NAOMI GRUNHAUS: CURRICULUM VITAE (1/10/17)

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EMPLOYMENT:

June 2012-present *Associate Professor* (with tenure)

Yeshiva University, New York, NY

Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies

September 2004-

June 2012 *Assistant Professor*

Yeshiva University, Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies

September 1997-

June 2003 *Instructor* (full-time from September 1998).

Yeshiva University, Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies

EDUCATION:

May 2003 New York University, New York, N.Y.,

Ph.D. in Judaic Studies

Dissertation Title: “The Interplay of Peshat and Rabbinic Traditions in the Exegetical Works of Rabbi David Kimhi.”

Fields of Specialization: Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis.

Minor: Medieval Jewish History

May 1994 New York University, New York, N.Y.

M.A. in Judaic Studies

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

1. BOOKS:

*The Challenge of Received Tradition: Dilemmas of Interpretation in Radak’s Biblical Commentaries.* Oxford University Press, 2012.

Reviews of the book:

*Shnaton le-Heqer ha-Miqra veha-Mizrah ha-Qadum* 24: 341-8 (Ayelet Seidler, 2016)

*Journal of Semitic Studies* 60:2, 508-11 (Marc Saperstein, Autumn 2015)

*Revue des Etudes Juives* 173 (3-4), 443-6 (Judith Kogel, July-December 2014)

*Shofar* 32:4, 167-9 (Yonatan Jacobs, Summer 2014)

*Speculum* 89:2, 484-6 (Nili Shalev, April 2014)

*H-Judaic.* (Devorah Schoenfeld, March 2014)

*Hebrew Studies 54*, 431-33(Eric Lawee, December 2013)

*Review of Biblical Literature* 2013.11.06 (David H. Aaron, November 2013)

*Association of Jewish Libraries Reviews* III: 3 (Jim Rosenbloom,

September/October 2013)

Accepted:

Co-Editor: *From Scrolls to Traditions (tentative title): A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman.* Leiden: E.J. Brill. Expected date of submission: June 2017

1. Articles:

“*U-Vadrash: ha-Mivneh ha-Du-Qotvi be-Ferushei Radak*.” (in Hebrew) In ‘*le-Yashev Peshuto shel Miqra: Asufat Mehqarim be-Farshanut ha-Miqra.* Sara Japhet and Eran Viezel, eds. Jerusalem: Mossad Bialik, 2011. 193–205.

“Peshat and Halakhah in Radak’s Exegesis,” in *Between* Rashi and Maimonides: Themes in Medieval Jewish Thought, Literature and Exegesis. Ephraim Kanarfogel and Moshe Sokolow, eds. New York: Michael Scharf Publication Trust /YU Press, 2010*.* 343-64.

“The Commentary of Rabbi David Kimhi to Proverbs: A Case of Mistaken Attribution.” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 54:2 (Autumn 2003). 311-27.

“The Dependence of Rabbi David Kimhi (Radak) on Rashi in his Quotation of Midrashic Traditions.” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93:3-4 (Summer 2003). 415-30.

“Radak’s Use of Rashi’s Commentary as a Source for Midrashic Interpretations.” *Proceedings of the Thirteenth Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies*. http://www.lekket.com/data/articles/003-000-014\_000.pdf (2003).

Accepted:

“Radak’s Exegetical Use of Quotations from Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” *Proceedings of International Conference on Provencal Jewry*, organized by Bar Ilan University and Institut interuniversitaire d'Etudes et de Culture Juives. Publications de l’Université de Provence. Aix-en-Provence, France. Expected date of publication: 2015.

“Zeal/Zealotry in the Bible”. Presented at a panel on Intellectual History of Zeal/zealotry and Extremism in Judaism: Biblical Perspectives and the Second Temple/Rabbinic Period. Orthodox Forum. March 2013. Revised for publication in the Conference Volume.

Completed:

“*Bein Sefer ha-Shorashim le-Perushe ha-Miqra: Behinat Perushe Radak be-Shnayim me-Hibburav.”* (in Hebrew).

In Preparation:

"Translation Choices in Radak's Commentary on the Prophets."

“Radak’s Engagement with Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim:* Innovations in Light of his Predecessors’ Approaches.” For inclusion in Professor Schiffman Festschrift.

“Jonah ibn Janah’s Engagement with the Content of Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim.*” Hebrew title: “*Terumat Divrei Chazal le-Perush ha-Miqra shel Rabbi Jonah ibn Janah be-Sefer ha-Shorashim.*” (in Hebrew)

1. Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles:

"*Kimhi.*" (in Hebrew). Updated entry for online version of *Encyclopedia ha-Ivrit*. August, 2014.

“Babel, Tower of. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2011.

“Breastplate. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2011.

“Kimhi Family.” In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*. Judith Baskin, ed. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

“Aaron’s Rod. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, July 2009. Chosen by the editors of the encyclopedia to be featured on their website as a free sample article (as one of several from among 1750 entries).

1. Book Reviews:

Review of Rashi - Linguist Despite Himself: A Study of the Linguistic Dimension of Rabbi Solomon Yishaqi's Commentary on Deuteronomy, by Jonathan Kearney. T & T Clark, 2010. *The Journal of Religion*. 91:3 (July 2011): 415-416.

