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Studies and Academic Positions:

1987 B.A., cum laude, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Jewish History and Classical Studies)
1994 PhD, Princeton University (Religion & Program for the Study of the Ancient World)
1994-1997 Post-doctoral Fellow, the Michigan Society of Fellows, and Assistant Professor, Department of Classical Studies (University of Michigan)
1997-2007 Senior Lecturer, Tel-Aviv University (Jewish Philosophy and Religious Studies)
2003-2007 Chair (intermittently), Program in Religious Studies, Tel-Aviv University
2007- Associate Professor, Tel-Aviv University (Jewish Culture and Religious Studies)
2008- Chair, Department of Jewish Culture, Tel-Aviv University

Academic Awards, Grants and Fellowships:

1994-1997 The Michigan Society of Fellows (University of Michigan)
2001-2004 The Michael Bruno Award
2002 DAAD fellowship for a one-month research visit to Germany (September)
2003-2007 Israel Science Foundation, research grant on "Jewish Magical Recipe Books From the Cairo Genizah," (Grant #725/03)
2006 The Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, Organizer and Fellow of Research Group on "Occult powers and Officiants in Near Eastern Cultures" (March-August)
2007-2008 Visiting Scholar, Clare Hall and Cambridge University Library, Cambridge
2008-2011 Israel Science Foundation, research grant on "Hekhalot Texts and Dream Requests From the Cairo Genizah," (Grant #635/08)
2009-2010 (with Dan Levene) BIRAX (Britain-Israel Research and Academic Exchange Partnership) grant on "Aramaic Magical Texts from Late Antiquity"

Books:

Joseph and Aseneth and the Jewish Temple in Heliopolis, [SBL Early Judaism and Its Literature, 10], Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996

Ancient Jewish Magic: A History, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008

Papers:

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"Aseneth's Honeycomb and Onias' Temple: The key to Joseph and Aseneth?," Proceedings of the Eleventh

World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 1994, Division A, pp. 163-170

"CPJ III, 520: The Egyptians' Reaction to Onias' Temple," Journal for the Study of Judaism 26 (1995), pp. 32-41

"From Fiction to History: Contextualizing Joseph and Aseneth," SBL Seminar Papers 1996, Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996, pp. 273-284

Traditions of Magic in Late Antiquity, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Library, 1996, 37p. (also available on-line: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/pap/magic>)

"Good Jews, Bad Jews, and Non-Jews in Greek Papyri and Inscriptions," in Bärbel Kramer et al. (eds.), Akten des 21. Internationalen Papyrologenkongresses, Berlin, 13.-19.8.1995, Stuttgart and Leipzig: Teubner, 1997, vol. 1, pp. 105-112

"A Note on the Chnoubis Gem from Tel Dor," Israel Exploration Journal 47 (1997), pp. 255-256

"Theopolis: A Single-Temple Policy and Its Singular Ramifications," Journal of Jewish Studies 50 (1999), pp. 3-16

"Greek, Coptic, and Jewish Magic in the Cairo Genizah," Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists 36 (1999), pp. 27-44

"Classica et Rabbinica I: The Bull of Phalaris and the Tophet," Journal for the Study of Judaism 31 (2000), pp. 203-216

"The Impact of Jewish Monotheism on the Greco-Roman World," Jewish Studies Quarterly 7 (2000), pp. 1-21

"Rabbinic Perspectives on Egyptian Religion," Archiv für Religionswissenschaft 2 (2000), pp. 215-231

"Ethnic Stereotypes in the Greco-Roman World: Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Jews," Proceedings of the Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 2000, Division B, pp. 7*-15*

"כתבים ודודנים ורודנים ושומרונים", תרביץ ס (תשס"א), עמ' 303-301

"Remains of Greek Words and Magical Formulae in Hekhalot Literature," Kabbalah 6 (2001), pp. 121-134

"Ethnic Continuity in the Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity," in John R. Bartlett (ed.), Jews in the Hellenistic and Roman Cities, London and New York: Routledge, 2002, pp. 175-192

"The Hellenization of Biblical History in Rabbinic Literature," in Peter Schäfer (ed.), The Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture III, [Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 93], Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2002, pp. 3-16

