

NAOMI GRUNHAUS: CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT:

April 2019-present *Associate Professor*
Yeshiva University, New York, NY
Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies

June 2012-present *Associate Professor (with tenure)*
Yeshiva University,
Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies,
Stern College for Women

September 2004-
June 2012 *Assistant Professor*
Yeshiva University,
Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies

September 1997-
June 2003 *Instructor (full-time from September 1998).*
Yeshiva University,
Rebecca Ivry Department of Jewish Studies

EDUCATION:

May 2003 New York University, New York, N.Y.,
Ph.D. in Judaic Studies
Dissertation Title: "The Interplay of Peshat and Rabbinic
Traditions in the Exegetical Works of Rabbi David
Kimhi."
Fields of Specialization: Medieval Jewish Biblical Exegesis.
Minor: Medieval Jewish History

May 1994 New York University, New York, N.Y.
M.A. in Judaic Studies

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Excellent command of medieval and modern Hebrew

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

a. BOOKS:

Member of Editorial Board, with Yosef Ofer and Martin Lockshin. *Commentary of Rabbi Joseph Hayoun on Yirmiyahu*. Edited and annotated, with an introduction by Yohanan Kapach. Research Authority of Herzog Academic College and the World Union of Jewish Studies. 2022.

Co-Editor, with Stuart Miller, Michael Swartz, Steven Fine, and Alex P. Jassen: *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2020.

The Challenge of Received Tradition: Dilemmas of Interpretation in Radak's Biblical Commentaries. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Reviews of the book:

Shnaton le-Heqer ha-Miqra voha-Mizrah ha-Qadum 24: 341-8 (Ayelet Seidler, 2016, in Hebrew)

Journal of Semitic Studies 60:2, 508-11 (Marc Saperstein, Autumn 2015)

Revue des Etudes Juives 173 (3-4), 443-6 (Judith Kogel, July-December 2014)

Shofar 32:4, 167-9 (Yonatan Jacobs, Summer 2014)

Speculum 89:2, 484-6 (Nili Shalev, April 2014)

H-Judaic. (Devorah Schoenfeld, March 2014)

Hebrew Studies 54, 431-33 (Eric Lawee, December 2013)

Review of Biblical Literature 2013.11.06 (David H. Aaron, November 2013)

Association of Jewish Libraries Reviews III: 3 (Jim Rosenbloom, September/October 2013)

In Preparation:

Reconsideration and Revision: David Kimhi's Maturation as an Exegete

b. ARTICLES:

“Radak’s Engagement with Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*: Innovations in Light of his Predecessors’ Approaches.” In *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Professor Lawrence H. Schiffman*. Stuart Miller, Michael Swartz, et al, eds. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2020. 276-95.

“U-Vadrash: ha-Mivneh ha-Du-Qotvi be-Ferushei Radak.” (in Hebrew) In ‘*le-Yashev Peshuto shel Miqra: Asufat Mehqarim be-Farshanut ha-Miqra*. Sara Japhet and Eran Viezel, eds. Jerusalem: Mossad Bialik, 2011. 193–205.

“*Peshat and Halakhah in Radak’s Exegesis*,” in *Between Rashi and Maimonides: Themes in Medieval Jewish Thought, Literature and Exegesis*. Ephraim Kanarfogel and Moshe Sokolow, eds. New York: Michael Scharf Publication Trust /YU Press, 2010. 343-64.

“The Commentary of Rabbi David Kimhi to Proverbs: A Case of Mistaken Attribution.” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 54:2 (Autumn 2003). 311-27.

“The Dependence of Rabbi David Kimhi (Radak) on Rashi in his Quotation of Midrashic Traditions.” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93:3-4 (Summer 2003). 415-30.

“Radak’s Use of Rashi’s Commentary as a Source for Midrashic Interpretations.” *Proceedings of the Thirteenth Congress of the World Union of Jewish Studies*. http://www.lekkt.com/data/articles/003-000-014_000.pdf (2003).

