folklore Studies
2010-2012 Committee of teaching – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Professional functions outside universities/institutions

- 2007-2011 Editorial board – Journal for the Studies of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewry
2001-present Academic council of ASAI (The Archive of Israel Folk Narratives)
2010-present Advisory board – Magical and Religious Literature of Late Antiquity (E.J. Brill series; eds. S. Shaked and S. Bhayro)
2011-present Advisory board – Raphael Patai Series in Jewish Folklore and Anthropology (Wayne State University Press; ed. D. Ben-Amos)
2012-present Academic council of Ben Zvi Institute for the Study of the Land of Israel

Educational activities

Courses taught (examples)

- Reading manuscripts of magic and "practical Kabbalah."
- Aggression and knowledge in Jewish dream magic.
- "I saw God": visions and heavenly tours.
- Prophecy and divination in Jewish culture of late Antiquity.
- Authority and ritual power in rabbinic literature.
- Stories of demons and Lilits in late Antique Judaism.
- The study of folklore: belief, practice, narrative, identity.
- From magic to "practical Kabbala."
- Illness and cure in ancient Jewish thought and praxis.
- Jewish magic – texts, rites and belief.
- Moses: not solely "our Rabbi."
- On humans and angels in Judaism.
- From Satan to *Sitra Ahra* – essentials of Jewish demonology.

Fellowships, awards, citations

2014-15	Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Group research on <i>The Visualization of Knowledge in Medieval and Early Modern Periods</i>
2012	Nomination in Marquis' <i>Who's Who in the World</i> , 29 th edition (free of charge)	
2008	Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania	Group research on <i>Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity</i>
2006	Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Group research on <i>Occult Powers and Officials in Near Eastern Cultures</i>
2001-2004	Alon fellowship (National Council for Higher Education)	A position in the Program of Folklore Studies, BGU
1998-2000	Kreitman fellowship, Ben Gurion University of the Negev	Post-doc research in Jewish magic and folklore
1996-1997	Warburg fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	PhD studies
1991-1996	Distinction fellowship	PhD studies
1987-1990	Dean fellowship Distinction fellowship Distinction award	M.A. Studies
1985-1987	Dean fellowship	B.A. studies

Scientific Publications

Books

Forthcoming	<i>Early Jewish Magic: Study, Method, Sources</i> . Under contract with Wayne State University Press (2016).
Forthcoming	<i>The Sword of Moses and Magic Sward Literature: A Study in Jewish Magic</i> . Under Contract with Brill (2015).
2010	<i>Early Jewish Magic: Study, Method, Sources</i> , Jerusalem 2010 [Heb.].
1997	<i>The Sword of Moses – A New Edition and Study</i> , Jerusalem 1997 [Heb.].

Volumes edited

2011	Co-edited with Shaul Shaked and Gideon Bohak, <i>Continuity and Innovation in the Magical Tradition</i> , Brill: Leiden 2011.
2009	Co-edited with Tamar Alexander, <i>Jewish Folklore – European Journal of Jewish Studies</i> , vol. 3/1 (2009).

