

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. Personal details

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2. Higher education

A. Undergraduate and graduate studies

Period of study	Name of institution and department	Degree	Year of approval of degree
1993-1995	Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of History of the Jewish People & Archeology	BA	1995
1996-1999	Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of History of the Jewish People	MA	2000
2001-2007	Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of History of the Jewish People	PhD	2007

B. Post-doctoral studies

Period of study	Name of institution, department and host	Degree	Year of completion
Jan-July 2007	Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies/Oriental Institute Prof. Martin Goodman	Visiting scholar	2007
2010	Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University Prof. Shaye Cohen	Harry Starr postdoctoral fellowship in Judaica	2010
2011	Department of Hebrew Culture, Tel Aviv University Prof. Vered Noam	Planning and Budgeting Committee post-doctoral fellowship	2011

3. Academic ranks and tenure in institutes of higher education

Dates	Name of institution and department	Rank/position
2007-2009	Oxford University, Faculty of Oriental Studies	Part-time research assistant
2007-2011	Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dept. of History of the Jewish People	Instructor
2009-2011	University of Haifa, Department of History	Instructor
2007-2011	Herzog College, Dept. of Eretz-Israel Studies and Department of History	Lecturer
2012-present	University of Haifa, Dept. of Jewish History	Senior lecturer

4. Offices in University academic administration

2010-2012 - Head, Department of History, Herzog College

2006 – 2012 - Coordinator, Department of Eretz-Israel Studies, Herzog College

*2012-present – Head of the “Judaism as Culture” MA program

5. Scholarly positions and activities outside the University

Membership in professional associations

2004-2005, 2011-present Society of Biblical Literature

2010 Israel Historical Society

Reader for periodicals

Cathedra

Shnaton Lecheke Hamizrach Hakadom

Pe'amim

Iunim Betqumat Israel

Mechkarie Mishpat

Additional scholarly activity

Member, Editorial Committee, *Et-Mol*

Member, Curriculum Committee on History, Israel Ministry of Education

6. Participation in scholarly conferences

a. Active participation

CONFERENCES ABROAD

Date	Name of conference	Place of conference	Subject of lecture/discussion	Role
November 2004	Society of Biblical Literature	San Antonio	The Territory of the Land of Israel in the Book of Judith	Lecturer
November 2005	Society of Biblical Literature	Philadelphia	National Identity and Territory in the Second Temple Period	Lecturer
July 2011	Society of Biblical Literature	Kings College London	The Ethnographic Map in Early Rabbinic Literature	Lecturer
*June 2013	British Association for Jewish Studies (BAJS)	Kent	The Borders of the Land of Israel	Lecturer
*June 2013	Society of Biblical Literature	Edinburgh	The Evolution of the Synagogue as a House of Prayer	Lecturer
*June 2014	The Jewish Reception of Josephus in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries	Oxford	Josephus' Role in Shaping the Image of Tourist Sites in Israel	Lecturer
*January 2015	Historiography and Space in Late Antiquity	Ghent	Geographical Conceptions in Rabbinic Literature in Late Antiquity: Borders and Self Identity.	Lecturer
"September 2016	Spatial Humanities 2016	Lancaster	digital atlas of the ancient Jewish Diaspora 117-650 c.e.	Lecturer

Conferences in Israel

July 2005	Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	The Names of the Land of Israel in the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine Periods	Lecturer
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June 2008	Judaeen Identity and Israelite Identity	Bar-Ilan University	Judaeen Identity and Israelite Identity in the Book of Judith and the First Book of Maccabees	Lecturer
July 2009	Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	The Place and Status of Syria in the Rabbinic Literature	Lecturer
December 2009	The Gift of the Land and the Fate of the Canaanites in Jewish Thought from Antiquity to the Modern Period	Centre de Recherche Français à Jérusalem/Van Leer Institute/Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem	The Rabbinic Perception of the Presence of the Canaanites in the Land of Israel	Lecturer
*July 2013	Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Why the Rabbis Make no Reference to Christian Holy Places in the Galilee	Lecturer
*January 2014	"Material and Form" forum	Haifa University	The Roads of "olie bavel"	Lecturer
*may 2015	Maps & travels	Ben-Gurion University	The Journeys of the rabbies and the <i>Mappa Mundi</i> of the Sages	Lecturer
*April 2016	"Mediaeval era Now"	Tel Aviv University	The Holy Place from the Ancient era to the Mediaeval era	Lecturer

b. Organization of conferences or sessions

Date	Name of conference	Place of conference	Subject of conference/ role at conference/ comments	Role
2010-2011 (ten meetings)	The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought During the Ancient Period	Institute for Eretz-Israel Studies, Yad Ben-Zvi		Organizer; lecturer at one session, chair of another
*July 2012	Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future	Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem	International Conference	Organizer, lecturer at one session
*June 2014	Jerusalem: A Point of Reference Meaning, Culture, Image, and Local Reality in the Space of Jerusalem	Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem	International Conference	Member of organizing committee; lecturer at one session
*November 2015	The Jewish Diaspora in the Late Antiquity	University of Haifa	International Conference	Organizer; lecturer at one session, chair of another

