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**Curriculum Vitae
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Current Position

Nov. 2016 – Oct. 2017

Princeton University, Department of Classics,
Post-Doctoral Fulbright Fellow (hosted by Prof. B. Shaw).

Education and Qualifications

2011 – 2016

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem,
Ph.D.: Institute of Archaeology, advisors: Prof. Hannah M. Cotton and Prof. Zeev Weiss.
Research topic: *The Urbanization of Roman Iudaea/Palaestina from the First Century BCE to the Fourth Century CE*

2008 – 2010

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem,
M.A.: Archaeology & Classical Studies - Individual Graduate Program, *cum laude*.
Thesis title: *The Abu Kabir Necropolis of Jaffa*.

2003 – 2008

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem,
B.A.: Archaeology, Classical studies and the School of History's excellence program.

Modern Languages

Hebrew – Mother tongue
English – Mother tongue level
German – Competent reading level
Italian – Competent reading level

Ancient Languages

Ancient Greek
Latin

Professional Experience

Teaching:

2016 - teaching assistant at the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University
Course (#43157): *Introduction to Greek Archaeology* (Dr. O. Peleg-Barkat)
Course (#43156): *Introduction to Roman Archaeology* (Dr. O. Peleg-Barkat)

March 2014 – A Tour of Ancient Rome – guided and organized together with S. Miller an archaeological/historical tour of Rome for undergraduate students of Humanities in the Hebrew University. The tour was part of the course: *Between Two Cities, Rome and Jerusalem from Augustus to Titus* (# 43573 - Dr. O. Peleg-Barkat)

2013 – B.A. Level Course: Rome: From Archaeology to History and Back (#43566): taught at the Institute of Archaeology in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

2010 – 2013 -teaching assistant at the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University Course (#43156): *Introduction to Roman Archaeology* (Prof. Z. Weiss).

2010 – 2016 - Study tours for Archaeology undergraduates - guide to annual tours of undergraduate students at the Institute of Archaeology in the Hebrew University: Beit She'an/Scythopolis, Caesarea, Masada, Qumran.

In the Field:

2004 – 2015 - area supervisor in various Hebrew University Excavations:

- 2005 – 2010, 2014 -15 Sepphoris (*Zippori*) – Director: Z. Weiss
- 2005 – present - Beit Loya – Directors: O. Gutfeld and Y. Kalman
- 2004-2006 - Hyrkania Tunnels – Directors: O. Gutfeld and Y. Kalman.

2005 – 2011 - research assistant to the editors of the *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae-Palaestinae*: An international epigraphic project collecting inscriptions in all languages from the Hellenistic to the Muslim period within the borders of modern day Israel. I was mostly in charge of physically locating inscriptions *in situ* and in various collections.

Projects

- **Post-doctoral projects**
 - *The Rise of the Greco-Roman Polis in Palestine*: monograph publication of Ph.D.
 - *Greek Ostraca from the Excavations at Maresha: the administrative and linguistic transitions from the Ptolemies to the Seleucids*
- **Ongoing:**
 - Epigraphic field survey of the necropolis of Beth-Shearim with J.J. Price, for *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae* (CIIP) vol. V – The Galilee.
 - Editor of Greek and Latin ostraca, dipinti and graffiti for *CIIP* (now working on Judaea vol. IV and Galilee vol. V).

- The Greek and Latin inscriptions from the Hebrew University excavations at Herodium and the study of Herod's court through the epigraphic finds from his palaces.
- The inscribed *insturmenta* from the Dan Barag Collection at the Israel Museum.

Scholarships, Grants and Prizes

- 2016 – "David Amit Award" for excellence in research.
- 2016 – Post doctoral awards: Fulbright post-doctoral award and The Hebrew University's Rector's Fund for Advanced Studies (Nov 2016-Oct 2017 in Princeton University's Classics Department, sponsored by Prof. Brent Shaw).
- 2014 – The "Ruth Amiran Grant" with S. Miller, for conducting a study tour to Rome.
- 2012 – Nathan Rotenstreich Scholarship for PhD candidates (a four year stipend).
- 2011 – President's Scholarship for Outstanding Doctoral Students, a four-year stipend from the Faculty of Humanities at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012 – Miriam and Aaron Gutwirth Prize for excellence in Research.
- 2011 – Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn Fellowship at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome – a semester long fellowship at the *Pontifical Gregorian University*.
- 2011 – Archaeological workshop at the "1st International Middle East Friendship Camp", Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, including participation in the excavations at Vergina.
- 2009 – The "Ruth Amiran Grant" for publication of Y. Kaplan's excavations in Abu Kabir.
- 2009 – The Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology scholarship for excellent graduate students.
- 2007 – Israel Scholarship Program of North Rhine-Westphalia (two months at the Universität zu Köln - Historisches Institut – under supervision of Prof. Dr. Werner Eck).
- 2003 - 2005 – The Hebrew University's School of History Excellence program.
- 2004 – The Hebrew University's Classical Studies Department Excellence Scholarship.