Articles

- Accepted "Divination through the Dead in Jewish Dream Magic", J. Ben Tullila, E. Papo, H. Weiss and Y. Harari (eds.), *Damtah le-Tamar: Studies in Honor of Professor Tamar Alexander* [Heb].
- Accepted "Demonic Dream Divination", T. Rosen and D. Rotman (eds.), *Eli Yasif festschrift* [Heb].
- Accepted "Jewish Magic in the Ancient Period", H. Versnel and D. Frankfurter (eds.), *Guide to the Study of Ancient Magic*.
- 2014 "Genizah Fragments of *The Sword of Moses*", *Ginzei Qedem* 10 (2014), pp. 29-92 [Heb].
- 2013a-d "Magic"; "Tobit, the Book of"; "Yosef Dila Reina, the Story of (Ma'aseh Yosef Dila Reina)"; "Ma'aseh Jerushalmi, The Story of the Jerusalemite", *Encyclopedia of Jewish Folklore*, M.E. Sharpe Inc.
- 2012 "*The Sword of Moses* – A new Translation and Introduction", *Magic, Ritual and Witchcraft* 7 (2012), pp. 58-95.
- 2012 "A Dream, a Treasure and an Angel – On a Dream Inquiry Spell from the Cairo Geniza", *Zemanim* 118 (2012), pp. 14-23 [Heb].
- 2012a-e "Magic, Jewish"; "Amulets, Jewish"; "Harba de-Moshe"; "Havdala de-Rabbi Aqiva"; "Sefer ha-razim", *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2011 "Jewish Magic – An Annotated Overview", *El Prezente* 5 (2011), pp. 13*-85* [Heb].
- 2011 "Metatron and the Treasure of Gold – Notes on a Dream Inquiry Text from the Cairo Genizah", in: G. Bohak, Y. Harari, S. Shaked (eds.), *Continuity and Innovation in the Magical Tradition*, Leiden: Brill, 2011, pp. 289-319.
- 2010 "A Different Spirituality or "Other" Agents? – On the Study of Magic in Rabbinic Literature", D.V. Arbel and A.A Orlove (eds.), *With Letters of Light: Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls, Early Jewish Apocalypticism, Magic, and Mysticism* (Berlin: De Gruyter 2010), pp. 169-195.
- 2010 "Practical Kabbala in Israel", F. Vukosavovic (ed.), *Angels and Demons – Jewish Magic Through the Ages*, Jerusalem: Bible Lands Museum Publications 2010), pp. 28-32 (= *ibid.* pp. 25-28 [Heb]).
- 2009 Coauthored with T. Alexander, "Introduction: Jewish Folklore – Ethnic Identity, Collection and Research", *European Journal of Jewish Studies* 3/1 (2009), pp. 1-17.
- 2007 "Leadership, Authority and the "Other": the Debate over Magic from the Karaites to Maimonides", *Journal for the Study of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewry* 1/2 (2007), pp. 79-101.
- 2007 "Jewish Magic Plates in the Modern Period: From the Islamic World to Israel", *Pe'amim* 110 (2007), pp. 55-84 [Heb].
- 2007 "Magic, early", *Encyclopedia Judaica* (rev. ed.).
- 2006 "The Scroll of Ahima'az and Jewish Magic Culture – a Note on the Ordeal of the Adulteress" *Tarbitz* 75 (2006), pp. 185-202 [Heb].

- 2006 "The Sages and the Occult", J. Schwartz, P. Tomson, Z. Safrai (eds.), *COMPENDIA RERUM IUDAICARUM AD NOVUM TESTAMENTUM II/3b –The Literature of the Sages, Second Part: Midrash and Targum, Liturgy, Poetry, Mysticism, Contracts, Inscriptions, Ancient Science and the Language of Rabbinic Literature*, Assen: Royal Van Gorcum 2006, pp. 521-564.
- 2005 "Magic Vessels in Late Antiquity and the Islamic World", *Pe'amim* 103 (2005), pp. 55-90 [Heb.].
- 2005 "What is a Magical Text? – Methodological Reflections aimed at Redefining Early Jewish Magic", S. Shaked (ed.), *Officina Magica – The Working of Magic*, Brill: Leiden 2005, pp. 91-124.
- 2005 "Moses, the Sword, and *the Sword of Moses*: Between Rabbinical and Magical Traditions", *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 12 (2005), pp. 293-329.
- 2004 "Opening the Heart: Magical Practices for Knowledge, Understanding and Good Memory in Judaism of Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages", Z. Gries, H. Kreisel, B. Huss (eds.), *Shefa Tal – Studies in Jewish Thought and Culture*, Beer Sheva: Ben Gurion University Press 2004, pp. 303-347 [Heb.].
- 2002 "Religion, Magic, and Adjurations: Methodological Reflections Aimed at a New Definition of Early Jewish Magic", *Da'at* 48 (2002), pp. 33-56 [Heb.].
- 2000 "Power and Money: Economic Aspects of the Use of Magic by Jews in Ancient Times and the Early Middle Ages", *Pe'amim* 85 (2000), pp. 14-42 [Heb.].
- 2000 "Love Charms in Early Jewish Magic", *Kabbalah* 5 (2000), pp. 247-264 [Heb.].
- 1998 "How to Do Things with Words: Philosophical Theory and Magical Deeds", *Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Folklore* 19-20 (1997-98), pp. 365-392 [Heb.].
- 1997 "If You Wish to Kill a Person: Harmful Magic and Protection from it in Early Jewish Magic", *Jewish Studies* 37 (1997), pp. 111-142 [Heb.].