7. Invited lectures

Date	Place of lecture	Name of forum	Presentation/comments
May 2005	Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem	Israel Antiquities Authority Congress	The Status of the Holy Places in Rabbinic Literature
March 2010	Barker Center for the Humanities, Harvard University		The Jewish Purim and the Roman Pomerium
December 2011	Pontifical St. Thomas Aquinas University (Angelicum), Rome	Sharing Sacred Space- Protection of Cultural Heritage	Rabbinical Views on Sacred Space in the Holy Land
February 2012	Pontificia Universita Gregoriana, Rome	Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies	The Roman Pomerium and Jewish law"

July 2012	Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem	First International Conference of the School for Jerusalem Studies	Mount of Olives: Geography and Theology—Judaism, Christianity and Islam
*November 2013	Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem	Israel Exploration Society	The Shift from Religious Philosophical to Historical Scientific Writing in Relation to the Land of Israel
*June 2014	Bar-Ilan University	Ethnicity and Territory— Annual Conference of the Eretz Israel Studies Dept.	Territory and Identity
*November 2014	Tel Aviv University	From Europe to the Galilee	The Holy Place: From the Medieval Period to the Antiquity

8. Colloquium talks

Date	Place of lecture	Name of forum	Presentation/comments
May 2004	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	The Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls	The Regions of the Land of Israel according to Josephus
February 2007	Oriental Institute, Oxford University	<u>Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period</u>	National Identity and Territory: The Borders of the Land of Israel in the Consciousness of the People of the Second Temple and the Roman – Byzantine Periods
June 2007	Yarnton, Oxford University	David Patterson Seminars	“Is the Highest Place the Holiest Place?”: Rabbinic Literature and the Holy Places
June 2007	University College London	London Forum for Jewish Studies	The Holy Place in Rabbinic Literature
November 2007	Oriental Institute, Oxford University	Launch Seminar, The Oriental Institute, Oxford University	The Rehov Inscriptions and Rabbinic Judaism during the Byzantine Period
February	Oriental	<u>Seminar on Jewish</u>	The Roman Pomerium

2008	Institute, Oxford University	<u>History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period</u>	and Cities from the Time of Joshua ben Nun
May 2008	Hebrew University	Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls	The Impurity of the Gentile Lands as a Rabbinic Tool
May 2010	Starr Seminar	Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University	Where is the Land of Israel? The Mental Map of Eretz-Israel and Its Features in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries
March 2011	Haifa Forum for Judaism in Antiquity	University of Haifa	The Roman Pomerium and Walled Cities from the Time of Joshua, Memory and Appropriation
*July 2012	Third Rosh Pina Conference	Rosh-Pina	R. Ashtori HaFarchi as an investigator of the Land
*May 2014	Haifa Forum for Judaism in Antiquity	University of Haifa	Why Nazarat, Kanah, Kursi, and Corazim are not Mentioned in Rabbinic Literature
*May 2014	Chomer veTzrah	University of Haifa	The Purification of the Ways in the Galilee
*June 2014	Kinneret Forum for Galilee Studies		Why Nazarat, Kanah, Kursi, and Corazim are not Mentioned in Rabbinic Literature
*January 2014		Bar- Ilan University	The Impurity of the Gentile Lands
*December 2016	The Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter- Religious Encounters	Ben-Gurion University	The Mount of Olives: A Cross-Cultural Myth

9. Research Grants

a. Grants Awarded

b. Submission of research proposals – pending

Role in research	Co-researchers	Topic	Funded by	Year	Amount
*PI		Mental Maps of the Inhabited	ISF	2014	

		World (135-ca. 700 C.E.) in Rabbinic			
*PI	Zohar Segev	Jewish Diaspora Studies	Yad HaNadiv	2014	
*PI		Mapping the Ancient Jewish Diaspora (117-650 C.E).	ISF	2015	