Publications – see below

Presentations

- Forthcoming, October 2017: "The Ostraca from Maresha," *Institute of Advanced Studies*, Princeton.
- "Marking your household commodities in Greek: the transition from Aramaic to Greek on Idumean ostraca," *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas, 20.11.2016.
- "What did Hadrian Do in Jerusalem in 130 AD?" *The Bar Kokhba Revolt Revisited: Old and New Studies*, international conference at the University of Haifa, June 28-29, 2016.

- (with R. Avner, H.M. Cotton and R. Greenwald), "A New Old Monumental Inscription From Jerusalem in Honor of The Emperor Hadrian," *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region VIII*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel Antiquities Authority and the Tel Aviv University, Jerusalem, 23.10.2014.
- (with H.M. Cotton and D. Gera), "A Preliminary Report on the Discovery of a Second Copy of Seleucus IV's Royal Edict in Maresha (The Heliodoros/Olympiodoros Stele)," **idem**.
- (with H.M. Cotton) "Aspects of Seleucid Administration In Light of the So Called Heliodoros Stele," *Xth Congress of the European Association of Jewish Studies, École Normale Supérieure and at the Sorbonne, École Pratique des Hautes Études and University Paris 1*, Paris, 21-24.7.2014.
- "People and Gods in the Cities of Roman Palestine," *Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period: Manifestations in Text and Material Culture*, Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, 19.5.2014.
- "The Use and Meaning of the Greek Ostraka of Maresha," *Reading in Context: Ostraka within Archaeological Deposits*, Institute of Archaeology and the Department of Classics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, 30.4.2014.
- "Back to the Heliodoros (Olympiodoros) Stele: Interpretation In Light of a New Copy," *Seminar of IAS group: Contextualizing the Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period*, Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, 30.4.2014.
- "The Greek Ostraca from Maresha and the Impact of Seleucid Rule," *International Conference on Jewish Religion in Light of New Inscriptions and Papyri, held by Jeselsohn Epigraphic Center for Jewish History at Bar Ilan University and the Institute of Jewish Studies at the Vienna University*, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel, 19.5.2013.
- "A Homeric Graffito in Herodion," *The Inter-disciplinary seminar for Classical Studies at the Tel Aviv University*, 19.11.2012
- "King Herod's laborers: the evidence of the Greek and Latin graffiti from the theater area in Herodium," *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region: the 6th annual joint colloquium of the IAA and the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 18.10.2012
- "The Coins of Jaffa in the Roman Period," *The Israel Numismatic Society*, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem branches, 25.01.2010 & 04.05.2010.

- “The Abu-Kabir Necropolis in Jaffa: Inscriptions in Context”, *Seminar of the Department of Classics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 24.02.2010.
- “The Abu Kabir Necropolis of Jaffa”, *Junior Researchers Seminar, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 6.12.2009

Other activities

- April 2014 – Organizer together with U. Yiftach (TAU), U. Libner (HUJI) and T. Derda (Warsaw University) of *Reading in Context: Ostraka within Archaeological Deposits*: a joint seminar of the Institute of Archaeology and the Department of Classics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012 – 2014 – Organizer, together with A. Gutgarts and S. Miller, of a "Chavruta" project: *Ancient Cities in Israel*: an interdisciplinary graduate students' study group, including tours of ancient cities.
- 2012 – 2013 – Organizing committee member of: *Eat & Drink!* – The annual joint workshop (this year dealing with ancient food) of the Institute of Archaeology in the Hebrew University and the Israel Antiquities Authority (20.12.2012; 14.3.2013).
- 2009 – 2011 – Organizing committee member of the *Junior Researchers Seminar* of the Institute of Archaeology in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2004-2006 – Editorial board member of “*Hayo-Haya*” – a journal for young researchers published under the auspices of the School of History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Museum Exhibitions:

