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## EMPLOYMENT:

- August 2023-present **Associate Professor**  
**Yeshiva University**, New York, NY  
Yeshiva College, Department of Bible, Hebrew, and Near Eastern Studies
- April 2019-present **Associate Professor**  
**Yeshiva University**, New York, NY  
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies
- June 2012-present **Associate Professor (with tenure)**  
**Yeshiva University**,  
Stern College for Women, 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:

### a. BOOKS:

Member of Editorial Board, with Yosef Ofer and Martin Lockshin. *Perush Rabbi Joseph Hayoun 'al Sefer Yirmiyahu*. Edited and annotated, with an introduction by Yoḥanan Kapaḥ. Jerusalem: Research Authority of Herzog Academic College and the World Union of Jewish Studies. 2022.

Co-Editor, with Stuart Miller, Michael Swartz, Steven Fine, and Alex P. Jassen: *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2020.

*The Challenge of Received Tradition: Dilemmas of Interpretation in Radak's Biblical Commentaries*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Reviews of the book:

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

*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)

In Preparation:

*Reconsideration and Revision: David Kimhi's Maturation as an Exegete*

**b. ARTICLES:**

"Rationalizing *Kerei u-Ketiv*: Radak's Methodology in his Biblical Commentaries." In *Emet Le-Ya'akov. Facing the Truths of History: Essays in Honor of Jacob J. Schacter*. Zev Eleff and Shaul Seidler-Feller, eds. Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2023.

"Radak's Engagement with Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*: Innovations in Light of his Predecessors' Approaches." In *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman*. Stuart Miller, Michael Swartz, et al, eds. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2020. 276-95.

"*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.lekkt.com/data/articles/003-000-014\\_000.pdf](http://www.lekkt.com/data/articles/003-000-014_000.pdf) (2003).

Accepted:

“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.

“Vernacular Glosses (*Le’azim*): Variations in Methodology in David Qimhi’s Biblical Commentaries as Compared to his Linguistic *Shorashim*.” Presented at Project RACINES Conference: From Jewish Lexicographers to Christian Hebraists: David Qimhi’s *Sefer ha-Shorashim*. Institut de recherche et d’histoire des textes. Rome, Italy. June 2023. Revised for publication in the Conference Volume.

Submitted, need to revise for resubmission:

“*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.”

“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)

c. Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles:

“*Micah* (Book and Person). Medieval Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2019.

“*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).

Submitted:

“Qimhi, David”. Encyclopedia Entry. *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter. Submitted June 2023.

**d. Book Reviews:**

Review of *Ma'amadah ha-Mishpati shel ha-Em ba-Mizrah ha-Qadum uva-Miqrah* (The Legal Status of the Mother in the Ancient Near East and the Bible), by Lea Jacobsen. Magnes Press, 2017. *Hebrew Higher Education* 21 (2019): 235-8.

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.

**e. Editing Responsibilities:**

Member, Editorial Board, *Megadim*. Yeshiva University and Herzog College. 2019-present.

**f. Reviews:**

Referee of Books:

Bar Ilan University Press

Referee of Articles:

*AJS Review*

*Hebrew Studies*

*Journal of Jewish Studies*

*Leshonenu*

*Shnaton le-Heqer ha-Miqra vaha-Mizrah ha-Qadum*

Reviewer of Tenure/Promotion Dossiers:

Bar Ilan University

Hebrew Union College – Cincinnati

Midrasha at Bar Ilan University

Reviewer of Grant Proposals:

Israel Science Foundation

**RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:**

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship Grant- 2023-24.

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship Grant- 2022-23.

Yeshiva University Faculty Research Fund Grant- 2021-22.

Drs. Kenneth Chelst, Bertram Schreiber and Fred Zwas Book Grant– 2021-22.  
American Academy for Jewish Research Leadership Seminar – June 2017.  
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.  
American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Workshop – June 2000.

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (2018-present):**

Chair. "Techniques of Interpretation, Modes of Expression, and Trials of Authorship in Medieval and Early Modern Hebrew Biblical Commentary". Association for Jewish Studies 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. December 2023.

