

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1960 - B.A. Bar-Ilan University, Economics & Sociology

1970 - M.Sc. (Soc.) Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sociology

1977 - Ph.D. Bar-Ilan University, Sociology.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2008 –Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashkelon Academic College.

2002 – Present. Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1990 – 2007. Professor, Part-Time, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashkelon College.

1997- 2002. Full Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1989-1997. Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1993. Directeur de Recherch associe, CNRS, Groupe de Sociologie des Religion, Paris.

1987-1988. Visiting Scholar, Oxford Center for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, Oxford University.

1984-1987. Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University,

1982-1989. Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1982-1983. Visiting Scholar, Project for Kibbutz Studies, Harvard University.

1978-1981. Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1980-1981. Part-Time Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel-Aviv University.

1971-1977. Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1975-1976. Part-Time Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel-Aviv University.

1964-1970 .Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University.

1968-1969. Assistant, Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University.

1963-1966. Senior Research Assistant, Joint Project, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, U.S.A. and Israeli Ministry of Social Welfare, on: Street Corner Groups in the Tel-Aviv Area.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Editorial Board, Academic Studies Press, Boston, MA, 2007 -

Member, Scientific Committee of the Second Israeli Interdisciplinary Conference for Qualitative Methodologies. Tel Aviv June 2006.

Member, academic council of Talpiot College and Head of Teaching Committee, 2006-2007.

Member, academic council of Sha'arei Mishpat Law College, 2005-

Member, Editorial Board, Social Issues in Israel - A Journal for the Study and Analysis of Israeli Social Issues. 2005-

Member, Advisory Forum to the Israeli Transplant Center, Ministry of Health, 2003-2004.

Member, Scientific Committee of the First Israeli Interdisciplinary Conference for Qualitative Methodologies. Tel Aviv March 2004.

Member, academic council, Ashkelon Academic College, 2002-

Member, Editorial Board, Israeli Sociology – A Journal for the Study of Israeli Society, 1997-2002.

Member, Advisory Board, The Center for the Study of the Galilee, 1996-1990.

Member, Executive Committee, The Chair for Society and Judaism, 1996-2002.

Member, Executive Committee, The Chair for Religion and Politics, 1995-2002.

Member, Executive Committee, Jacob Taubes Center for Religious Anthropology, 1993-2001.

Head, Graduate Program in Community & Society Studies, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 1992-2002.

Chair, Board of Directors, Sociological Institute for Community Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 1991-2002.

Chair, Status Committee, Bar-Ilan University, 1991-1998.

Member, Organizing Committee, 5th Congress of the International Psychogeriatric Association, Rome, August 1991.

Member, International Advisory Board, The George Herzog International Forum Socio-Musical Sciences, Israel, May, 1988.

Member, Executive Committee, Sociological Institute for Community Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 1984-1991.

Member, Organizing Committee, 15th Annual Conference, Israeli Sociological Society, 1984.

Member, Central Committee, Israeli Sociological Society, 1983-1985.

Advisor to the Rector on Student Affairs, Bar-Ilan University, 1978-1979.

Deputy Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University, 1978-1979.

Advisory Board Member, The Journal of Delinquency and Social Deviance, 1978-1983.

Chair and Founder, Alumni Association, Bar-Ilan University, 1964-1967.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Research Methods in Social Science - Strategy, Design and Measurement. Tel-Aviv: Dekel, 1978 (Hebrew) (with E. Krausz and S.H. Miller).

The Beginning of Life: Rites of Birth, Circumcision and Redemption of the First-Born in the Talmud and Midrash. Tel-Aviv: Ha-Kibbutz Ha-Meuchad, 1995, (Hebrew).

The End of Life: Rites of Burial and Mourning in the Talmud and Midrash. Tel-Aviv: Hakibbutz Ha- Meuchad, 1988 (Hebrew).

The Joy of Life: Rites of Betrothal and Marriage in the Talmud and Midrash. Tel-Aviv: Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2004 (Hebrew).

Time and Life Cycle in Talmud and Midrash: Socio-Anthropological Perspectives. Boston,MA: Academic Studies Press, 2008.

