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***Education***

1961 B.A., Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Major: Arabic Language and Literature and Hebrew Literature)  
 1963 M.A., Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Arabic Language and Literature)  
 1976 Ph.D., Dropsie University (now: Annenberg Institute of Research), Philadelphia, PA (Middle Eastern Studies and Comparative Religions)  
 Dissertation: "Study of Prayer According to Kitāb Kifāyat al-‘Ābidīn and of Documents from the Cairo Geniza." Advisers: Prof. A. I. Katsh and Prof. L. Nemoy

***Research Grants and Prizes***

2009 Kushisky Foundation, Bar-Ilan University  
 2008 Kushisky Foundation, Bar-Ilan University  
 2007 Outstanding Lecturer, Ariel University Center (also in 1997, 2003, 2004, 2006)  
 2005 Kushisky Foundation, Bar-Ilan University  
 2003 President's Fund, Academic College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel  
 2003 Kushisky Foundation, Bar-Ilan University  
 2003 Charna and Irving Moskowitz Chair in Research of the Historical Land of Israel, Bar-Ilan University  
 1998 President of Israel's Amos Fund for Encouraging Scholars and Writers  
 1998 Culture and Arts Administration, Unit for Druze Culture, Ministry of Education and Culture  
 1998 Schnitzer Fund for Research of the Economy and Society in Israel, Bar-Ilan University  
 1998 Leon Gottfried Foundation, Bar-Ilan University  
 1989 Louis and Minna Epstein Fund, American Academy for Jewish Studies, New York  
 1989 Leon Gottfried Chair in Judaism, Bar-Ilan University  
 1989 President (Emanuel Rackman) of Bar-Ilan University Prize  
 1989 Charna and Irving Moskowitz Chair in Research of the Historical Land of Israel, Bar-Ilan University  
 1976 Bnai Zion Prize for Outstanding Work, Dropsie University, Philadelphia

***Teaching and Other Academic Positions***

- 2008/9 Director of Multidisciplinary Department for B.A. studies, Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities, Ariel University Center of Samaria.
- 1994/95 - Present, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Israel in the Middle East, Ariel University Center of Samaria.
- 1996/7 - 2002/03 Teaching Fellow, Dept. of Land of Israel Studies, Haifa Univ.
- 1995/96 - 2002/3, Adviser, Command & Staff School for Senior Officers, Israel Police
- 1982/83- Present, Adjunct Teacher, Dept. of Land of Israel Studies, Bar-Ilan University
- 1987 Member, Ministerial Committee for Formulating a Program for the teaching of Islam and the Qur'an in Muslim High Schools
- 1983 Chairman, Ministerial Committee for Examining the Arab Educational System in Israel
- 1974-1976 Research Assistant, Dropsie University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1961-1962 Research Assistant, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Thesis/Dissertation Adviser:**

- Master's thesis: 2 M.A. students: Avital Bar-Nitsan (2005)  
Ilan Cohen (1987)
- Doctoral dissertation: 1 student: Yehiel Shabbi (2005)
- 2006 Lector of Ph.D. Dissertation of Mr. Fayez 'Azzam for the University of Haifa. Subject: 'Umdat al-'Arifin fi Qisas al-nabiyyin wal-'umam al-SaliFin, Muhammad 'abd al-Malik al-'Ashrafani
- 2004 - Present, Chairman, Committee on Developing an Academic Curriculum on the Teaching of the Druze Heritage and Druze Studies toward a B.Ed. The appointment was by the Minister of Education by virtue of her position as Chair of the Council for Higher Education
- 2004 Lector for examining the level of a doctoral dissertation by Shimon Avivi and the possibility of its publication as a book by the Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi Foundation

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#### ***Non-Academic Positions and Activities***

- 2008 Present Member of the Public Committee for Ethiopian Jewry Read by the Former President of the Supreme Court, Mr. Meir Shamgar.
- Feb. 2004 Representative of the Ariel University Center of Samaria at the Israeli information campaign in the Haag during the deliberations of the International Court of Justice
- 2000/01 Member, committee formulating a code of ethics for the Israel Defense Forces
- 1981-2001 Director, Religious Communities Division (Muslims, Christians, Druze, Bahais, Ahmadis, Alawites, Circassians, Karaites, Samaritans, Falashmuras, and others), Ministry of Religious Affairs
- 1999 Government emissary to Turkey
- 1999 Government emissary to Ethiopia
- 1996 Government emissary to Jordan
- 1989, 1991 Government emissary to Egypt
- 1982 Advisor on Arab Affairs to the (Israeli) Military Governor of Sidon, Lebanon (in the course of Army Reserve duty)
- 1963-1981 Director, Department of Druze Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs
- 1981-1995 Staff officer for Druze affairs in South Lebanon
- 1967-1980 Staff officer for religious affairs on the Golan Heights
- 1974-1976 Chairman, Israeli Students Organization, Dropsie University, Philadelphia

