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Married to Yedidah Koren

Nationalities: Israel, US
Languages: English, Hebrew (Native), Swedish, French (Basic);
Ancient Greek (6 years), Syriac/Aramaic (2 years), Middle Persian (2
years), Latin (1 year).

EDUCATION

2012-
Thesis subject: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. PhD Candidate in Talmud.
The Rabbinic Laws of Usury in their Biblical and Greco-Roman
Context.
2013- Research Fellow, Israel Democracy Institute.
2013- Honors PhD Program, The Hebrew University.
2012-2013 Guggenheim Foundation for Jewish Morals and Ethics, PhD Fellow.

2009-2012 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. MA Magna cum Laude in
Talmud.
Thesis subject: The Tannaitic Laws of Battery.
2011-2012 Guggenheim Foundation for Jewish Morals and Ethics, MA Fellow.
2010-2011 Jewish Studies and Legal Theory seminar fellow, with Profs. Aryeh
Edrei and Suzanne Last-Stone.

2006- 2009 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. BA Magna cum Laude in
Talmud and Classics.
2007 J. N. Epstein prize.

2000-2005 *Yeshivat Har Etzion*, Alon Shevut, Israel.

MILITARY SERVICE

2002-2005 IDF Infantry, 931st Brigade; Sergeant, honorable discharge.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2013- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Teaching Assistant
- 2012- *Hamekhhinah Hayerushalmit* Gap Year Program, Jerusalem.
Courses: Introduction to Talmud
- Summer 2011-2013 Yeshivat Hadar, New York, Instructor
Yeshivat Talpiot, Jerusalem, Instructor
Drisha Institute, New York, Instructor
Courses included a seminar on Jewish liturgy, a seminar on the covenant code, advanced Talmud and beginners Talmud.
- 2010-2011 Paideia, The European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden, Scholar-In-Residence.
Responsibilities included designing and teaching two year-long courses: Talmud for Beginners and Biblical Exegesis, administering a cohort of fellows, and designing and teaching six intensive academic courses during the year.
- 2008-2010, 2011-2012 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Junior Lecturer.
Courses: Introduction to Talmud
- 2008 Young Judaea Year Course, Jerusalem, Junior Lecturer.
- 2008 Research Asst. to Prof. Simcha Emanuel, the Hebrew University.
- 2006-2009 Research Asst. to Prof. Haym Soloveitchik, Yeshiva University.
- Summer 2006 Research Asst. to Prof. Arnold Eisen, Stanford University.
- 2005-2006 Friedberg Genizah Project. Research Asst.
- 2005-2006 The Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem, Junior lecturer. Classes included: "Shabbat: History and Halakha" and "Introduction to Purities."
- 2005-2007 The Book Gallery, Jerusalem. Head of the Judaica department, pricing, ordering, and cataloguing.
- 2005- Copyeditor

Included work on:

I. Rosen-Zvi, *Hatekes Shelo Haya*, Jerusalem: Magnes, 2007 (and revised English translation, *The Mishnaic Sotah Ritual*, Leiden: Brill, 2011.

H. Soloveitchik, *Hayayin Bi-yeme Ha-benayyim*, Jerusalem: Merkaz Shazar, 2009.

I. Rosen-Zvi, *Demonic Desires*, Philadelphia: Penn, 2010.

H. Newman, *Ha-maasim Li-vene Eretz Israel*, Jerusalem: Yad Ben Zvi, 2011.

D. Stein, *Textual Mirrors*, Philadelphia: Penn, 2012.

2005- Research Asst. to Prof. Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Tel Aviv University.

2005 Ruth Korman Pelech School, Kiryat Ekron, Israel; Advanced Talmud for Matriculation.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Da-Mai? A Discussion of the Laws, Character and Rationale of the Prohibition of Demai," *Sinai* 134 (2005): 144-153 (Heb.)
2. "'New Under the Sun?' Halakhah and Orthodoxy in the Thought of Rabbi Joel Bin-Nun," *Aqdamot* 16 (2005): 65-80 (Heb.)
3. "A New Reading of the Three Dialogues in Mishnah Avodah Zarah," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 19 (2012): 207-229.

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

1. "Sweeter than Wine: the 'Redacted Backbone' of Mishna Avoda Zara," *Rabbis and Others in Conversation: A Graduate Seminar*, Princeton University, May 2009.
2. "Deuteronomy 25:11-12: Hermeneutics in the Service of Halakhah," *The Midrashim of Eretz-Israel*, Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, June 2011.
3. "Mishnah Bava-Kamma Chapter 8 and Rabbi's Role in the Redaction of the Mishnah," *Annual Graduate Conference*, The Institute for Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2012.
4. "Rabbinic laws of Damages and Papayrological Parallels," *Jewish Law Association Biennial Conference*, Yale University, August 2012.
5. "Some Laws of Idolatry in a Forgotten Fragment of Mekhilta Deuteronomy," *Annual Graduate Conference*, The Institute for Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2013.
6. "Neutral Spaces Reconsidered," *Oxford-Jerusalem Colloquium on Abrahamic Religions*, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, June 2013.