New Rituals – Old Societies: Invented Rituals in Contemporary Israel. Boston, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2009.

Articles

"Time and Dress among the Ultra-Orthodox." **Akdamot**, 20:131-153, 2008 (Hebrew) (with Admiel Kosman),

"Army Retirement Rites: Formal and Informal". **Megamot**, 40:103-130, 1999 (With Drora Peer) (Hebrew).

"Chronic Illness and Family Functioning: The Case of Juvenile Diabetes," **Megamot**, 39: 97-115, 1998 (with Kathy Sadan and Chaya Bareli), (Hebrew).

"The Clothing of the Primordial Adam as a Symbol of Apocalyptic Time in the Midrashic Sources," **Harvard Theological Review**, 90: 155-174, 1997 (with Admiel Kosman).

"Ethnic Civil Religion: A Case Study of Immigrants from Rumania in Israel." **Sociology of Religion**, 57: 195-212, 1996 (with Rina Neeman).

"Coping with the Value of Pidyon Ha'ben Payment in Rabbinical Literature: An Example of a Social Change Process." **Jewish History**, 10: 1-23, 1996.

"The Obese and the Slim: Personal Definitional Rites of Identity Change in a Group of Obese People who Became Slim after Gastric Reduction Surgery." **Megamot**, 36: 5-19, 1994 (Hebrew) (with C. Shmilovitz and M. Weiss).

"From Fat to Thin: Informal Rituals of Identity Change." **Symbolic Interaction**, 16: 1-17, 1993.
(with C. Shmilovitz and M. Weiss).

"Social Networks and Mourning: A Comparative Approach," **Omega - Journal of Death and Dying**, 21: 113-127, 1990.

"From Monism to Dualism: Body and Soul in Talmudic Thought." **Da'at**, 23: 33-63, 1989 (Hebrew).

"On Drawing Down the Prepuce and Excision of the Foreskin (Peri'ah)," **Zion**, 54: 105-117, 1989 (Hebrew).

"Body and Soul in Talmudic and Mishnaic Sources," **Koroth** 9: 173-179, 1988.

"Symbolic Significance of Hair in the Biblical Narrative and in the Law," **Koroth** 9: 151-164, 1988 (with H. Trau and S. Vargon).

"Historical Time and Liminal Time: A Chapter in the Historiosophy of the Sages," **Jewish History** 2: 7-22, 1988 (Hebrew).

"The Social Significance in the Bible of the First Born," **Beit Mikra** 113: 155-170, 1988 (Hebrew).

"Mourning in the Kibbutz," **Megamot** 31: 53-64, 1988 (Hebrew).

"Mourning and Memorialization in the Army," **Megamot** 30: 139-150, 1987 (Hebrew).

"Social Structure and Patterns of Mourning," **Society and Welfare**, 7: 219-231, 1987 (Hebrew).

"Death Customs in a Non-Religious Kibbutz: The Use of Sacred Symbols in a Secular Society," **Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion**, 25: 292-303, 1986.

"Unofficial Memorial Rites in a Army Unit," **Social Forces**, 63: 795-809, 1985.

"Personal Bereavement in a Collective Environment: Mourning in the Kibbutz," **Advances in Thanatology**, 5 (2): 9-22, 1982.

"Social Networks and Mourning Patterns." In A. de Vries and A. Carmi (eds.), **The Dying Human**. Ramat-Gan: Turtledove, 1979, pp. 471-474.

Chapters in Books

"Sociology and Anthropology of Talmudic texts." In: Avi Ravitzki (ed.) **Halacha and Metahalacha: An Interdisciplinary Approach**. Jerusalem: Magnes Press. 2011, pp. 98-121 (Hebrew).

"Rites of Birth and Marriage: A Critical Reading in Rabbinic Sources." In: Avi Ravitzki and Avinoam Resenak (eds.) **New Streams in Philosophy of Halakhah**. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2008, pp. 491-519 (Hebrew).