#### ***Courses Taught***

Arabic Language and Literature

Hebrew Language and Literature

Religious Communities in Israel and the Middle East

Islam: Religion, Organizations, Institutions

Fundamentalist Islam

Religions That Left Islam: Alawites, Bahais, Ahmadis, others

The Druze: Faith and Community Organization

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Israel and the Nations: Religion, Religious Law, Culture and Philosophy

Jewish Communities in Islamic Countries

Remote Israelites: The Lost Tribes, Samaritans, Karaites, Falashes, Falashmuras, Khazars, Sabbateans, others

Passages Between Religions (Conversions) and Their Significance

### ***Publications:***

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### ***Academic Profile:***

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### ***Quotations and References (partial list):***

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### Appendix A

#### Scientific Publications

##### *Refereed Publications*

##### Books, Author (4)

1. Dana, N., *Religious Figures in the Muslim Religious Establishment on the West Bank in the Period of Jordanian Rule*, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 117 p., 1971 (Hebrew).
2. Dana, N., *Kitāb Kifāyat al-‘Ābidīn* (Book of Sufficiency for Worshippers of the Lord) by R. Abraham son of the Rambam, Bar-Ilan University Press, 346 p., 1989 (Hebrew-Arabic).
3. Dana, N., *The Druze in Israel, Between Tradition of the Past and Challenge of the Future*, Ministry of Education, 54 p., 2002 (Hebrew).
4. Dana, N., *The Druze in the Middle East—Their Faith, Leadership, Identity, and Status*, Sussex Academic Press, 227 p., 2003 (English)  
The introduction was written by Supreme Court Judge Elyakim Rubinstein (formerly Attorney-General of Israel).

##### Edited Books (5)

1. Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze Bulletin*, Ministry of Religious Affairs, 140 p., 1971 (Arabic).
2. Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze Bulletin*, Ministry of Religious Affairs, 150 p., 1973 (Arabic).
3. Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, 232 p., 1980 (English).
4. Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze Bulletin*, Ministry of Religious Affairs, 85 p., 1981 (Arabic).
5. Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press, 320 p., 1998 (Hebrew).

##### Chapters in Books (17)

1. Dana, N., "Community Status of the Druze in Middle Eastern Countries", *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, Jerusalem 1980, pp. 57-66.
2. Dana, N., "Druze Tradition, Morality and Society – Selected Problems", *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, Jerusalem 1980, pp. 47-55.
3. Dana, N., "The Religious Leadership", *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, Jerusalem 1980, pp. 35-46.
4. Dana, N., "Festivals, Appointed Times and Holy Places", *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, Jerusalem 1980, pp. 23-33.
5. Dana, N., "Fundamentals of Faith and Tradition", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*, Turtledove Publishing, Jerusalem 1980, pp. 9-18.

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6. Dana, N., "Legislation about Druze in Middle Eastern Countries", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 278-294.
7. Dana, N. and Layish, A., "The Laws Concerning Personal Status of the Druze Community in Israel", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 225-277.
8. Dana, N., "The Druze Community and its Organization", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 159-169.
9. Dana, N., "The Religious Leadership of the Druze in Middle East", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 143-158.
10. Dana, N., "The Life Cycle and the Social Order", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 123-130.
11. Dana, N., "Strayers and those who return back to their original community", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 91-108.
12. Dana, N., "Holidays, Festivals and Holy Places", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 75-89.
13. Dana, N., "The Monotheistic Religions as seen by the Druze Religion", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 49-61.
14. Dana, N., "The Druze Religion: Theory and Practice", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 37-47.
15. Dana, N., "A Review of the Druze History during their Thousand Years", Dana, N. (ed.), *The Druze*, Bar-Ilan University Press , 1998, pp. 13-25.
16. Dana, N. and Falah, S., "Communal Organization [of the Druze] in Lebanon, Syria, and Israel," 12 p., in S. Falah (ed.), *The Druze in the Middle East*, Ministry of Defense Publishing House, 2000 (Hebrew).
17. Dana, N., "The Correlation between Personal Spiritual and Rhythm", *Nashīd al-Istinhād* (the [Shī'ī] Revival Poetry), Bayt al-'ilm lil-nābihin, Hussaini-Encyclopedia, pp. 41-50, Beirut 2007 (Arabic).