10. Scholarships, awards, and prizes

- 2007-2008 Orion Center Scholarship for Research on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature (\$2,000)
- 2007 Shlomo Glass and Fanny Balaban Prize for PhD students [administered by the Hebrew University]. (20,000 NIS)
- 2010 Scholarship of the Forum for the History of the Jewish People and the Land of Israel (10000 NIS)
- 2010 Grant from Faculty of Humanities, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for book to be published by the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute (\$3,000)
- 2011 Harry Starr Fellowship in Judaica, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University (\$40,000)
- Planning and Budgeting Committee post-doctoral fellowship (66,000 NIS)
- 2011 Lobbin Foundation (\$3000), Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem for book to be published by the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute
- 2013* Elected “outstanding lecturer, Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa
- *2014 Ish-Shalom Prize for excellent first book in the field of "History of the Land of Israel (15000 NIS)
- * 2016 ISF Publication Grant (48, 500 NIS)
- * 2016 Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (27,750\$)

11. Teaching

12. Courses taught in recent years

Year	Name of Course	Type of course	Degree	Number of
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				Students
2012-2014	Introduction to the History of the Jewish People in the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine Periods		BA	10-20
2012-present	Jewish literature: Panorama Course		MA	30-40
2013	The Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalems	In collaboration with Ronnie Reich	MA	30
2013	Classical Rome			25
2012-2013	The Cult of the Land of Israel in Antiquity	In collaboration with Adi Erlich		30
2014-present	Space and Holiness		Technion	70
2017	On line course: Introduction to the history of the second temple period			35

a. Supervision of graduate students

b. MA

- * 1. Ami Nadir, "The Economy of Acre during the Roman period" (in collaboration with Arie Kofsky)
- *2. Bezalel Brendwien, "Ritual immersion for moral purity"
- *3. Efrat Cohen, "Rav Kook and the British Mandate" (in collaboration with Assaf Zeltzer).
- *4. Motti Goodman, "The Transformation in the rabbinic attitude towards for *Pikoach Neffesh* in Shabbat" (in collaboration with Alex Tal)

c. PhD

- *1. Dani Stainer, "The Origins and Goals of the Lifshitz College as the First Teacher-Training Institution within the Religious Community (in collaboration with Assaf Zeltzer).

PUBLICATIONS

a. PhD dissertation

The Borders of the Land of Israel in the Consciousness of the People of the Second Temple and the Roman – Byzantine Periods.” 304 + xxii pages. Submitted to the Hebrew University, approved September 2007.

Advisors: Dr. Oded Ir-Shai (Hebrew University, Jewish History) and Professor Elchanan Reiner (Tel Aviv University, Jewish History).

b. Scientific books (refereed)

Published

1. *Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, “*Bein Gevulot*”: *The Borders of the Land of Israel in the Consciousness of the People of the Second Temple and the Roman – Byzantine Periods*. Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 2014 (Hebrew). 348 pages.

- Reviews: 1. http://mikrarevivim.blogspot.co.il/2016/06/blog-post_24.html
2. <https://thetalmudblog.wordpress.com/2014/01/16/a-review-of-eyal-ben-eliyahus-between-borders-guest-post-by-hanan-mazeh>
3. <https://musaf-shabbat.com/2014/02/28>
4. . Zeev Safrai, A Pioneering Discussion, *Cathedra* 162 (2017), pp. 173-178

2. *Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, Yehudah Cohn, and Fergus Millar, *Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity (135-700 CE): A Handbook*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. 100 out of 162 pages.

- Reviews: 1. Catherine Hezser). *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, (2013) 76, pp. 497 - 499
2. Ishay Rosen-Zvi: Eyal Ben-Eliyahu et al., *Handbook of Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity, 135-700*, *Zion* 79 (2014), 107 - 109
3. Ra'anana Boustany and Henry Gruber, *Journal of Late Antiquity*, 7 (2014), pp. 360-362

Under preliminary Contract

3. * Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, *Identity and Territory: The Jewish Perception of Space in Late Antiquity*, University of California Press (180 pp.)

c. Articles in refereed journals

Publications

1. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu "On the Location of Bet-Pagi Referred to in Rabbinic Literature," *Al Atar* 6 (2000): 54-65 (Hebrew). **V**
2. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "On the Uziyya Tombstone," *Cathedra* 98 (2001): 158-159 (Hebrew). **V**
3. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "The Ramp of the Red Heifer," *Cathedra* 107 (2003): 183-186 (Hebrew). **V**
4. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "To Rebuild a New Sanctuary?: Rabbi Kook, Rabbi Hirschensohn, and Theodor Herzl on the Temple and Renewal of Sacrifices," *Cathedra* 128 (2008): 101-112 (Hebrew). **V**
5. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "What does 'Fair Babylon' Have to Do with Sela in Edom? (Psalm 137)," *Cathedra* 133 (2009): 5-12 (Hebrew). **V**
6. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "The Rabbinic Polemic against Sanctification of Sites," *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period* 40.2 (2009): 260-281. **V**
SJR (2015) = 0.197; R=214/943 (Q1): History; 58/663 (Q1): Literature and Literary Theory; 59/381 (Q1): Religious Studies.
7. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "Judea and Israel: The Territorial Dimension of National Identity," *Zion* 71 (2010): 127-151 (Hebrew). **V**
8. * Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "Cities Surrounded by a Wall from the Time of Joshua bin Nun" as a Rabbinic Response to the Roman Pomerium," *Jewish Quarterly Review*. 106,1 (2016) 1–20. **V**
SJR(2015) = 0.157; R=95/381 (Q1): Religious Studies; 255/716 (Q2): Cultural Studies; 297/943 (Q2): History.
9. * Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "On That Day His Feet Will Stand on the Mount of Olives": The Hero on the Mount of Olives—Between Jews, Christians, and Muslims," *Jewish History* 30,2 (2016), 138-157. **V**
SJR (2015)=0.100; R=858/943 (Q4): History; 658/716 (Q4): Cultural Studies.
10. Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "What Links the 'Daughter of Babylon' and Sela in Edom in Psalm 137?," *Aram* 27:1&2 (2015), 239-244