"Vernacular Glosses (*Le'azim*): Variations in Methodology in David Kimhi's Biblical Commentaries as Compared to his Linguistic *Shorashim*." Project RACINES Conference: From Jewish Lexicographers to Christian Hebraists: David Qimhi's *Sefer ha-Shorashim*. Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes. Rome, Italy. June 2023.

"Vernacular Glosses (*Le'azim*): Variations in Methodology in David Kimhi's Biblical Commentaries as Compared to his Linguistic *Shorashim*." Association for Jewish Studies 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2022.

"Rationalizing *Qere u-Ketiv*: Radak's Methodology in His Biblical Commentaries." Understanding Halakhah, History, and Spirituality: A Conference Marking the 25<sup>th</sup> Yahrzeit of Rabbi Professor Yitzhak Twersky. Sponsored by Yeshiva University, Bernard Revel Graduate School. September 2022.

Respondent and Chair. "Literary and Legal Perspectives on the Commentary of Ramban." Eighteenth Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. July 2022.

Chair. "Divine and Human in Biblical Narrative: Philosophical Perspectives." Association for Jewish Studies 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. December 2019.

Chair. Session at "*Avirat Eretz Israel Maḥkimah*: Land and Spirituality in Rabbinic Literature. A day in memory of Professor Yaakov Elman." Sponsored by Joseph and Faye Glatt Program of the Center for Israel Studies. Co-sponsored by Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Yeshiva University. March 2019.

Respondent and Chair. "Medieval Biblical Exegesis in Context: Navigating the Shoals of Intellectual, Religious, and Social Forces." Association for Jewish Studies 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2018.

“The Contribution of Rabbinic Literature to Jonah ibn Janah’s Biblical Exegesis in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” European Association for Jewish Studies 11<sup>th</sup> Conference. Cracow, Poland. July 2018.

In almost every year between 2000-2017, I gave presentations or chaired sessions or served as respondent (or did some combination of these) at the Association for Jewish Studies conference. In 2001, 2009, and 2013, I presented papers at the World Union of Jewish Studies Congress in Jerusalem, and in 2010 and 2017 I presented papers at the National Association for Professors of Hebrew conference. In 2014, I presented a paper at the European Association for Jewish Studies Conference in Paris. Additionally, I was invited to deliver papers at the following international conferences: on Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis at Bar Ilan University in Israel in 2011, on Provençal Jewry in Aix-en-Provence, France in 2012, and on Biblical Prophecy and its Reception at Bar Ilan University in Israel in 2015. I also delivered a presentation on “Academic Scholarship: Implications for the Religious Study of Tanakh and Parshanut” for the Rabbinical Council of America National Convention in New York in 2007 and presented a paper on “*Peshat* and *Halakhah* in Radak’s Exegesis” at an international conference on Themes in Medieval Jewish Thought, Literature, and Exegesis at Stern College for Women in 2004.

#### **ACADEMIC TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

In the period 2000-2018, I participated nine times in the Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop on the History of the Hebrew Book at University of Pennsylvania. In 2017 I participated in the American Academy for Jewish Research Leadership Seminar in Jewish Studies for Tenured Associate Professors, which met at Brown University. In 2000, I was a participant in 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 Theses:

Hannah Pollak. Expected date of completion. January 2025.

Estee Gerber. “Hebrew Ethical Wills.” Never completed.

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.

### **ACADEMIC LECTURES (2018-present):**

"Ramban's Response to Rambam on *Ta'amei Ha-Mitzvot*: Kabbalah as a 'Correction' to Philosophy." Two-part lecture series. Beth Midrash of Teaneck. May 2023.

"Between *Peshat* and *Derash*: Radak's Methodology as *Parshan*." Two-part lecture series. Beth Midrash of Teaneck. December 2021.

"Achieving the Purpose of a Fast Day". Texts of *Tishrei* Series. Stern College for Women. September 2020.

Summer-long Series of Shiurim and Collaborative Learning with Alumnae of Stern College for Women. June-August 2020.

"Jewish Education." Career Night. Bais Yaakov Machon Ora. Passaic, N.J. May 2019.

"A Uniquely Jewish Response to Tyranny: Lessons from the Chashmonaim". Stern College for Women Layl Iyun on Chanukah. December 2018.