Lectures and Presentations at Meetings and Invited Seminars

Presentation of papers at conferences/meetings (last 7 years)

- 2014 "Dream Magic in Jewish Grimoires", *Scripted Forms of Magic Knowledge: Grimoires in the Matrix of Western Cultures*, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem
- 2013a "Encounters with Dreams: Terror Aggression and Eros in Jewish Dream Magic", *The Israel Academy of Science and Humanities Honoring Shaul Shaked*, Jerusalem.
- 2013b "Practical Kabbalah Online", *The 16th World Jewish Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem.

- 2012a "Remove Her Blood from Inside Her': On A Modern Curse Pot from the Sea of Galilee", *Lux et tenebrae: Scientific and Demonic Dimensions of Western Esotericism*, Haifa University, Haifa
- 2012b "A Black Demoness, Angels and a Curse", *1st International Conference on Contemporary Esotericism*, University of Stockholm.
- 2011a "*Etz Hada'at* (The Book of Knowledge): An Ornamented Hebrew Manuscript of Practical Kabbala from the 16th Century, Saffed", *The Visual and Symbolic in Western Esotericism (ESSWE3)*, Szeged University, Hungary
- 2011b "'Practical Kabbala' – Between Emic and Etic Perspectives", *Magic and Mysticism: Contested Terms, Material Objects, and Charismatic Figures*, Ohio State University, Columbus.
- 2010a "Between Magic and Practical Kabbalah – Preliminary Reflections", *Jewish Thought and Jewish Belief*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva.
- 2010b "The Sword of Moses and Magical Sword Literature", *Aramaic Magical Texts from Late Antiquity: Sources, Contexts and Transmission – BIRAX International Workshop*, Tel Aviv University.
- 2010c 'What is "Practical Kabbala"? – On the Place of Kabbala in the Tradition of Jewish Magic', *Magic and Medicine – The 8th International Conference of Social and Cultural History of the Jews on the Eastern Adriatic Coast*, University of Zagreb, Dubrovnik.
- 2009a "Social Contexts of Magical Activity in Israel", *The Second Israeli Conference for the Study of Current Spirituality*, Haifa University.
- 2009b "Jewish Necromancy – Sources, Praxis and Social Context", *ESBL*, Rome.
- 2009c "Metatron and the Treasure of Gold – A spell for a Dream Inquiry from the Geniza", *The 15th World Congress for Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem.
- 2008a "Narrating Identities – The Case of the Ascension of Moses", *Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity*, *CAJS*, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2008b "Practical Kabbala in Israel – Impressions from Fieldwork", *Israel Institute for Advanced Studies*, Jerusalem.
- 2008c "Necromancy in Ancient Judaism – Sources, Beliefs and Praxis", *The Contact Between Man and God*, Haifa University.
- 2007a "Between Magic and Practical Kabbala: Types of Charm Writers in Israel", *Kabbalah and Modernity*, University of Amsterdam.
- 2007b "On magical Plates Writers in Israel", *The Annual Inter-university Conference of Folklore*, Tel Aviv University.

Seminar presentations at universities and institutions

- 2012 Program of Culture and Hermeneutics, Bar Ilan University
- 2010 Dept. of Archaeology, Bible and Ancient East, Ben Gurion University

- 2009a Dept. of Biblical Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2009b Dept. of Jewish History and Program of Folklore Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- 2008a The Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2008b Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008c Dept. of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University
- 2006a The Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2006b Graduate Program of Folklore and Folklife, Dept. of Religion, and Program of Jewish Studies, Penn State University, Philadelphia.

Research Grants

2011	Israel Science Foundation	Publication grant: <i>Early Jewish Magic: Research, Method, Sources</i>
2009-13	Israel Science Foundation	Jewish Manuscripts of Magic and Practical Kabbala – 1300-1700
2007-11	Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture	MMFY – Catalogue of articles on Jewish folklore
2006	President of BGU	
2004	Keller Foundation	
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1995-1997	Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture	PhD studies