"Introduction" to Simcha Fishbane, **Deviancy in Early Rabbinic Literature: A Collection of Socio-Anthropological Essays**. Leiden: Brill, 2007

"Age of Marriage in Talmudic Sources – An Anthropological Approach." In: Yehuda Friedlender, Uzi Shavit and Avi Sagi (eds.), **The Old Shall be Renewed and the New Sanctified: Essays in Judaism, Identity and Culture in Memory of Meir Ayali**. Tel Aviv: Ha-Kibutz Ha-Meuchad, 2005, pp.143-181 (Hebrew).

"Brit Milah: A Study of Change in Customs." In: Elizabeth Wyner Mark (ed.), **The Covenant of Circumcision: New Perspectives on an Ancient Jewish Rite**. Boston: University Press of New England and Brandeis University Press, 2003, pp. 87-97.

"Circumcision as a Social and Cultural Phenomenon." In: Alma Cohen-Vardi (ed.), **Receptions**. Tel-Aviv: Alma, 2002, pp. 35-40 (Hebrew).

"From Corpse to Corpus: The Body of the Dead as a Text in Talmudic Literature." In Jan Assman, Guy Stroumsa and Albert Baumgarten (eds.), **Self, Soul and Body in Religious Experiences**. Baltimore, MD: Numan, 1998, pp. 171-183.

"Du corps mort au corpus: le corps comme texte dans la littérature talmudique", Florence Heymann et Danielle Storper Perez (ed.), **Le corps de texte: Pour une anthropologie des textes de la tradition Juive**. Paris: CNRS, 1997, pp. 209-223.

"Death Customs in a Non-Religious Kibbutz." In Shlomo Deshen, Charles Liebman and Moshe Shokeid (eds.), **Israeli Judaism** (Studies of Israeli Society Series, Vol. 7). New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction, 1995, pp. 323-334.

"Secondary Burial in the Mishnaic and Talmudic Periods: A Proposed Model of the Relationships of Social Structure to Burial Practices." Israel Singer (ed.), **Graves and Burial: Practices in Israel in the Ancient Period**. Jerusalem: Yad Izhak Ben Zvi, 1994, pp. 248-269 (Hebrew).

"Unofficial Rites in an Army Unit." In Eyal Ben-Ari (ed.), **Defining Israeli Culture: An Anthropological Approach**. Jerusalem: Rothenberg School, Hebrew University, 1993, 26-33 (Hebrew).

"The Blessing of Mourners: Ritual Aspects of Social Change." In Herb W. Basser and Simchah Fishbane (eds.), **Approaches to Ancient Judaism**. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1993, 119-141.

"The Price of Redemption: Jewish First Born and Social Change." In Simchah Fishbane and Stuart Schoenfeld (eds.), **Essays in the Social Scientific Study of Judaism and Jewish Society II**. Hoboken, NJ: Ktav, 1991, pp.3-12.

"The Sages' conception of Body and Soul." In Jack Lightstone and Simchah Fishbane (eds.), **Essays in the Social Scientific Study of Judaism and Jewish Society I**. Montreal: Concordia University Press, 1990, 47-103.

"Birkat Avelim - The Blessing of Mourners." In: **Yad LaTalmud**, Tel-Aviv: Massada, 1983 (Hebrew).

"On the Custom of `Ma'amad U-Moshav' in Talmudic Literature: A Historical-Sociological Analysis of Mourning Customs". In: **Avraham Spiegelman Book**. Tel-Aviv, 1979, pp. 135-144 (Hebrew).

"Memorial Performances and Family Cohesion." In: **Jewish Families**. Jerusalem: Ministry of Education, 1977, pp. 253-261 (Hebrew).

"For Whom Does One Mourn? A Sociological Analysis of Talmudic Sources." **Bar-Ilan Yearbook**, Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press, Vol. 10, 1972, pp. 111-122 (Hebrew).

Book Reviews

Daniel Boyarin, "Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture". Tel-Aviv: Am Oved, 1999. In: *Israeli Sociology*, 3: 216-219, 2001 (Hebrew).

Israel Bartal and Isaiah Gafni (eds.), "Sexuality and the Family in History". Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center, 1998. In: *Megamot*, 40: 743-747, 2000 (Hebrew).

