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### *Curriculum Vitae*

#### *Education*

1976-1979 - B.A. studies in the departments of Jewish Philosophy, Talmud and Classics, H. U. Jerusalem.

1980-1982 - M.A. studies in the department of Religious Studies, McGill University, Montreal.

1985-1990 - Ph.D. studies in the department of Comparative Religion, H. U. Jerusalem.

#### *Scholarly Interests*

History of Christianity in the East

#### *Publications*

##### Books

1. *Eusebius of Caesarea Against Paganism* (Leiden, 2000).
2. *The Nuṣayrī-'Alawī Religion: An Enquiry into Its Theology and Liturgy* (Leiden, 2002) (with M. Bar-Asher).
3. *The Monastic School of Gaza* (with B. Bitton-Ashkelony) (Leiden, 2006).
4. *Syriac Idiosyncrasies: Theology and Hermeneutics in Early Syriac Literature* (with S. Ruzer) (Leiden, 2010).
5. *KITAB AL-MA'ARIF BY ABU SA'ID MAYMUN B. QASIM AL-TABARANI* (with M. Bar-Asher) (Louvain, 2012).
6. *Reshaping Identities in Late Antique Syria-Mesopotamia: Christian and Jewish Hermeneutics and Narrative Strategies* (with S. Ruzer) (Piscataway, 2016).

##### Edited Books

1. A. Kofsky & G.G. Stroumsa (eds.), *Sharing the Sacred: Religious Contacts and Conflicts in the Holy Land* (Jerusalem, 1998).
2. B. Bitton-Ashkelony & A. Kofsky (eds.), *Christian Gaza in Late Antiquity* (Leiden, 2004).
3. A. Kofsky (ed.): G. Vallée, *The Shaping of Christianity: The History and Literature of Its Formative Centuries [100-800]* (Raanana, 2006) (Hebrew edition).
4. A. Kofsky & S. Ruzer (eds.): D. Flusser, *Jesus* (Jerusalem, 2009) (Hebrew edition).

## Articles

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4. "An Early Nusayri Theological Dialogue on the Relation between the Ma'na and the Ism" (with Meir Bar-Asher), *Le Muséon* 108 (1995), pp. 169-180.
5. "Eusebius of Caesarea and the Christian-Jewish Polemic," in O. Limor & G.G. Stroumsa (eds.), *Contra Iudaeos: Ancient and Medieval Polemics between Christians and Jews* (Tübingen, 1996), pp. 59-83.
6. "The Nusayri Doctrine of Ali's Divinity and the Nusayri Trinity according to an Unpublished Treatise from the 7<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Century" (with Meir Bar-Asher), *Der Islam* 72/2 (1995), pp. 258-292.
7. "L'ascension céleste du gnostique Nusayrite et le voyage nocturne du prophète Muhammad" (with Meir Bar-Asher), in M.A. Amir-Moezzi (ed.), *Ascensions célestes et itinéraires spirituels* (Louvain-Paris, 1996), pp. 133-148.
8. "Mamre: a Case of a Regional Cult?," in A. Kofsky & G.G. Stroumsa (eds.), *Sharing the Sacred: Religious Contacts and Conflicts in the Holy Land* (Jerusalem, 1998), pp. 19-30.
9. "Peter the Iberian: Pilgrimage, Monasticism and Ecclesiastical Politics in Byzantine Palestine," *Liber Annuus* 47 (1997), pp. 209-222.
10. "Prophecy in the Service of Polemics in Eusebius of Caesarea," *Cristianesimo nella storia* 19 (1998), pp. 1-29.
11. "The Theology of *Kitab al-Usus*: an Early Pseudepigraphic Nusayri Work" (with Meir Bar-Asher), *Rivista degli Studi Orientali* 71 (1997), pp. 55-81.
12. "Peter the Iberian and the Question of the Holy Places," *Cathedra* 91 (1999), pp. 79-96 (Hebrew).
13. "Aspects of Sin in the Monastic School of Gaza," in J. Assman & G.G. Stroumsa (eds.), *Transformation of the Inner Self in Ancient Religions* (Leiden, 1999), pp. 421-437.
14. "A Druze-Nusayri Debate in the 'Epistles of Wisdom,'" *Quaderni di studi Arabi* 17 (1999), pp. 95-103 (with Meir Bar-Asher).
15. "The Study of Origen and the Alexandrian Tradition in Israel," *Adamantius* 6 (2000), pp. 109-111.
16. "The Monasticism of Gaza in the Byzantine Period," *Cathedra* 96 (2000), pp. 69-110 (Hebrew) (with B. Bitton-Ashkelony).
17. "Gazan Monasticism in the Fourth-Sixth Centuries: From Anchoritic to Cenobitic," *Proche-Orient Chrétien* 50 (2000), pp. 14-62 (with B. Bitton-Ashkelony).
18. "Justice, Free Will, and Divine Mercy in Ephrem's Commentary on Genesis 2-3," *Le Muséon* 113 (2000), pp. 315-332 (with S. Ruzer).

19. "Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea: His Life and Work," in R. Pritz (ed.), *Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea: History of the Church*, Hebrew trans., R. Frank (Jerusalem, 2001), pp. ix-xxx.
20. "The Byzantine Holy Person: The Case of Barsanuphius and John of Gaza," in M. Poorthuis and J. Schwartz (eds.), *Saints and Role Models in Judaism and Christianity* (Leiden, 2004).
21. "What Happened to the Monophysite Monasticism of Gaza?" in B. Bitton-Ashkelony & A. Kofsky (eds.), *Christian Gaza in Late Antiquity* (Leiden, 2004), pp. 183-194.
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26. "Renunciation of Will in the Monastic School of Gaza," *Liber Annuus* 56 (2006), pp. 321-346.
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29. "Logos, Holy Spirit and Messiah: Aspects of Aphrahat's Theology Reconsidered," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 73 (2007), pp. 347-378 (with S. Ruzer).
30. "Severus of Antioch and Christological Politics in the Early Sixth Century," *Proche-Orient Chrétien* (2007), pp. 43-57.
31. "The Garden of Ascetic Delight: Hermeneutic Strategies in *Liber Graduum*," *Symbol* 55 (2009), pp. 71-93 (with S. Ruzer, in Russian).
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34. "The Invention of Stephen's Tomb," in Y. Hen and I. Shagrir (eds.), *Ut videant et contingant: Essays on Pilgrimage and Sacred Space in Honour of Ora Limor* (Raanana, 2011), pp. 29-48 (with A. Spitzer, in Hebrew).
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50. "Theodore of Mopsuestia: Rationalizing Hermeneutics and Theology," in Y. Friedman, C. Marksches (eds.) (with S. Ruzer).
51. "Ephrem's Hymns on the Pearl," in Y. Rotman (ed.), *A Syriac Anthology*.
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