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EDUCATION AND DIPLOMAS

- 1991** Ph.D of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis: *The Development of the Hebrew Script from the period of the Bar-Kokhba revolt to 1000 A.D.* Submitted to the Senate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 1990.
- 1979** Degree of M.A studies in Librarian Science of the Scholl of Librarianship The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis: *Abraham ben Mordechai Farissol: a palaeographical and codicological research.*
- 1966** Degree of B.A studies in Jewish History and Political Science - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

EXPERIENCE

1979-Present

Employed as a senior researcher at the Hebrew Palaeography Project of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, on behalf of the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem. Specializing in the study of the mediaeval Hebrew scripts; expertise in dating and characterizing undated manuscripts, as well as other objects that bear mediaeval Hebrew script.

Within the same framework (non conclusive list)

Codicological-palaeographical analysis and documentation of dated Hebrew manuscripts and Genizah documents:

1982-Present

Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem and other libraries or private collections in Israel

1982 Parma (Italy) - Palatina Library

1990 Budapest (Hungary)-Bibliotheca Academiae Scientiarum Hungarica

1991 St. Petersburg - National Library of Russia

1994 Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit, Cambridge University Library

1995 St. Petersburg - National Library of Russia and the Oriental Institute

1996 University of Oxford – the Bodleian Library

- 2004** Participation in the project: "*Classification of Hebrew Calligraphic Handwriting Styles*", Mathematics modeling in computing systems made by the Electrical and Computer Engineering department of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

Other Projects (non conclusive list)

1994 – 1999

Palaeographical characterization of the Genizah documents – a project sponsored by Ben-Zvi Institute for Research of Jewish Middle Eastern Communities and the Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit, Cambridge University Library.

Participation as a palaeographical adviser in national and international projects:

1998-Present

"*European Genizah Project*": discovering and cataloging fragments found in bindings preserved in European libraries.

2003-2004

"*Scholion*": an interdisciplinary research center in Jewish Studies in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2003-Present

"*Cultural Memory of the Würzburg Jewish Stones*": in which more than 1500 gravestones discovered in Würzburg in 1987, ranged from 1147 to 1346, were assembled, studied and classified.

2004-Present

Palaeographical advise for "*Mifal Hatefila*" – A national research project on the early version of Jewish Prayer, founded by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities in the Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

- 2005** *Christies catalog: Important Hebrew Manuscripts From The Salman Schoken Collection*, November 2005.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- "A Palaeographical Study of Oxford MS Heb. D.69", *lěšonénu* 53 (1989), pp. 265-285 (Hebrew).
- "The Dating of the Early Genizah Fragments", *Proceedings of the Tenth World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, Division D Vol. 1 (1990), pp. 181-188 (in Hebrew).
- "Abraham Ben Mordecai Farissol: Sephardi Tradition of Book Making in Northern Italy of The Renaissance Period", *Jewish Art* 18 (1992) pp. 149-167.

