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STUDIES AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

1987	B.A., cum laude, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1994	PhD, Princeton University
1994-1997	Post-doctoral Fellow, the Michigan Society of Fellows (University of Michigan)
1997-2007	Senior Lecturer, Tel-Aviv University (Jewish Philosophy and Religious Studies)
2003-2007	Chair, Program in Religious Studies, Tel-Aviv University
2007-	Associate Professor, Tel-Aviv University (Jewish Culture and Religious Studies)
2008-2010	Chair, Department of Jewish Culture, Tel-Aviv University

ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2001-2004	The Michael Bruno Award
2002	DAAD fellowship for a one-month research visit to Germany (September)
2003-2007	Israel Science Foundation, research grant on "Jewish Magical Recipe Books From the Cairo Genizah," (Grant #725/03)
3-8/2006	The Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, Organizer and Fellow of a Research Group on "Occult powers and Officiants in Near Eastern Cultures"
2007-2008	Visiting Scholar, Clare Hall and Cambridge University Library, Cambridge
2008-2011	Israel Science Foundation, research grant on "Hekhalot Texts and Dream Requests From the Cairo Genizah," (Grant #635/08)
2010	(with Dr. Dan Levene, Southampton) Britain-Israel BIRAX grant on "Aramaic Magical Texts from Late Antiquity"

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