Review of Nahmanides in Medieval Catalonia: History, Community, and Messianism, by Nina Caputo. Notre Dame University Press, 2007. *The Journal of Religion* 91:1 (January 2011): 97-99.

RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:

Elearning Faculty Fellowship Microgrant - 2015.

Jim Joseph Foundation Elearning Fellowship – 2014.

Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2013.

Yeshiva University Book Publication Grant – 2011.

Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2010.

Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2009.

Ms. E. Billi Ivry Faculty Research Incentive Award – May 2007.

Featured in Yeshiva University’s Online Faculty Experts Media Guide – Feb 2005.

Murray and Madeleine Baumel Faculty Incentive Award – January 2003.

New York University Student Travel Grant – December 2002.

New York University Student Travel Grant – August 2001.

Ms E. Billi Ivry Faculty Research Incentive Grant – April 2001.

New York University Student Travel Grant – December 2000.

New York University Student Travel Grant – June 2000.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (2011-present):

“Translation Choices in Radak's Commentary on the Prophets.” Association for Jewish Studies 48th Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. December 2016 (invited to join the session).

Chair. Session on “Medieval Texts in Manuscript and Print.” Association for Jewish Studies 47th Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2015.

"Translation Choices in Radak's Commentary on the Prophets." International Conference on Biblical Prophecy and its Reception. Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel. June 2015 (invited).

"Using Technology to Enhance the Classroom Experience". E-learning Faculty Fellowship Symposium/Showcase Event. March 2015.

"Radak’s Lexical *Shorashim* and his Biblical Commentaries: A Comparison of his Biblical Interpretations between the Two Works." Association for Jewish Studies 46th Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD. December 2014.

Chair. Session on "Knowledges and Ideas across Borders." Association for Jewish Studies 46th Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD. December 2014.

"Radak’s Lexical *Shorashim* and his Biblical Commentaries: A Comparison of his Biblical Interpretations between the Two Works." As part of a panel on Radak's *Shorashim.* European Association for Jewish Studies 10th Conference. Paris, France. July 2014 (invited to the panel).

Respondent. Session on "New Approaches to Midrash: Rashi’s Treatment of His Sources”. Association for Jewish Studies 45th Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2013 (invited).

Chair. Session on "Biblical Scholarship in Medieval and Early Modern Ashkenaz: New Dimensions." Association for Jewish Studies 45th Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2013 (invited by the participants to chair).

“*Bein Sefer ha-Shorashim le-Perushe ha-Miqra: Behinat Perushe Radak be-Shnayim me-Hibburav*.” Sixteenth Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. July 2013.

"Rabbinic Teachings in Biblical Interpretation: Ambivalence in Jonah ibn Janah’s Sefer ha-Shorashim." Association for Jewish Studies 44nd Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. December 2012.

“Radak’s Incorporation of Rabbinic Traditions in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” International Conference on Provencal Jewry, organized by Bar Ilan University and Institut interuniversitaire d'Etudes et de Culture Juives. Aix-en-Provence, France. February 2012 (urged to attend by Israeli colleagues).

Chair. Session on “Rabbinic and Medieval Exegesis.” Association for Jewish Studies 43rd Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. December 2011.

“*Terumat Divrei Chazal le-Perush ha-Miqra shel Rabbi Jonah ibn Janah be-Sefer ha-Shorashim.*” Shiv’im Panim la-Torah, International Conference on Medieval Biblical Exegesis at Haifa University in Israel, May 2011 (invited).

In the years 2000-2011, I gave presentations at the Association for Jewish Studies conference almost every year. I was also invited and delivered a presentation for the Rabbinical Council of America National Convention in New York, presented a paper at the World Union of Jewish Studies Congress in Jerusalem in 2001, and presented a paper at an international conference at Stern College for Women.

ACADEMIC TRAINING (2012-present):

Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop on Censorship of Jewish Books in the Early Modern Period. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at University of Pennsylvania. May 2016.

Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop on the Jewish Book, Halakhah, and Minhag. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at University of Pennsylvania. May 2014.

Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop on Jewish Book Art in the Late Middle Ages. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies at University of Pennsylvania. May 2012.

In the years 2000-2010, I participated five (5) times in the Lehmann Workshop on the Hebrew Book. I also attended the American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Seminar at Brandeis University.

MENTORSHIP OF STUDENTS:

Mentor of Summer Student Research Projects:

Shoshana Gertler. Comparison of Individual Comments in Radak’s *Sefer ha-Shorashim* to their Counterparts in his Commentaries. Summer 2013.

Ariella Gottesman. Comparison of Radak’s *Sefer ha-Shorashim* to his Commentaries. Summer 2010.

Yael Ausubel. Use of Rabbinic Traditions in Radak’s *Sefer ha-Shorashim*. Summer 2009.

Mentor of Honors Thesis:

Sarah Davis. “’The Wandering Jew’: Abraham’s Encounters with Other Cultures.” Winner of the Dean David Mirsky Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing. June 2001.