- Consultant for: *Hadrian – an Emperor Cast in Bronze*, held in The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, 2016 (<http://www.imj.org.il/en/exhibitions/2016/hadrian/>).
- Consultant in matters of epigraphy to the curators of: *Herod the Great, King's final Journey*, held in The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, 2013.
- Assistant to the curators in: *Divus Vespasianus* - an exhibition in the Colosseum by the Ministero per I Beni e le Attività Culturali Soprintendenza speciale per i beni archeologici di Roma, 2009.
- Assistant curator: *Three Faces of Monotheism* - an exhibition in the Bible Lands Museum – Jerusalem, 2007.

References upon request; transcript of grades upon request.

List of Publications

Edited book

Editor of Greek graffiti and ostraca (ca. 1000 inscriptions) in: W. Ameling, H. M. Cotton, W. Eck, B. Isaac, J. J. Price, P. Weiss, A. Yardeni (edd.), *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae: A Multi-lingual corpus of the Inscriptions*

from Alexander to Muhammad (CIIP), Volume IV: Judaea and the Coastal Plain, Berlin, De Gruyter, to be published in 2017/18.

Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming

- "People and Gods in the Cities of Roman Palestine: a Preliminary Inquiry into the Popularity of Civic Cults," in: Z. Weiss and O. Tal (edd.): *Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period. Manifestations in Text and Material Culture*, Contextualizing the Sacred 6, Turnhout.
- With H. M. Cotton, "The 10th Legion Welcomes the Emperor: a Latin Inscription on a Monument erected for Hadrian in AD 129/130," *Israel Museum Journal*.
- H. M. Cotton, A. Ecker, and D. Gera, "Juxtaposing Literary and Documentary Evidence: A New Copy of the So Called Heliodoros Stele and the *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaea Palaestinae*," *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies*.
- H. M. Cotton, A. Ecker, S. Ganor and D. Wasserstein, "A Dedication of a Naos to Skorpon's Urania in Ascalon," in: Y. Shachar, M. Finkelberg and J. Price (edd.), *An Empire of Many Nations*.
- "The Greek Inscriptions from Jerusalem During the Second Temple Period," in: R. Gafni et al. (eds.), *The History of Jerusalem in the Second Temple Period*, Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, (in Hebrew).
- "Who Gave the Title Antoniniana to the 10th Legion Fretensis?," in: G. Avni and G.D. Stiebel (ed.), *A New Old City – Roman Jerusalem*, The Journal of Roman Archaeology Supplementary Series, Portsmouth, RI.
- "The Necropolis on the Hill of Abu Kabir", in: O. Tsuf (ed.), *The Port Town of Ancient Jaffa during the Persian-Byzantine Period*, IAA Reports, Jerusalem.

2016

- "Greek Ostraca", in A. Yardeni, *The Jeselsohn Collection of Aramaic Ostraca from Idumea*, Jerusalem.

2015

- "A Teacher and Students in Herodion," *Eretz-Israel (Ehud Netzer Volume) 31*, Jerusalem, pp. 6-11 (Hebrew with English abstract).
- "The Latin and Greek Inscribed Pottery from the Area of the Tomb at Herodium," in: E. Netzer, R. Chachy, Y. Kalman and R. Porath (eds.), *Excavations At Herodium*, Jerusalem, pp. 454-459.

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- B. Zissu, A. Ecker, and E. Klein, "A Roman Military Camp North of Bet Guvrin/Eleutheropolis?" in: G.D. Stiebel, O. Peleg-Barkat, D. Ben-Ami and Y. Gadot, *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region VIII*, Jerusalem, pp. 217-234 (Hebrew).