Lawrence A. Hoffman, "Covenant of Blood: Circumcision and Gender in Rabbinic Judaism". Chicago-London: The University of Chicago Press, 1996. In: *Zion*, 63: 225-230, 1998 (Hebrew).

"Loss and Bereavement in Jewish Society in Israel." Ruth Malkinson, Simon Rubin and Eliezer Witztum (eds.), *Megamot*, 1994, 36: 140-142 (Hebrew).

Research Report

Forces Acting in Street Corner Groups. Jerusalem: Ministry of Welfare, 1967 (with A. Leissner and S. Bors).

PARTICIPATION IN CONGRESSES

"The Haredi 'Community of Scholars': Sources, Trends and Processes". An international conference honoring Prof. Menachem Friedman, the founder of research on ultra-orthodox communities. Bar Ilan University, June 2007.

"Childhood in Cross-Cultural Perspective and in Talmudic and Midrashic Texts". Conference on Childhood and Children in Eretz Israel, Bar Ilan University, May 2006.

"The Use of Sociological-Anthropological Theories for Interpretation of Talmudic Texts". The International research Conference on "The Halakhah and Philosophy of halakhah: a multi-disciplinary perspective". Jerusalem, The Hebrew University, January 2005.

"The Status of Women in Talmudic Texts as reflected in Wedding Ceremonies". The First Israeli Interdisciplinary Congress on Qualitative research Methods. Ben Gurion University, March 2004.

"The Marriage Ceremony in Talmudic Texts as an Indicator of Women's Status." Jerusalem, Beit Morasha, December 2002.

"Birth and Marriage Rites: A Critical Reading of Talmudic Texts." Jerusalem, Hebrew University, November 2002.

"Immortality in Rabbinic Literature." Tel-Aviv, Tel-Aviv University, May 2001.

"Historical and A-Historical Memory: Monuments for Memorializing the Holocaust." Beer Sheva, Ben Gurion University, January 2000.

"The Clothes of the Primordial Adam and Moses' Rod as an Index of Sages' Perception of Time." Jerusalem, Beit Morasha, December 1999.

"Unofficial Retirement Ceremonies from IDF." 30th Annual Israeli Sociological Association Conference, Rishon Le-Zion, February 1999.

"Rabbinic Tradition and Anthropology." Rabbinic Thought and Scientific Disciplines. Jerusalem: Beit Morasha, December 1998.

"Traditional versus Private Mourning." Mourning between Tradition and Past Modernism. Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University, April 1998.

"The Body of the Dead as a Text." Israeli Anthropological Association Conference, Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva, March 1998.

Chairperson and Organizer of a session on "Collective Memory." 29th Israeli Sociological Association Conference, Haifa University, February 1998.

"Engraved Memorials: Memorializing the Holocaust," International Workshop: Jewish Survival - The Identification Problems at the End of the 20th Century, Sociological Institute for Community Studies, Bar-Ilan University, March 1997.

"The Clothing of the Primordial Man and the Haredi Clothing as a Symbol of a A-Historical Perception of Time." 25th Annual Israeli Sociological Association Conference, Tel-Aviv, February 1997.

"The Use of Sociological Methods in Ancient Jewish Family Structure," Jacob Taubes Center, Mary Douglas Seminar, Bar-Ilan University, November 1996.

"The Clothing of Primordial Man as a Symbol of Apocalyptic Time." 2nd International Colloquium, Jacob Taubes Center, Neveh Ilan, February 1996.

"Israeli Society: Nationalism, Democracy and Transition to an Era of Peace." Chair and organizer of a Symposium held at the 26th Annual Israeli Sociological Association Conference, Einat, February 1995.

"The Body of the Dead as a Text." First International Colloquium, Jacob Taubes Center, Bar-Ilan University, Neveh Ilan, February 1995.

"Historic and A-Historic Collective Memory Conveyed by Holocaust Memorials." Israel Anthropological Association Conference, Ein-Gedi, January 1995.

"Metaphorical Kin Relationship in an Ethnic Context: The Case of Veteran Rumanian Immigrants in Israel." (With Rina Neeman). 25th Annual Israel Sociological Association Conference, Haifa University, March 1994.

