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Education

University of Pennsylvania, School of Arts and Sciences
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, degree expected 2006.
William Penn, Ellis and University Dissertation Fellow.
Dissertation title: "Neo-Babylonian Legal Proceedings: Structural, Procedural and Comparative Aspects."
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Barry Eichler, Dr. Erle Leichty, Dr. Jeffrey Tigay.

Harvard University
Bachelor of Arts (AB), *summa cum laude* in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 1999.
Senior honors thesis, "'To Go and Marry Any Man That You Please': A Study of the Formulaic Antecedents of the Rabbinic Writ of Divorce," guided by Dr. John Huehnergard.

Yeshivat Har Etzion, Summer 1994- Summer 1995.

Ramaz Upper School, September 1990-June 1994.

Yeshiva of Central Queens (K-8), September 1981-June 1990.

Publications

I. Articles

"Judges of the King' in Achaemenid Mesopotamia." Submitted for publication in proceedings of "World of Achaemenid Persia" conference.

"'To Go and Marry Any Man That You Please': A Study of the Formulaic Antecedents of the Rabbinic Writ of Divorce." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 60 (2001), 241-258.

"A Tirade Against Decadence and Idolatry: The Samaria Ivories and Amos' Roots in Archeology." *Mosaic* 21 (1998), 62-68.

II. Reviews

Review of *Studies in Biblical Interpretation*, by Nahum Sarna (Philadelphia, 2000). *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93 (2003), 623-624.

Review of *History and Ideology: An Introduction to Historiography in the Hebrew Bible*, by Yaira Amit (Sheffield, 1999). *Jewish Quarterly Review* 92 (2002), 602-603.

Academic Conferences and Colloquia

Iranian Heritage Foundation, "The World of Achaemenid Persia." British Museum, September 2005. Read paper on Royal Judges in Achaemenid Mesopotamia.

Association for Jewish Studies, December 2001. Read paper entitled "Quantum Leap or 'But a Step'?: On

the Mesopotamian Origins of Israelite Monotheism” in a session on the Bible in its ancient Near Eastern Context.

American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Summer Seminar, Summer 2001. Participant.

Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Studies Summer School in Judaic Studies, Summer 2000. Participant.

Academic Honors and Awards

Lady Davis Fellowship. Awarded 2006.

Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania. 2004-2005.

University of Pennsylvania Dissertation Fellowship. Summer 2004-2005.

Ellis Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania. Summer 2003- 2004.

Schaff Prize, University of Pennsylvania, 2000. For essay “Quantum Leap or ‘But a Step’?: On the Mesopotamian Origins of Israelite Monotheism.”

William Penn Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 1999-2003.

Honorable Mention, Norman Podhoretz Prize in Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 1999.

Member, Phi Beta Kappa (“Senior 48”)- Alpha Iota Chapter, Harvard University. Elected January 1999.

Dean’s List, Rank List Group I, Harvard University.

Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies grant for summer research, 1998.

Detur Book Prize, Harvard University, January 1997.

John Harvard Scholarship, 1995-1998.

Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Life Monument Scholarship for Higher Education, for four years of college studies. Tuition and Stipend. 1994-1999.

National Bible Contest: First Place, 1993; U.S. representative to International Bible Contest in Jerusalem, 1994, Second Place in Diaspora.

Teaching and Administrative Experience

I. University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Fellow. Fall 2000- Fall 2001.

Courses in Egyptology (Professor J. Wegner), Ancient Religion (Professor S. Tinney), Introduction to Bible (Professor J. Tigay). Responsibilities included: grading, lecturing, addressing student inquiries, designing and maintaining course websites and web-based slide shows (using Blackboard program).

Substitute Lecturer. Fall 2001-Spring 2004.

Freshman seminar on Jewish Law (Professor B. Eichler), undergraduate Bible class (Professor J. Tigay), History of the ancient Near East (Dr. P. Jones and Dr. T. Scharlach).

Student coordinator of Jewish Studies conference, "Marcus Jastrow and Rabbinic Lexicography: A Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Jastrow Dictionary." May-November, 2003.

II. Other Teaching Experience

Meah Adult Education Program, Princeton, NJ. Instructor in Rabbinics Course. Spring 2006.

Congregation Ahavas Achim, Highland Park, NJ. Instructor in Women's Torah Institute. October 2003-Present.

Drisha Institute, New York. Instructor in Continuing Education Program. Summer, 2002- Summer, 2003.

Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, University of Pennsylvania satellite program. Instructor in Bible. October 2000-May 2001.

Akiba High School, Merion, Pennsylvania. Mentor in senior Jewish Studies program. Spring 2000, Spring 2002.

University of Pennsylvania Hillel. Teacher of weekly Bible class. October 1999- May 2002.

Hebrew College, Boston. Assistant Instructor in Prozdor Hebrew High School Program. October, 1998-May, 1999.

Camp Moshava, Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Teacher. Summer, 1996.

Private tutor in Jewish subjects for children of a family in Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 1995-June 1996.

Languages

Akkadian- all dialects of Assyrian and Babylonian- Fluent (reading)

Aramaic- all ancient Jewish dialects - Fluent (reading)

Hebrew- Biblical, Rabbinic, Modern- Fluent (reading, writing and speaking)

French- Fluent (reading, writing and speaking)

Sumerian- Good (reading)

Ugaritic- Good (reading)

Arabic- Classical- Intermediate (reading)

German- Intermediate (reading)