2014

- B. Zissu and A. Ecker, "A Roman Military Fort North of Bet Guvrin/Eleutheropolis?," *ZPE* 188, pp. 293-312.
- with H.M. Cotton and D. Gera, "A Preliminary Report on the Discovery of a Second Copy of Seleucus IV's Royal Edict in Maresha (The Heliodoros/Olympiodoros Stele)," in: G.D. Stiebel, O. Peleg-Barkat, D. Ben-Ami and Y. Gadot, *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region VII*, Jerusalem, pp. 153-158 (Hebrew).
- R. Avner, R. Greenwald, A. Ecker and H.M. Cotton, "A New Old Monumental Inscription from Jerusalem in Honor of The Emperor Hadrian," in: idem, pp. 96-101 (Hebrew).
- "Tituli Picti and Graffiti," in: W. Ameling, H.M. Cotton, W. Eck et al. (eds.), *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae, Vol. III – The Southern Coast*, Walter De-Gruyter, Berlin/New York.
- B. Zissu, B. Langford, A. Ecker and E. Eshel, "Aramaic and Latin Graffiti in an Underground Complex at Khirbet 'Arâk Hâla – North of Bet Guvrin," in: E. Eshel and Y. Levin (ed.), "*See, I will bring a scroll recounting what befell me*" (*Ps 40:8*) - *Epigraphy and Daily Life from the Bible to the Talmud. Dedicated to the Memory of Professor Hanan Eshel*, Journal of Ancient Judaism Suppl. 12, Göttingen, pp. 123-142.
- With T. Sharvit, "An XI-XII c. Byzantine Lead Seal of the Monastery of Theodosius (Deir-Dosi) from the Collection of Dan Barag in the Israel Museum of Jerusalem," *Israel Numismatic Journal* 18, pp. 209-215.
- With H. Korzakova, "Greek Inscribed Pottery," in: I. Stern (ed.), *Excavations of Maresha Subterranean Complex 57: The 'Heliodoros' Cave*, BAR international Series, Oxford, pp. 95-102.

2013

- "Dining With Herod," in: S. Rozenberg and D. Mevorach, *Herod the Great - The King's Final Journey*, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, pp. 66-79.
- "The Greek and Latin Inscriptions from the Herodian Palaces at Jericho and Cypros," in: R. Bar Nathan and J. Gärtner, *Hasmonean and Herodian Palaces at Jericho Vol. 5*, Jerusalem, pp. 305-313.

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- O. Gutfeld and A. Ecker, “„Jesus is Here“: an Ancient Greek Inscription from Khirbet Beit Loya”, in: L. D. Chrupcala (ed.), *Christ Is Here! Studies in Biblical and Christian Archaeology in Memory of Michele Piccirillo Ofm*, SBF Collectio Maior 52, Milan, pp. 167-174.

2012

- "Homer in Herodium: Graffito of Il. 6.264," *ZPE*, 183, 2012, pp. 15-20.
- "Herod's Workers: The Graffiti Evidence from the Area of the Theater at Herodium – The Greek and Latin Inscriptions," *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region*, 6, pp. 194-198 (Hebrew).
- B. Zissu, B. Langford, A. Ecker and E. Eshel, "A Graffito Bearing the Name of Trajan in a Cave at Kh. 'Arâk Hâla North of Bet Guvrin," *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Region*, 6, pp. 110-121 (Hebrew).
- "A Homeric inscription in Herodium," in: E. Schiller (ed.), *Art and Architecture in Jerusalem and Eretz Israel during the Second Temple Period (papers in memory of Ehud Netzer)*, Ariel Series 200-201, Jerusalem, pp. 198-200 (Hebrew).
- With H.M. Cotton, “The Date of the Founding of Aelia Capitolina”, s.v. H. Gitler, “Roman Coinages of Palestine,” in: W. Metcalf (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Numismatics*, Oxford, pp. 492-493.

2011

- "Tituli Picti and Graffiti," in: W. Ameling, H.M. Cotton, W. Eck et al. (eds.), *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae Vol II – Caesarea and the Middle Coast*, Walter De-Gruyter, Berlin/New York.

2010

- “The Coinage of Jaffa in the Roman Period”, *Israel Numismatic Journal*, 17, pp. 151-176.
- “Who Gave the Title *Antoniniana* to the 10th legion Fretensis?” in: H.M. Cotton, J. Geiger and G. Stiebel (eds.), *Israel’s Land: Studies in honor of Israel Shazman’s Jubilee*, Jerusalem, 2010, pp. 219-228 (Hebr. with English abstract).
- “The Inscriptions”, in: S. Kol-Ya'akov, *Salvage Excavations at Nesher- Ramle Quarry*, Haifa, pp. 123-125.
- Christian Bread Stamps and other items, in: J.G. Westenholz (ed.), *Three Faces of Monotheism (exhibition catalogue)*, Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem.