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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

August 2019- July 2020 Israel Institute Visiting Faculty, the Jewish Culture and Society Program and the Department of History

The University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign

**Post-Doctoral Position**

Aug. 2018-June 2020 Post-Doctoral Associate at the Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign, Instructor Kenneth Cuno

*Family and Modernity in Israel and Jewish Middle Eastern Communities*

**EDUCATION**

2018 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev** (BGU), Department of Middle East Studies, Ph.D.

*The Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: The Perspectives of Gender and Family*

Iris Agmon (Advisor BGU), Henriette Dahan Kalev (Advisor BGU)

2012 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev** (BGU), Department of Middle East Studies, M.A. (Summa cum Laude)

*Women, Gender and Family in the Jewish Communities of Cairo and Alexandria, 1930-1956*

\*With courses at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

2003 **Haifa University,** Excelling Students Honorary program and History of the Middle East. B.A. (Summa cum Laude)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Monographs:**

*Gender and Family in a Period of Transition: Jewish Egyptian Women between the First and Second World Wars* [Hebrew](tentative name, under contract with Resling Academic Press, pending publication in 2019).

**Peer-Reviewed**

"Habitus, Socio-Cultural Practice and the Construction of Modernity: The Jews of Cairo and Alexandria during the First Half of the 20th Century", *Jama'a Bilingual Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Middle East*, First Prize Winner of the Jama'a Journal Young Researchers' Papers Award, May 2019.

**Book Reviews**

Marglin, Jessica. *Across Legal Lines Jews and Muslims in Modern Morocco*, (Yale University Press, 2016), Review of Middle Eastern Studies Journal, June 2019.

Motzai-Haller, Pnina. Concrete Boxes: Mizrahi Women on Israel's Periphery (Wayne State University Press, 2018) [Forthcoming in Israel Studies Review].

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2019 **American Jewish Studies**, San Diego CA- Annual Conference- *The Struggle over the Memory of Middle Eastern Jewish Lives A Revived Narrative of Persecution and Expulsion*, Panel Organizer, accepted.

2018 **Bath Spa University & Laboratoire d'Ethnologie et de Sociologie Comparative**, Bath**, England- International Conference; Disrupted Histories, Recovered Pasts (**Les Passés dans le Présent)**: A Cross-Disciplinary Analysis and Cross-Case Synthesis of Oral Histories and History in Post-Conflict and Postcolonial Contexts-** Changing Representations of Egypt and its' Departure: *Memories and Life Stories of Former Members of the Jewish Community in Modern Egypt*

2017 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ) with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel- Annual International Conference;Ways of Remembering, Ways of Forgetting: Diasporas In and Out of Israel- *Interfaith Marriage, the Appropriation of Modernity and Migration: A Changing Narrative*

2017 **Israel Institute for Advanced Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel- International Workshop; Jewish Women's Cultural Capital under Islam- *Life Experiences of Women of the Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century*

2017 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- Jaqueline Kahanoff: 100 Years since Her Birth- *Living on the Nile: History of the Modern Jewish Community in Egypt*

2017 **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- Academia, Hegemony, Subversion- *Oral History, Gender and Subversion*

2016 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ)** **& Ben Zvi Institute**, Jerusalem, Israel- Egyptian Jews: Memory, History and Public Transmission of Heritage- *Memories of a Shared Habitus of the Jewish Egyptian Bourgeoisie between the Great Wars: Social Hierarchies and Gendered Arenas*

2016 **The Institute for Historical Research**, London, England- International Conference; Global Cities: Past and Present- *Class, Gender and Oral History: Life Stories of Egyptian Jews*

2015**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- International Workshop:Middle Class in the Middle East and Beyond*- Gender, Class and Oral History: Things We Can Learn from Life Stories of Egyptian Jews*

2013 **Gender Studies Program, Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva- Ph.D. Students' Conference on Gender & Sexuality; *"I Was Walking in High Heels but Could Not Go Out without My Brothers": Perceptions of Femininity and Modern Female Identity among the Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century*

*2013* **The Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel** (MEISAI), Bar-Ilan University, Israel- Annual Meeting*; Family as a Social Platform under the Colonial Presence and Influence: Jewish-Egyptian Case Study*

*2013* **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**, Beer-Sheva, Israel- The Department of Middle East Studies Annual Workshop for Research Students; The History of the Middle East from a Trans-Regional Trans-National Perspective- *Immigration, Jewish Bourgeoisie and the Development of Egyptian Modernity*

**2012 The Fifth Israeli Conference for Qualitative Research at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, *Israel- Life Stories, Microhistory and the Widening Framework for Thinking about the Modern History of Women***

**Workshops, Conferences and Panels Organized:**

2019 **American Jewish Studies**, San Diego CA- Annual Conference- *Exodus or Expulsion Reconstructing the past of Jews of Egypt in the 20th Century,* Panel Organizer

2017 **Centre de Recherche Francais de Jérusalem (CRFJ) with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, Israel- Annual International Conference- *Ways of Remembering, Ways of Forgetting: Diasporas In and Out of Israel*, Co-Organizer.

2013 **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Department of Middle East Studies, the Annual Research Workshop for Advanced Degrees Students; *History*

*of the Middle East from a Trans-Regional Trans-National Perspective*, Co-Organizer.

**INVITED SPEAKER**

2019 University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign, Brown Bag Lecture, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, "Socio-Cultural Practices and the Construction of Modernity: The Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt", February 19th, 2019

2018 Columbia and Fordham Universities in New York, Honorarium, Jewish Studies Department, "A Modern Middle Eastern Jewish Family: Challenging Stereotypes"; Modernity, Socio-Cultural Practices and Oral Testimonials", November 29th 2018

2017 Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Gender Studies Program, "Family and Gender: The Jewish Bourgeoisie of Egypt"

2014 The Joseph & Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage In Egypt, Awardee's Lecture, Award for Doctoral Thesis Proposals, Haifa University

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2018 *The Baron New Voices in Jewish Studies Award*, A joint award presented by the program in Jewish Studies at **Columbia and Fordham Universities**

2018 Research Grant, **The Ben Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East**

2017 **The Jama'a Bilingual Interdisciplinary Journal** for the Study of the Middle East's Annual Papers Competition for Young Scholars Award

2015 Excelling Ph.D. Research Award, **Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy**

2014 Award for Doctoral Thesis Proposals, **The Joseph and Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt,** Haifa University

2013-2017 Scholarship in memory of Nathan Rotenstreich for excelling Ph.D. students, **The Israeli Council for Higher Education**

**TEACHING COMENDATIONS AND AWARDS**

2017-2018 Letter of Commendation from the Head of the Humanities Department and Dean of Kibbutzim College for Education, Technology and the Arts' Faculty of Humanities for pedagogic, educational and academic excellence.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Self-Designed Courses:**

Fall 2019 **Israeli TV and Cinema**, Graduate and Under-Graduate, (University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign)

Spring 2018 **Jews in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: Gender, Family and Middle Eastern Modernities** (Achva Academic College)

Fall 2017 **Middle Eastern History 101** (Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts)

Summer 2017 **Millets and Minorities in the Middle East** **during the 19th-20th Centuries** (Achva Academic College)

Summer 2017 **History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture**, Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College)

Spring 2017 **The Jewish Bourgeoisie in Egypt: A Modern Middle Eastern Society** (Achva Academic College)

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 **History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture** (Sapir Academic College Special Program for Bedouin Students)

Summer 2015 **The Jews in Egypt during the First Half of the 20th Century: Gender, Family, Hierarchy** (Achva Academic College)

Summer 2014 **Questions of Family, Gender, and Social Relations in Contemporary Middle-Eastern Societies** (David Yellin Academic College of Education)

Spring 2014 **Egyptian Modernity: Questions of Bourgeoisie, Migration and gendered relations** (Achva Academic College)

**Co-Designed Courses:**

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 **History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture**, Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College)

Fall 2016 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University)

Fall 2015 & Spring 2016 **History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture**, Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College)

Fall 2015 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University)

Spring 2014 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Achva Academic College)

Fall 2014 & Spring 2015 **History of the Middle East and Islam: History, Society, Culture**, Adjunct Lecturer (Sapir Academic College)

Fall 2014 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University)

Spring 2013 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Achva Academic College)

Fall 2013 **Methodology and Academic Skills** Adjunct Lecturer (Ben Gurion University)

**Language Instruction:**

Summer 2013 **Hebrew as a Second Language**, Special Program for the Advancement of Bedouin Students (Achva Pre-Academic Program)

**LANGUAGES**

**Hebrew** Native Fluency

**English** Fluent

**Arabic** Advanced

**Persian** Basic

**French**  Basic