### Articles in Periodicals (5)

1. Dana, N., "Jerusalem and the Temple Mount in the Thinking of the Qur'an Exegete Ismā'īl ibn Kathīr," in Baruch, E. and Faust, A., (eds.), *New Studies of Jerusalem*, vol. 8, 2002, Bar-Ilan University, pp.141-151, (Hebrew).
2. Dana, N., "The Bitter epic of the Jews of the Qurayza Tribe," pp. 88-99 in Bartana, O. (ed.), *Moreshet Israel*, vol. 1, November 2004, Academic College of Judea and Samaria, pp.88-99, (Hebrew).
3. Dana, N., "Guide us to the Straight Path" (Qur'an chapter 1, verse 7) , *Journal of Teachers of Arabic and Islam*, Jerusalem, 2008 , pp. 92-103.
4. Dana, N., "The Prophet Mohammad's Night Ascent To Heaven according to Qur'an and other Islamic Sources", *New Studies on Jerusalem*, vol. 14, pp. 249-262, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, 2008.
5. Dana, N. and A. Bar-Nitsan, "Conversion to Islam by Jewish Women in Israel: Legal and Religious Aspects" in Bartana, O. (ed.), *Moreshet Israel*, Ariel University Center of Samaria, Vol. 6, May 2009, 206-219 (Hebrew).

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### Accepted for Publication (6)

1. Dana, N., "Religious Communities in the Galilee: Islam, Druze, Maronites", *From Sea to Sea*.
2. Dana, N., "The Druze Community and the Security of Israel", *Sixty Years of the Security of the State of Israel*, Bar Ilan University Press (Hebrew).
3. Dana, N., "The Sanctity of Jerusalem according to the Qur'an, *Jerusalem & Eretz-Israel*, Ingbord Remert Center for Jerusalem Studies, Bar-Ilan University (Hebrew).
4. Dana, N., "[God] transfigured them to Monkeys and Pigs" (Qur'an, 5:60), *Journal of Teachers of Arabic and Islam*, Jerusalem (Hebrew).
5. Dana, N., "Druze Identity, Religion, Tradition and Apostasy", *Sha'anani Academic Religious Teachers College*, Haifa (English).

### Papers Presented at Scientific Conference (32)

1. 1990 "The Attitude of the Druze Faith to Someone of Another Religion," *The Status of Someone of Another Religion in Religious Law*, Tel-Aviv University.
2. 1994 "The Sanctification of Jerusalem and the Land of Israel in Islam," *From the World of Islam to the Crusader Kingdom*, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi Foundation.
3. 1994 "Religious Conversions of Druze as an Expression of Identity Crisis," *The Druze — Past, Present, Future*, University of Haifa.
4. 1995 "The Background of the Creation of the Druze Faith," *The Human Mosaic of the Land of Israel*, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi Foundation.
5. 1997 "The Legal Background to the Struggle for Druze Communal Leadership," *Community Organization and Spiritual Leadership Among the Druze*, University of Haifa.
6. 2000 "Muslim Mysticism and Its Effect on the Jewish World—R. Abraham son of the Rambam (Maimonides). As an Exemplary Figure," *Between Contact and Friction: Jews and Muslims*, Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi Foundation.
7. 2000 "Holy Places for the Druze in the Galilee in the Middle Ages," Bar-Ilan University.
8. December 2002 "The Land of Israel, Jerusalem, and the Temple Mount in the Thinking of Ismā'īl bin Kathīr, Commentator on the Qur'an," *New Studies of Jerusalem*, Ingeborg Rennert Center.
9. December 2003 "Social Change Processes in the Druze Community as a Background to Municipal Elections," *The Municipal Elections and Local Government in the Arab and Druze Settlements*, Tel-Aviv University.
10. January 2004 "The Affinity of the Temple Mount to the People of Israel According to Islam," Israeli Rabbinical Convention, Dead Sea.
11. March 2004 "The Mental-Psychological Profile of the Muslim Suicide Bomber", *Psychological Healing as Reflected in Cultures, Faiths, and Religions*, Conference of Managers of Educational-Psychological Services, Kibbutz Lavee.
12. May 2004 "The Samaritan Community: Between Tradition of the Past and Challenge of the Future", Academic College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel
13. July 2004 "Social Change Processes in the Druze Community – Background to the Municipal Elections", Tel-Aviv University.