Accepted:

“Methodology when Explaining Qeri u-Ketiv: Radak’s Approach in his Biblical Commentaries.” For publication in *Facing the Truths of History: Essays on Reception and Memory in Honor of Jacob J. Schacter*. Zev Eleff and Shaul Seidler-Feller, eds. Expected date of publication, 2023.

“Radak’s Exegetical Use of Quotations from Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” *Proceedings of International Conference on Provencal Jewry*, organized by Bar Ilan University and Institut interuniversitaire d’Etudes et de Culture Juives. Publications de l’Université de Provence. Aix-en-Provence, France. Expected date of publication: 2020.

“Zeal/Zealotry in the Bible”. Presented at a panel on Intellectual History of Zeal/zealotry and Extremism in Judaism: Biblical Perspectives and the Second Temple/Rabbinic Period. Orthodox Forum. March 2013. Revised for publication in the Conference Volume.

Submitted:

“*Bein Sefer ha-Shorashim le-Perushe ha-Miqra: Behinat Perushe Radak be-Shnayim me-Hibburav*” (in Hebrew)

In Preparation:

“Translation Choices in Radak's Commentary on the Prophets.”

“Jonah ibn Janah’s Engagement with the Content of Rabbinic Literature in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” Hebrew title: “*Terumat Divrei Chazal le-Perush ha-Miqra shel Rabbi Jonah ibn Janah be-Sefer ha-Shorashim*.” (in Hebrew)

c. ENCYCLOPEDIA AND DICTIONARY ARTICLES

“*Micah* (Book and Person). Medieval Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2019.

“*Kimhi*.” (in Hebrew). Updated entry for online version of *Encyclopedia ha-Ivrit*. August, 2014.

“Babel, Tower of. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2011.

“Breastplate. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, 2011.

“Kimhi Family.” In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*. Judith Baskin, ed. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

“Aaron’s Rod. II. Judaism.” *Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception*. Walter de Gruyter, July 2009. Chosen by the editors of the encyclopedia to be featured on their website as a free sample article (as one of several from among 1750 entries).

d. BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of *Ma’amadah ha-Mishpati shel ha-Em ba-Mizrah ha-Qadum uva-Miqrah* (The Legal Status of the Mother in the Ancient Near East and the Bible), by Lea Jacobsen. Magnes Press, 2017. *Hebrew Higher Education* 21 (2019): 235-8.

Review of *Rashi - Linguist Despite Himself: A Study of the Linguistic Dimension of Rabbi Solomon Yishaqi's Commentary on Deuteronomy*, by Jonathan Kearney. T & T Clark, 2010. *The Journal of Religion*. 91:3 (July 2011): 415-416.

Review of *Nahmanides in Medieval Catalonia: History, Community, and Messianism*, by Nina Caputo. Notre Dame University Press, 2007. *The Journal of Religion* 91:1 (January 2011): 97-99.

e. EDITING RESPONSIBILITIES:

Member, Editorial Board, *Megadim*. Yeshiva University and Herzog College. 2019-present.

f. REVIEWS:

Referee of Books:

Bar Ilan University Press

Referee of Articles:

AJS Review

Hebrew Studies

Journal of Jewish Studies

Shnaton le-Heqer ha-Miqra vaha-Mizrah ha-Qadum

Reviewer of Tenure/Promotion Dossiers:

Bar Ilan University

Hebrew Union College – Cincinnati

Midrasha at Bar Ilan University

Reviewer of Grant Proposals:

Israel Science Foundation

RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship Grant – 2022-2023.
Yeshiva University Provost Research Award – 2021.
Yeshiva University Chelst Book Grant – 2021.
American Academy for Jewish Research Leadership Seminar – June 2017.
Elearning Faculty Fellowship Microgrant - 2015.
Jim Joseph Foundation Elearning Fellowship – 2014.
Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2013.
Yeshiva University Book Publication Grant – 2011.
Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2010.
Yeshiva University Summer Full Support Research Student Award – 2009.
Ms. E. Billi Ivry Faculty Research Incentive Award – May 2007.
Featured in Yeshiva University's Online Faculty Experts Media Guide – Feb 2005.
Murray and Madeleine Baumel Faculty Incentive Award – January 2003.
New York University Student Travel Grant – December 2002.
New York University Student Travel Grant – August 2001.
Ms E. Billi Ivry Faculty Research Incentive Grant – April 2001.
New York University Student Travel Grant – December 2000.
New York University Student Travel Grant – June 2000.
American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Workshop – June 2000.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (2017-present):

Respondent and Chair. "Literary and Legal Perspectives on the Commentary of Ramban". World Union of Jewish Studies Eighteenth Congress in Jerusalem. August 2022.

Chair. "Divine and Human in Biblical Narrative: Philosophical Perspectives." Association for Jewish Studies 51st Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. December 2019. (invited to join the session).

Chair. Session at "*Avirat Eretz Israel Mahkimah: Land and Spirituality in Rabbinic Literature. A day in memory of Professor Yaakov Elman.*" Sponsored by Joseph and Faye Glatt Program of the Center for Israel Studies. Co-sponsored by Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies. Yeshiva University. March 2019.

Respondent and Chair. "Medieval Biblical Exegesis in Context: Navigating the Shoals of Intellectual, Religious, and Social Forces." Association for Jewish Studies 50th Annual Conference. Boston, MA. December 2018 (invited to join the session).

"The Contribution of Rabbinic Literature to Jonah ibn Janah's Biblical Exegesis in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*." European Association for Jewish Studies 11th Conference. Cracow, Poland. July 2018.

Chair. "The Methods and Intellectual History of Jewish Polemics in Northern France." Association for Jewish Studies 49th Annual Conference. Washington, DC. December 2017 (invited to join the session).

Chair. "The Story of the Garden of Eden: A Look from Within and from Without." National Association of Professors of Hebrew Conference. New York, NY. June 2017.

"The Contribution of Rabbinic Literature to Jonah ibn Janah's Biblical Exegesis in his *Sefer ha-Shorashim*." National Association of Professors of Hebrew Conference. New York, NY. June 2017.

In the years 2000-2017, I gave presentations and/or chaired sessions and/or served as respondent at the Association for Jewish Studies conference every year. I also presented papers at the World Union of Jewish Studies Congresses in Jerusalem and at the European Association for Jewish Studies conference. I presented papers at conferences in my field at Bar Ilan University, Aix-en-Provence University, and Haifa University.

ACADEMIC TRAINING:

In the years 2000-2018, I participated nine (9) times in the Lehmann Workshop on the Hebrew Book at University of Pennsylvania.

MENTORSHIP OF STUDENTS:

Mentor of Summer Student Research Projects:

Shoshana Gertler. Comparison of Individual Comments in Radak's *Sefer ha-Shorashim* to their Counterparts in his Commentaries. Summer 2013.

Ariella Gottesman. Comparison of Radak's *Sefer ha-Shorashim* to his Commentaries. Summer 2010.

Yael Ausubel. Use of Rabbinic Traditions in Radak's *Sefer ha-Shorashim*. Summer 2009.

Mentor of Honors Thesis:

Estee Gerber. "Hebrew Ethical Wills." Expected date of completion. April 2022. (withdrawn)

Sarah Davis. "The Wandering Jew': Abraham's Encounters with Other Cultures." Winner of the Dean David Mirsky Memorial Award for Excellence in Writing. June 2001.

Second Reader of Honors Thesis:

Lauren Miller: “The Impact of Maimonides on Nahmanides’ Interpretation of Iyov.” 2006.

Shuli Stern: “Malbim on Jonah.” 2003.

Meira Reinstein: “‘Iyov Lefi Peshuto’: Rashbam’s Commentary on Job.” 2001.

Supervisor of Senior Thesis:

Shira Dinitz. “The Mission to Greatness.” December 2009.

Naomi Friedman. “Sins of the Patriarchs in Jewish Interpretation.” May 2002.

Varda Weinstock. “Aspects and Perspectives on the Biblical Figure of Miriam.” May 2000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Middle States Departmental Self-Evaluation. January 2016.

Middle States Departmental Self-Evaluation. January 2014.

Jewish Studies Divisional Committee. 2013-present.