d. Articles or chapters in scientific books

* Rabbinic Perception of the Presence of the Canaanites in the Land of Israel," in *The Gift of the Land and the Fate of the Canaanites in the History of Jewish Thought: From Antiquity to the Modern Period* (ed. K. Berthelot), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014: 275-284

e. Articles in conference proceedings

Published

1. "The Mount of Olives: Between Jews and Christians," *Proceedings of the Fourth on Renovations in Israel—Inquiries Conference*. Bar-Ilan University, 1999, pp. 54-65. (Hebrew). **V**
2. "The Traditions Regarding Shlomo and Uziyya on Mount Scopus According to the Jerusalem Guide from the Cairo Geniza". *Proceedings of the Sixth Renovations in Jerusalem—Inquiries Conference*. Bar Ilan University, 2001, pp. 217-220 (Hebrew). **V**

Entries for Encyclopedias

1. *Israel, Land of, Rabbinic Judaism, Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, de Gruyter
2. *Streets in Israel named after Josephus, The Reception of Josephus in Jewish Culture, Oxford University
3. *Josephus and Masada Tourism, The Reception of Josephus in Jewish Culture, Oxford University.
4. *Models of the Temple at Jerusalem, The Reception of Josephus in Jewish Culture, Oxford University.

f. Other works connected with my scholarly field

"Through the Ages," in *North of Israel, Galilee, Golan and the Valleys Through the Ages* (ed. R. Pelleg; Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 1999), 133-342 (Hebrew).

R. Pelleg, ed., *The Central Mount* (Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi, 2002), 124-174 (Hebrew).

g. Submitted publications

refereed journals

*I. * Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, "Josephus's Lands", Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha, (42 pp.)

h. Articles or chapters in scientific books

i. * Articles or chapters in scientific books

Eyal Ben Eliyahu, "The Travels of the Rabbis and the Rabbinic *Mappa Mundi*", **Maps and Travel: Knowledge, Imagination, and Visual Culture**, Berlin, de Gruyter

j. Summary of Activities and Future Plans

Until now, my academic activity has focused on the perception of space and place in Jewish society, in the private and in the national spheres. This research belongs to the wave of the "spatial turn" in the humanities. My interest lies mainly in antiquity: the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine periods. My book "*Between Borders*": *The Borders of the Land of Israel in the Consciousness of the People of the Second Temple and the Roman-Byzantine Periods* (Hebrew, Yad Ben-Zvi, 2014), deals with the different perceptions by Jews of the borders and the districts of the Land of Israel in antiquity. My new book, *Identity and Territory* (University of California Press, forthcoming, 2018) continues this research and integrates the Jewish perception of space and holy places against the backdrop of non-Jewish notions, pagan and Christian. The handbook of Jewish literature, *Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity (135-700 CE): A Handbook* (Oxford, 2013) which I published with Fergus Millar and Yehudah Cohn aimed to open the gates of Jewish literature to classicists and historians of the Greco-Roman world.

In the near future I plan to concentrate on two main projects.

1. "The Rabbinic Perception of the World": this project aims to describe and analyze the rabbinic perception of the world and its nature as compared to the *imago mundi* found in earlier Hellenistic-Jewish writings, on the one hand, and in late Roman geographical writings, on the other. I plan to devote my stay at the Katz Center for Advanced Studies in Philadelphia in winter 2018 to the research and writing of a book on this topic.
2. In the recent years, I have been involved in developing a digital atlas of the Jewish Diaspora, available at: www.diaspora.haifa.ac.il.

I hope to apply soon to the DFG Foundation for an extension of their support of the development of this site. This platform already has links to equivalent sites for the Greco-Roman world and will provide access to data on most of the archeological remains, literary references and sources concerning the Jewish world in the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine periods.