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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY   1966-1972
- Ph.D., Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
- Major: Assyriology; Northwest Semitic (Biblical Hebrew, Ugaritic, Phoenician, Amarna Letters, Old Aramaic, Hebrew Inscriptions, Biblical Studies)

Dropsie College, Philadelphia, PA   1963-1966
- Major: Assyriology; Northwest Semitic; Biblical and Hebrew Studies

Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY   1961-1963
- Bachelor of Hebrew Literature (B.H.L.)
- Major: Bible
- Minor: Hebrew Language

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel   1958-1960
- Major: Bible
- Minor: Hebrew Language

TEACHING

Yeshiva University, New York, NY   1988-present
- Associate Professor, Hebrew Language and Literature

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY   1987-1988
- Guest Associate Professor, Classical Languages and Hebrew

Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY
- Assistant Professor, Bible   1972-1984
- Lecturer   1968-1972
- Instructor   1966-1968

City University of New York, New York, NY   1973-1975
- Guest Assistant Professor, Classical Languages and Hebrew

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Sylvia Morgenlander Memorial Prize, Jewish Theological Seminary   1962
- Barry Gitelson Memorial Prize, Jewish Theological Seminary   1963
- President's Fellow, Columbia University   1967-1968
- Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award (Nomination)   2001
- Professor of the Year, Yeshiva College   2003, 2005
- Menachem Begin Israel Award for opening doors for Jews of Yemen, 1990-1993.(Nomination)   2005
- Second Place Award in History from the National Jewish Books Awards   2011

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Oriental Society
- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Sephardic Association
- Chairman, International Coalition for the Revival of the Jews of Yemen (ICROJOY)
- American Yemeni Federation

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

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"Late Hebrew – Aramaic ספר, Neo-Babylonian *sirpu/sirapu*: A Lexicographical Note IV," *Beit Mikra* 154-155 (1998), 339-344.

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"Taphat, the Daughter of King Solomon," *Beit Mikra* 157 (1999), 201-212.

"What Chiropractic Known in Biblical Time? Hebrew חלץ: A Lexicographical Note VI," *Naḥalah* 2 (2000), 1-13.

"Hebrew נפץ יד, Akkadian *qāta napāṣu*: A Term of Non-Allegiance: A Lexicographical Note VII," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 122 (2002), 79-82.

"Two Biblical and Akkadian Comparative Lexical Notes (VIII)," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 47 (2002), 209-214.

"Paved with Love (Cant 3, 10d): A New Interpretation," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 115 (2003), 266-271.

"Hebrew יסר, Akkadian *esēru*: A Term of Forced Labor: Lexicographical Note IX," in *Teshûrôt LaAvishur: Studies in the Bible and Ancient Near East, in Hebrew and Semitic Languages: Festschrift Presented to Prof. Yitzhak Avishur on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday* (ed. Meir Malul and Michael Heltzer; Tel Aviv: Archaeological Center, 2004), 185-190.

"The semantic range of the Biblical Hebrew חלל: Lexicographical Note X," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 117 (2005), 91-94.

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