Guest Lecture: "Conventional and Contemporary Challenges in Biblical Interpretation." For Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schachter Course on Jewish Engagements. Sy Syms School of Business. November 2018.

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 2003-2017, I accepted invitations to speak at a variety of student events at Stern College for Women, and also led in-depth discussions during 'days of study' (*Yemei Iyun*) at Yeshiva University—on "Fasting and Rituals in Prophetic Perspective," on the

Abraham narratives in Genesis, on interpretations of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53, on the use of internet resources for research in Jewish Studies, and on the prophetic downplaying of the importance of sacrifices. During that time, I gave a lecture on “*Peshat* Comments that Contradict the *Halakhah*” at a Stern College for Women Alumni event and a lecture on “Received Tradition or Innovative Exegesis?” at a Yeshiva College Colloquium. I spoke about “Remembering Rabbi Yehuda Copperman” at an evening of commemoration for him and served as scholar-in-residence for Shabbat, both at Stern College. As part of my position, I also led a workshop at a faculty in-service program at a local Jewish high school and gave a presentation on “Jewish Education” for a symposium on *Jewish Women in the Workforce* at Manhattan High School.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

“The Redemptive Value of *Galut*.” Tisha-Bav-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. August 2022.

“Engagement with Rabbinic Literature in Qimhi’s *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” Published (invited) on the blog of IRHT-CNRS Racines Project, <https://shorashim.hypotheses.org/>. August 2021.

“*Ma’amad Har Sinai* in the *Haftara* for *Shavuot*.” Shavuot Torah-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. June 2019.

*D’var Torah* on *Parshat Noach. Hi Sichati*. Stern College for Women Publication. October 2018.

“The Reality of Freedom.” Pesach Torah-To-Go: A Project of the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University. April 2012.

“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.

“*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 (2018-present):**

“Lessons Learned from *Edom*: The Importance of Family Ties.” Agudas Yisroel Bircas Yaakov of Passaic Women’s Lecture Series. July 2023.



“Lessons Learned from *Amon* and *Moav*: Character Traits that don't Disappear.” Agudas Yisroel Bircas Yaakov of Passaic Women's Lecture Series. July 2022.

“Zealotry: Lessons Learned from Simeon and Levi.” *Lechu V'Nelcha*. Passaic, N.J. December 2021.

“613 *Mitzvot*, or 11, or 6, or 3, or 2, or 1?: *Michah's* Analysis”. Agudas Yisroel Bircas Yaakov of Passaic Women's Lecture Series. June 2021.

“‘Social distancing’ in Jeremiah 16 – The Symbolism of Prophetic Actions.” Congregation Beth Sholom. Clifton, N.J. July 2020.

“Go SLOW, FAST well: Achieving the Purpose of a Fast Day.” Agudas Yisroel Bircas Yaakov of Passaic Women's Lecture Series. August 2019.

“Changes to the *Ma'asrot* in *Sefer Nehemiah*.” Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. June 2019.

Shavuot Scholar-in-Residence. Congregation Shaarei Shomayim. Toronto, CA. June 8-9, 2019.

“On Nehemiah's leadership during *Bayit Sheni*.” Manhattan High School *Shabbat Tanach*. Passaic, N.J. May 2019.

“*Succot* in *Sefer Nehemiah*.” Congregation Adas Israel Lecture Series. Passaic, N.J. September 2018.

“*Klal Yisrael's* Role in Shaping its Destiny: Lessons from the *Haftora* and *Bayit Sheini*.” Agudas Yisroel Bircas Yaakov of Passaic Women's Lecture Series. June 2018.

“Why Good Things Happen to Bad People: The *Haftarah* of the Second Day Shavuot.” Young Israel of Passaic-Clifton Shavuot Learning Program. May 2018.

“The Ethics of Selfless Charity.” Midreshet Yom Rishon. May 2018.

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 2018, I spoke five times for Yeshiva University's Midreshet Yom Rishon program, nine times for women's study groups at local synagogues, twice for programs run by the Orthodox Union, once for the scholar-in-residence program at Congregation Beth Aaron in Teaneck, once for a student group from Manhattan High School, and once for a community group in Southern Jersey. I also delivered a lecture (in Hebrew) on the *haftora* at Ohel Nehama Synagogue in Jerusalem.