- "A Palaeographical Description of British Library MS Heb. 5794", *ALEI Sefer*, 17 (1993) pp. 19-22 (in Hebrew).
- "MS Berlin 160: Its Date and Origin", *Italia* Vol. XI (1994), pp. 53-55 (in Hebrew).
- "Writing Materials and the Development of Hebrew Script from the 2nd to the 9th centuries" *Proceedings of the Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, Division D Vol. I (1994), pp. 53-60 (in Hebrew).
- "Progress in Classifying Dated Documents", in: *Genizah fragments*, n. 28 (1994), p. 3.
- "Styles of Hebrew Script in the Tenth and Eleventh Centuries in the Light of Dated and Datable Geniza Documents", *Te'uda* XV (1999), pp. 365-412 (in Hebrew).
- "The Wandering of a Provençal Proselyte: A Puzzle of Three Genizah Fragments", *Sefunot* ns Vol. 7 (22) (1999), pp. 13-30 (in Hebrew).
- "Hebrew Letters of Old Castile in the Cairo Genizah", in: J. Targarona Borrás and A. Sáenz-Badillos (eds.), *Jewish Studies at the Turn of the Twentieth Century, Proceedings of the 6th EAJIS Congress Toledo* (1999), pp. 398-406.
- "Hebrew Scripts in Medieval Catalonia", *Actes del I Congrés per A 8. L'estudi dels jueus en territori de llengua catalana, Barcelona-Girona del 15 al 17 d'octubre de 2001*, pp. 121-13.
- "The Analysis of Letter – a New Palaeographical Method", *Methoden der Schriftbeschreibung*, Herausgegeben von Peter Ruck, Bd. 4 Stuttgart 1999, pp. 43-50.
- "Few Palaeographical notes on the Hebrew fragments found in Modena and Correggio", M. Perani and S. Campanini (eds.), *Inventari dei manoscritti delle biblioteche d'Italia*, Vol. Cxi, Firenze 1999, pp. 15-17.
- "I cataloghi dei frammenti ebraici di Bologna e di Modena", in: M. Perani (ed.) *La "Genizah italiana"*, Bologna 1999, pp. 271-285.
- "Alcune note sulla paleografia della "Genizah italiana", M. Perani (ed.) *La "Genizah italiana"*, Bologna 1999, pp. 252-259.
- "Evolutionary Stages of Medieval Hebrew Scripts as Reflected in the European Genizah", M. Perani and C. Ruini (eds.), *Fragmenta ne perant, Proceeding of the international conference 'Recupero e studio dei frammenti di manoscritti medievali e rinascimentali riutilizzati in legature'* Ravenna 2000. Ravenna (2002), pp. 89-119.
- "The Sephardic scripts of the 13th-14th centuries in view of the Gerona fragments", *Materia Giudaica* 6,2 (2001), pp. 145-160.
- "I frammenti di Bazzano alla luce della codicologia e paleografia ebraiche", *Materia Giudaica* 6,2 (2001), pp. 205-219.

- "A Palaeographical Analysis of Mithridates' Hebrew Autographs", M. Perani and L. Pepi (eds.) *Guglielmo Raimondo Moncada alias Flavio Mitridate* (Un ebreo converse siciliano), Proceeding of the international conference in Caltabellota (2008), pp. 201-223.

In Collaboration

- With C. Sirat, "Description and Comparison of Scripts: A Question of Methodology", *Proceedings of the Eight World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, Division D (1982), pp. 77-81 (in Hebrew).
- C. Sirat, M. Beit-Arie and M. Glatzer (eds.), *Manuscripts medievales en caracteres hebraïques portant des indications de date jusqu'à 1540*, Paris Jerusalem 1986.
- 'Palaeographic Study', *Mahzor Eretz Israel, A Geniza Codex*, with an Annotated Introduction by J. Yahalom, Jerusalem 1987 (in Hebrew).
- M. Beit-Arié (ed.), *Specimens of Mediaeval Hebrew Scripts*, v I: Oriental and Yemenite Scripts, Jerusalem 1987 (in Hebrew).
- M. Beit-Arie, C. Sirat and M. Glatzer (eds.), *Codices hebraïcis litteris scripti fuerint exhibentes*, Tomb I jusqu'a 1020, Paris, Jerusalem 1997.
- M. Beit Arié and E. Engel (ed.), *Specimens of Mediaeval Hebrew Scripts*, v II: Sefardic Script, Jerusalem 2002.

Forthcoming

- E. Engel and M. Beit-Arié (eds.), *Specimens of Mediaeval Hebrew Scripts*, Vol. III, Ashkenazic Script, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem.
- "Between France and Germany: Gothic Characteristics in Ashkenazic Script" Festschrift offered for Prof. C. Sirat, the Cambridge University press.
- "Calamus versus Chisel: On the History of the Ashkenazic Script", *European Genizah Text and Studies*, a sub-series in the series studies in European Judaism on the "European Genizah".
- "Palaeographic analysis of the Würzburg inscriptions" K. Müller, S. Schwarzfuchs and R. Reiner (eds), *Würzburg Tombstones, Text and Introductions*.

Review

- J. Casanovas Miro, *Las inscripciones funerarias hebraicas medievales de Espana*, Turnhout, Brepols, 2004 in: *Bulletin Codicologique* 2006, 1 pp. 69-70.