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14. July 2004 "The Samaritans: An Ancient Religious Community in the Test of Modernity," *Sixth World International Conference on the Study of the Samaritans*, University of Haifa.
15. August 2004 "Islam and Terror", Fourth Annual International Conference on Global Terrorism, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya.
16. December 2004 "The Borders of Eretz-Israel according to the Qur'an and Classic Islamic Literature," Israel Geographical Association Conference, University of Haifa.
17. Jan. 2005 "Revealed and Concealed among the Druzes," Yad Yizhak Ben – Zvi, Ra'nana.
18. Mar. 2005 "Streams in the Islamic World," Jerusalem Conference, Hiatt, Jerusalem.
19. Sept. 2005 "The Druze Community - Identity and Religion," University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA. (Because of illness, I was unable to participate personally at the conference. Therefore, I asked that a version of the presentation be distributed among the participants).
20. Sept. 2005 "Elijah, Prophet of Religions," Crown Plaza, Jerusalem.
21. Feb. 2006 "The Islamic Calendar and its Holidays," Yad Yizhak Ben- Zvi, Jerusalem.
22. May 2006 "Jerusalem between Controversy and Agreement," Hiatt (under the auspices of Bar Ilan University), Jerusalem.
23. May 2006 "What the Qur'an says about Israel and Jerusalem," Psalm Conference, Academic College of Judea and Samaria.
24. Nov. 2006 "The Division between the Sunnis and the Shi'its, in Islam" Technion Institute, Haifa.
25. May 2007 "The Jewish People and its Affinity to the Promised Land according to the Qur'an and its Exegeses", Bar-Ilan University.
26. July 2007 "The Arab Reaction to the Balfour Declaration" Bar-Ilan University
27. Dec. 2008 "The Prophet Mohammad's Night Ascent to Heaven", A Review of the passage in the Qur'an and other Islamic Sources, Bar Ilan University.
28. July 2009 "The Connection between the People of Israel and the Land (Eretz)of Israel according to Spanish Moslem Commentators of the Qur'an", International Convention on the Subject of the Heritage of Spanish Jewry in Morocco, Bar Ilan University, Madrid, Spain.
29. July 2009 Chair, Session on the Subject of History and Literature, International Convention on the Subject of the Heritage of Spanish Jewry in Morocco, Bar Ilan University, Arfud, Morocco.
30. June 2009 "The Samaritan (S'amiri) and the Golden Calf", the 19th Convention of Judea and Samaria researches, Ariel University Center of Samaria.
31. July 2009 "The Wars of Mohammad as a Model for Arab Wars against Israel", Interdisciplinary Conference, War and Peace in Jewish Tradition, Beit Morasha of Jerusalem and Ariel University Center of Samaria, Jerusalem.
32. August 2009 "The Boundary of Eretz-Israel according to the Qur'an and its Commentators", The Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

## *Appendix B*

### **Academic Profile**

#### 1. *Academic Research Activity*

##### *A . Kitāb Kifāyat al-Ābidīn*

*The Book of Sufficiency for Worshippers of the Lord* (Bar-Ilan University Press, 1989, 346 pp.).

R. Abraham, son of the Rambam ( Maimonides 1186-1237), served as “Commissioner” of Egyptian Jewry. In this book, which is his most important work and which was written in Arabic with Hebrew letters, the Rambam’s son constructed an original halakhic-philosophical system in which there were halakhic emendations; these were interpreted by his opponents as a desire to introduce changes (*bid’a*) in Judaism. They are included in his book, which I *published in its entirety for the first time*; my edition also contains linguistic-halakhic-historical introductions and Jewish and Islamic source citations.

An expression of the importance of my study of R. Abraham, son of the Rambam, came in a letter of 28.1.88 from Prof. Shalom Albeck, chairman of the Book Committee of Bar-Ilan University Press to Prof. Barzilai of the American Academy of Judaic Sciences, which read in part as follows:

“It is my honor to confirm that the Academic Book Committee has approved publication of this important manuscript by Bar-Ilan University Press on the basis of an opinion of a well-known expert on the subject (who has conveyed to us a personal, confidential opinion, and therefore we are not permitted to disclose his name). Among other things, he wrote this in his review:

*The most important of the philosophical compositions written by Jews in Arabic have already earned reasonable results. From this point of view, the second volume of the above-mentioned composition of R. Abraham is unusual, and we should be congratulated that now there is a chance that readers will continue to peruse this important book. The work of the editor has been done with diligence and precision, making use of sources and studies that may clarify the text. It is satisfying from all aspects. In the introduction, which is of great interest, the editor clearly and convincingly shows, among other things, the special status of the philosophy of R. Abraham in the history of Jewish thought and tradition. ... I very heartily recommend the publication of the book.”*

##### *B. The Druze* (Bar-Ilan University Press, 1998, 320 pp., Hebrew).

Included in this book are *10 studies that I wrote*. These studies deal principally with an analysis of Druze social issues, such as the social regime, life cycle of the individual, status of the woman, marriage processes, mixed marriages, the Druze leadership, and current social issues. *This is the most comprehensive book in the area of Druze society that has been written up to now.*

##### *C. The Druze in the Middle East—Their Faith, Leadership, Identity and Status* (Sussex Academic Press, Brighton, England, 2003, 227 pp.)

This is my most recent book on the Druze; it *contains 13 studies of this community, most of them new*. The book presents the following:

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- 1) A comprehensive historical survey of the Druze.
- 2) An analysis of the relationship of the Druze faith toward non-Druze.
- 3) A comprehensive survey of the Druze religion, including selected texts from their original holy books. As far as I know, *this is the first time that religious Druze texts have been published in a research context.*
- 4) A survey of the laws of personal status, both in theory and practice, in Druze communities in the Middle East, with a comparison of these laws in Judaism and Islam.

### 2. *El'ad Publications*

From 1974-1976, I was in the United States to pursue doctoral studies and, with their conclusion, I returned to Israel and to government service. After several years, I was appointed head of the Religious Communities Division, in the framework of which religious matters dealing with all the religious communities in Israel were concentrated; these communities included Karaites, Samaritans, Falashmuras, Muslims, Christians, Druze, Bahais, Circassians, Ahmadis, Alawites, and others. In addition to handling institutional matters, I started to edit a monthly publication, under the name *El'ad*, containing important research information about religious ethnic communities; research attention was also paid to urgent contemporary religious issues, such as the Temple Mount, the Vatican, Hamas, suicide in Islam, holy sites, religious ceremonies, inter-faith friction, and the like. These publications got a very positive response from a broad spectrum, examples of which follow:

“As a researcher who deals with the study of terror and subjects that are relevant to terror and to coping with this phenomenon, I have great professional interest in the monthly *El'ad* publications. I want to thank you and those who are involved in the work of issuing these sheets, which shed light on important subjects...”

--Dr. Boaz Ganor, International Center for a Policy Against Terror (22.5.1997)

“As someone who is familiar with various types of material and information on the subjects that the publication deals with, it is important to state that the information that is conveyed in the *El'ad* publications is at times not less important or original and professional than the publications of professional research and evaluation bodies that employ a large staff of tens of experts for this purpose.”

--Brig. Gen. Yigal Pressler, Adviser to the Government on the War Against Terror (5.11.1996)

“As you have seen and know, we [in the top ranks of the security systems] are not a simple band of fellows. We are also smart, we are all knowledgeable, and it is difficult to surprise us with new information. And yet, you have succeeded in winning us over, both in the enrichment of our knowledge and in the way you have done so, when you explained what required explanation.”

--Meir Amit, former head of the Mossad (14.4.1997)

“Allow me to express my appreciation to you and your operation as I have come to know it over the years.”

--from a letter sent by Avi Dichter, head of the Shabak [General Security Service] (28.2.1995)

“We find great interest in the subject of religious communities in Israel....At this opportunity, I also want to congratulate your initiative in institutionalizing the connection between the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the on-going distribution of *El'ad* publications.”

--Uri Savir, former director-general of the Foreign Ministry (24.1.1994)

### 3. *Muslim Religious Figures in Judea and Samaria*

In the wake of the Six Day War (1967), the road was opened to Israelis to become familiar at first hand and up close with the Muslim religious establishment of an Islamic-Arab country; namely, the hundreds of Muslim clergy in Judea and Samaria. At the request of the Hebrew University, I researched this subject, which had decisive influence on the religious-political-security level. My study was based on a very rich body of material selected from written sources and from personal conversations with senior Palestinian and Jordanian figures; the work (117 pp.) was published under the title, *Religious Figures in the Muslim Religious Establishment on the West Bank in the Period of Jordanian Rule, 1948-1967*.