Second Reader of Honors Thesis:

Lauren Miller: “The Impact of Maimonides on Nahmanides’ Interpretation of Iyov.” 2006.

Shuli Stern: “Malbim on Jonah.” 2003.

Meira Reinstein: “’Iyov Lefi Peshuto’: Rashbam’s Commentary on Job.” 2001.

Supervisor of Senior Thesis:

Shira Dinitz. “The Mission to Greatness.” December 2009. .

Naomi Friedman. “Sins of the Patriarchs in Jewish Interpretation.” May 2002.

Varda Weinstock. “Aspects and Perspectives on the Biblical Figure of Miriam.” May 2000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Middle States Departmental Self-Evaluation. January 2016.

Middle States Departmental Self-Evaluation. January 2014.

Jewish Studies Divisional Committee. 2013-present.

SERVICE OUTSIDE YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Outside evaluator for promotion at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. February 2016.

ACADEMIC LECTURES (invited, 2010-present):

“Remembering Rabbi Dr. Yehudah Copperman.” Evening of Commemoration. Stern College for Women. February 2016.

"Midrash and Biblical Interpretation." Module in Yeshiva University Online Course: History of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism. Videotaped, May 2014.

“Zeal/Zealotry in the Bible”. Panel on the Intellectual History of Zeal/Zealotry and Extremism in Judaism: Biblical Perspectives and the Second Temple/Rabbinic Period. Orthodox Forum. March 2013.

“Received Tradition or Innovative Exegesis?: Radak’s View of the Provenance of Rabbinic Interpretations.” Jewish Studies Colloquium at Yeshiva College. Yeshiva University. May 2012.

"Form without Substance: Fasting and Rituals in Prophetic Perspective.” Yeshiva University Yom Iyun on Purim. March 2011.

“Jewish Education.” Manhattan High School for Girls, Jewish Woman in the Workforce Symposium. February 2010.

In my capacity as a faculty member, I am frequently asked to participate in student and alumni events at Yeshiva University and elsewhere. In the years 2003-2010, I accepted invitations to speak at a variety of student events at Stern College for Women, led in-depth discussions during 'days of study' (*Yemei Iyun*) at

Yeshiva University, gave a lecture at a Stern College for Women Alumni event, and led a workshop at a faculty in-service program at a local Jewish high school. I also served as scholar-in-residence for Shabbat at Stern College.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“The Reality of Freedom.” Pesach Torah-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. April 2012. http://www.yutorah.org/togo/pesach.

“Purim – A Spiritual Day?” Stern College for Women Jewish Studies Bulletin Board. March 2011.

“Revelation and Revolution: Korach’s Challenge” In *Mitokh Ha-Ohel: Essays on the Weekly Parashah from the Rabbis and Professors of Yeshiva University.* Daniel Z. Feldman, Stuart Halpern, eds. New York: Yeshiva University Press, 2010. 363—8.

“Thoughts on Rosh Hashanah.” Rosh Hashanah Torah-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. August 2010. http://www.yutorah.org/togo/roshhashana.

“*Hashkafa:* Three Professors Views on Hashkafa.” Yeshiva University Observer, Vol. LIV, Issue 2. p. 9. October 2008.

“The Significance of *Matan Torah*.” Shavuot Torah-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. May 2008.

“Torah Learning for Women.” Yeshiva University Observer, Letter to the Editor. Vol. LIII, Issue 7. April 2008.

COMMUNAL LECTURES (2011-present):

"*Peshat* that Conflicts with Chazal." Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. May 2015.

"Verification of Prophecy after the Death of Moshe." Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. September 2014.

"On the Verification of Prophecy: The Relevance of *Nevuah le-Tovah*." Manhattan High School *Shabbaton le-Iyun be-Tanach*. Passaic, N.J. May 2014.

“An Analysis of the Haftarah of Shabbat Bereishit." Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. September 2013.

“The Reward for Faith: An Analysis of the Haftarah of Parshat Behuqotai.“ Midreshet Yom Rishon. April 2013.

“’He Shall be Like a Tree Planted by Waters’: An Analysis of Jeremiah 17.“ Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. May 2012. (postponed due to a conflicting community event)

“On the Importance of Transmitting *Kabbalot*.” Prima Pizza Thursday Morning Women’s Shiur. Passaic, N.J., December 2011.

“An Analysis of the Haftara for Parshat Behukotai.” (in Hebrew) Parshat ha-Shavua Lecture Series. Ohel Nehama Synagogue. Jerusalem, Israel. May 2011.

In my capacity as a member of the faculty of Yeshiva University, I am often asked to speak at community events run by the university, as well as by other organizations. In the years prior to 2011, I spoke four times for Yeshiva University’s Midreshet Yom Rishon program, four times for womens’ study groups at local synagogues, twice for programs run by the Orthodox Union, and once for a community group in Southern Jersey.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Reviewed and edited translation of *Sefer Ma‛alat Hamidot* for Union of American Hebrew Congregations, New York. April 1996.

Taught weekly Bible class to Jewish college students at Princeton University’s Center for Jewish Life. Spring 1992.