"The Ibis and the Jewish Question: Ancient "Anti-Semitism" in Historical Perspective," in M. Mor, A. Oppenheimer, J. Pastor and D.R. Schwartz (eds.), Jews and Gentiles in the Holy Land in the Days of the Second Temple the Mishnah and the Talmud, Jerusalem: Ben Zvi, 2003, pp. 27-43

"Hebrew, Hebrew Everywhere?: Notes on the Interpretation of Voces Magicae," in Scott B. Noegel, Joel Walker and Brannon M. Wheeler (eds.), Prayer, Magic, and the Stars in the Ancient and Late Antique

World, [Magic in History Series], Pennsylvania State University Press, 2003, pp. 69-82

"Magical Means for Dealing with Minim in Rabbinic Literature," in Peter J. Tomson and Doris Lambers-Petry (eds.), The Image of the Judaeo-Christians in Ancient Jewish and Christian Literature, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2003, pp. 267-279

"Recent Trends in the Study of Greco-Roman Jews," The Classical Journal 99 (2003/4), pp. 195-202 (a review article)

"מיתוס יהודי במאגיה הפגאנית בעת העתיקה," בתוך המיתוס ביהדות, בעריכת א. גרינולד ומ. אידל, ירושלים: מרכז זלמן שזר, תשס"ד, עמ' 97-122

"Reconstructing Jewish Magical Recipe Books from the Cairo Genizah," Ginzei Qodem 1 (2005), pp. 9*-29*

"Ethnic Portraits in Greco-Roman Literature," in Erich S. Gruen (ed.), Cultural Borrowings and Ethnic Appropriations in Antiquity, [Oriens et Occidens 8], Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2005, pp. 207-237

"קערות ההשבעה הבלבוליות -- עבר, הווה ועתיד," פעמים 105-106 (תשס"ו), עמ' 253-265 (מאמר ביקורת)

"Catching a Thief: The Jewish Trials of a Christian Ordeal," Jewish Studies Quarterly 13 (2006), pp. 344-362

"מגעים בין-תרבותיים במאגיה העתיקה," זמנים 100 (2007), עמ' 6-17

"אקדמות לחקר המסורת המאגית היהודית," מדעי היהדות מד (2007), עמ' 9-36

"דתות מצרים ופניקיה בספרות הקלסית," בתוך אלי קדם: הפוליתאיזם בארץ ישראל ושכנותיה מן האלף השני לפסה"נ ועד התקופה המוסלמית, בעריכת מנחם קיסטר, יוסף גייגר, נדב נאמן ושואל שקד, ירושלים: בן-צבי, תשס"ה, עמ' 102-128

"The Jews," in Andrew Erskine (ed.), A Companion to Ancient History, [Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World], Oxford: Blackwell, 2009, pp. 201-212

"The Jewish Magical Tradition from Late Antiquity to the Cairo Genizah," in Hannah M. Cotton, David Wasserstein, Jonathan J. Price and Robert Hoyland (eds.), From Hellenism to Islam: Cultural and Linguistic Change in the Roman Near East, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 321-339

"Prolegomena to the Study of the Jewish Magical Tradition," Currents in Biblical Literature 8.1 (2009), pp. 107-150

"Some 'Mass Produced' Scorpion-Amulets from the Cairo Genizah," forthcoming in Zuleika Rodgers, Margaret Daly-Denton and Anne Fitzpatrick McKinley (eds.), A Wandering Galilean: Essays in Honor of Sean Freyne, Leiden: Brill, 2009, pp. 35-49

"Cracking the Code and Finding the Gold: A Dream Request from the Cairo Genizah," forthcoming in 'Illu: Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones 23 (2008), pp. 55-69

"From Qumran to Cairo: The Lives and Times of a Jewish Exorcistic Formula," (with an Appendix by Shaul Shaked), forthcoming in a volume on Ritual Healing edited by Charles Burnett and Ildiko Cepregi

"Towards a Catalogue of the Magical, Astrological, Divinatory and Alchemical Fragments from the Cambridge Genizah Collections," forthcoming in a Festschrift for Stefan Reif, edited by Ben Outhwaite and Siam Bhayro

"The Magical Rotuli from the Cairo Genizah," forthcoming in Shaul Shaked, Yuval Harari, and Gideon Bohak (eds.), Continuity and Innovation in the Magical Tradition, Leiden: Brill, 2010

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"A New Genizah Fragment of the Aramaic Levi Document," accepted for publication in the Journal of Semitic Studies

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