### 4. *The Druze Heritage*

In 1963, with the conclusion of my studies for the B.A. and M.A. degrees at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, I was accepted into government service and put in charge of the Druze religious community in Israel. Along with ongoing institutional activity, I researched the heritage of this community against the background of the fact that the Druze religion is esoteric and, in consequence, most its members are prevented from knowing this heritage. Because of the exposure of the youth of this community to "foreign winds", there existed a serious worry arose as to the continuity of the spiritual existence of the Druze community; therefore, with the assent of the spiritual leaders of the community, I cultivated its youth in the study and research of their heritage. Toward this end, I edited three anthologies, each of which gathered together tens of studies and articles; these were published in 1971 (140 pages), 1973 (150 pages), and 1981 (85 pages). This in effect was the first project of its kind in the Druze world, and it served as an example for the large Druze centers in Syria and Lebanon, where the process of religious and social assimilation was accelerated. In addition to this activity, I published my first book (in 1974), *The Druze—Community and Tradition*, which contained for the first time details set in order about the history of the Druze, their social status, the principles of their faith, and more. A chapter was devoted to the law of personal status, which I translated from the Arabic original in its entirety into Hebrew, along with comments and clarifications. The book gained wide circulation, which encouraged me to publish an (expanded) English translation (1980), under the title, *The Druze, A Religious Community in Transition*

### 5. *Teaching and Guidance*

During the last twenty years of the course, I have served as a part-time lecturer at the Department of Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University and, more recently, at the University of Haifa. For the past ten years, I have been a full-time faculty member at the Academic College of Judea and Samaria, where I serve as coordinator of Land of Israel Studies.

At all of these three institutions, the students have evaluated me as an outstanding lecturer. (These evaluations are all on record.)

It should also be noted that I have advised three graduate students at Bar-Ilan University, two to a Master's thesis and one to doctoral candidate.

6. *Current Academic Activity: The Qur'an and the Religious Heritage of Israel*

A few years ago I started a comprehensive study that examines the reflection of Israel, its religious heritage and affinity to the Holy Land, in the Qur'an and classic Islamic literature. The aim of the research is to collect, whatever was written in the Qur'an, by its exegetes, and in the oral law of Islam about the people of Israel, its land and its Torah in order to draw a comprehensive picture of the opinion of Islam and its sects toward this issue throughout the generations. Up to now, we have found more than 120 collections of Qur'anic exegetes who have lived during the 1400-years of existence of Islam. The research will similarly relate to scores of other Islamic sources that can contribute to clarifying this important, central issue between Israel and Islam.

The time period estimated for completing this study is by the end of 2010.

*Appendix C*

**Dr. Nissim Dana: Quotations and References (Partial List)**

1. ***Akdamot* (אקדמות)**, A Journal of Jewish Thought: Ariad Stulman: "Outlines of Maimonides' Theory of Payer", (p. 55-64), Beit Morasha of Jerusalem, Av-Elul 5757 (1996-1997):

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2. ***Pe'amim* (פעמים)**, Studies in Oriental Jewry: Ya'akov Blidstein: "The Congregation and Public Prayer in the Writings of Rabbi Abraham, the Son of Maimonides", 78, Winter 1999 (p.148-163):

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3. ***Pe'amim* (פעמים)**, "A Bitter Protest about Elimination of Piyyutim from the Service – A Request to Appeal to the Sultan", Morderchai Friedman, 78, Winter 1999 (p. 128-147):

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4. ***Akdamot* (אקדמות)**, Maimon Dov, "Rabbinical Judaism and Islamic Mysticism: The Limits of a Relationship. Part Two: Rabbi Abraham Maimonides and Hassedei Mitsrayim", v. 8, December 1999 (p. 43-72):

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5. ***Sinai*** (סיני), Ma'amarim wu-Mehkarim Be-Torah wu-bemadda'eh Ha-yyahadout, Yehezkel David: "A new Fragment from the Book Ha-maspik Le-Ovdeh Ha-Shem of R. Abraham son of Rambam, v. 132 (p. 3-38):

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6. ***Da'at*** (דעת), Yosef Yinon, A (new) Fragments from the lost part of Ha-maspik Le-Ovdeh Ha-Shem, v. 50-52, 2002-2003 (p. 107-119):

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7. ***Ma'alivot*** (מעליות), Sabbato Nissim, A New Fragment from the Book Ha-Maspik Le-Ovdeh Ha-Shem of r. Abraham son of Rambam, Ma 'aleh Adummim, 2004-2005 (p. 22-36):

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8. Zeini, Eliyahu, *Jewish Ethics in Contrast to Christian Ethics*, Or vi-Yeshu'ah (2007):

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