"Women's Identity through Birth Customs in Talmudic Literature." L'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en sciences sociales, Paris, May 1993.

"Childbirth in Talmud: Ritual Change in Women's World." 4th Canada-Israel Conference on Social Scientific Approaches to the Study of Judaism, Toronto, University of Toronto, June 1992.

"From Crops to Corpus: The Body as a Text in Talmudic Literature." 3rd Canada-Israel Conference on Social Scientific Approaches to the Study of Judaism, Bar-Ilan University Ramat Gan, June 1991.

"Holocaust Memorials in Israel." 15th Annual Conference of the Historical Society of Israel, Jerusalem, July 1991.

"Two Facets of Student's Ethical Code." (With M. Katz). Third International Facet Theory Conference, Jerusalem, June 1991.

"Rites of Joy among Palestinian Jews in Mishnaic and Talmudic Period." Faculty of Jewish Studies, Bar-Ilan University and Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Ramat-Gan, June 1990.

"Death and Burial in Eretz-Yisrael: A Sociological-Anthropological Approach." Yad Ben-Zvi Conference on Death and Burial in the Ancient World, Ramat-Gan, June 1990.

"The Redemption of the First-Born in Talmudic Literature: An Example of Social Change." 2nd Canada-Israel Conference on Social Scientific Approaches to the Study of Judaism, Toronto, May 1990.

"Models of Burial Customs and Mourning Patterns - A Comparative Approach." Archaeological Institute Seminar, Hebrew University, November 1989.

"From Monism to Dualism: Body and Soul in Talmudic Literature." 1st Canada-Israel Conference on Social Scientific Approaches to the Study of Judaism, Montreal, May 1989.

"Second Burial in Mishnaic and Talmudic Era: An Anthropological Aspect." The Archaeological Society and Tel-Aviv University, March 1989.

"The Double Message of Holocaust Memorials in Israeli Cemeteries." International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society. London, July 1988.

"Secular Burial Rites in Israeli Kibbutz." Oxford Center for Post-graduate Hebrew Studies Oxford, June 1988.

"Memorials or Tombstones: The Nature of Holocaust Memorials in Israeli Cemeteries: Israel Sociological Association, Haifa, February 1988.

"Symbolic Significance of Hair in the Biblical Narrative and in the Law." (With H. Trau and S. Vargon). Third International Symposium on Medicine in the Bible and Talmud. Jerusalem, December 1987.

"Is There a Unique Structure of a Jewish Family?" The Annual Meeting of Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists in Israel. Ramat-Gan, June 1987.

"Holocaust Memorial Monuments in Israeli Cemeteries." The First Israeli Symposium on Bereavement in Israeli Society." Tel-Aviv, April 1987.

"The Changing Pattern of Mourning in the Kibbutz." The First Israeli Conference of Kibbutz Researchers. Haifa, June 1986.

"Death in a Non-Religious Kibbutz: A religious Dilemma." First International Symposium on Grief and Bereavement. Jerusalem, November 1985.

"Historical Time and Liminal Time: A Chapter in the Historiosophy of the Sages." International Seminar on Historical Consciousness in Judaism. Kibbutz Lavi, July 1984.

"The Social Context of Mourning." Project for Kibbutz Studies, Harvard University, April 1983.

"Mourning in Non-Religious Kibbutzim." Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, March 1983.

"Encounter with Death: A Religious Dilemma in a Non-Religious Kibbutz." International Sociological Association, Mexico City, August 1982.

"Memorialization Rites in an Army Unit." Israel Anthropological Association, February 1982.

"Dilemmas of Mourning in the Kibbutz." Israel Sociological Association, March 1981.

"Death in the Kibbutz: Individual, Family and Kibbutz in Mourning." Israel Sociological Association, April 1978.

"Social Networks and Mourning Patterns." International Symposium on the Dying Human." Tel-Aviv, January 1978.

"Social Structure and Cosmology: Changes in the Perception of Body/Soul Relations in Talmudic Literature." Israel Sociological Association, February 1977.

"Structural Changes in the Jewish Family in the Talmudic Era." Israel Sociological Association, February 1974.

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