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Academic Appointments

2016–present, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Senior Lecturer, Department of Bible and Chair of Department of Comparative Religion (tenured since 2018)

2010–2016, Princeton University, Assistant Professor of Religion and Judaic Studies (primary field of research and teaching: Hebrew Bible)

2013–14, Member, The Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, NJ; major fields: Religion and Hebrew Bible

2000, 2001 and 2004, Russian State University for the Humanities, Visiting Instructor

Education

2010, Post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Host: Professor Jeffrey H. Tigay)

2009, Postdoctoral fellowship, Mysore, India (Hosts: Professors H. V. Nagaraja Rao from the Oriental Institute and G. V. Bhat from the Maharaja Sanskrit College)

2004–2010, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bible, Ph.D. (*summa cum laude*); advisor: Professor Baruch J. Schwartz

2003/4 Hadassah Medical School at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2003, one year of studies, simultaneous with studies towards M.A. degree in Bible)

2000–2004, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bible, M.A. (*summa cum laude*); Advisors: Professor Israel Knohl and Professor Baruch J. Schwartz

1997–2000, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bible and “Amirim,” B.A. (*summa cum laude*)

Publications

Monographs and Edited Volumes

1. *The “Grammar” of Sacrifice: A Generativist Study of the Ancient Israelite Sacrificial System in the Priestly Writings with A “Grammar” of Σ* (xxiii + 270 pp.; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014).
2. Baruch J. Schwartz, David P. Wright, Jeffrey Stackert and Naphtali S. Meshel (ed.), *Perspectives on Purity and Purification in the Bible: Papers Read in the Pentateuch Section at the 125th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature* (x + 118 pp.; New York and London: T&T Clark–Continuum, 2008).

Articles and Chapters

3. Naphtali S. Meshel and Hillel Mali, “Two Models for Pollution, Part A: From Leviticus to Late Second Temple Literature,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).
4. Hillel Mali and Naphtali S. Meshel, “Two Models for Pollution, Part B: From Qumran to Qirqisānī, from the Mishnah to Maimonides” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).
5. Naphtali S. Meshel, “Too Much in the Sun: Intentional Ambiguity in the Samson Narrative,” *Hebrew Studies* 62 (2021) 55–72.
6. Naphtali S. Meshel, Anand Mishra, Hillel Mali and Meera Shridhara, “Thinking Rite: Towards Talmudo-Mīmāṃsā,” in *Proceedings of the Shree Somnath Sanskrit University Conference ‘Tradition of Commentaries and the Dynamics of Knowledge’ (February 2020)* (Somnath, Gujarat: Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, 2020).
7. Naphtali S. Meshel, “To Be Taken with a Grain of Salt: Between a ‘Grammar’ and a GRAMMUR of a Sacrificial Ritual System,” in *Language and Religion*, ed. Robert A. Yelle, Christopher I. Lehrich, and Courtney Handman, Language Intersections (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2019) 31–56.
8. “Some New Questions in the Fundamental Science of P,” in *Writing a Commentary on Leviticus: Hermeneutics—Methodology—Themes*, ed. Christian

- A. Eberhart and Thomas Hieke, FRLANT 276 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019) 127–138.
9. “Hermeneutics and the Logic of Ritual,” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 7 (2018) 466–482.
 10. “Sacrifice and the Temple,” in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press; 2nd edition, 2017) 658–662.
 11. “Double-Edged Words in the Book of Job,” *Shnaton: An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 26 (2016), 107–139 (in Hebrew).
 12. “The Translation of the Hebrew Bible from Hebrew into Hebrew,” *Hebrew Studies* 57 (2016), 39–50.
 13. “What is a Zoeme? The Priestly Inventory of Sacrificial Animals” in *Current Issues in Priestly and Related Literature: The Legacy of Jacob Milgrom and Beyond*, ed. Roy E. Gane and Ada Taggar-Cohen, Resources for Biblical Study (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2015) 19–45.
 14. “Whose Job Is This? Dramatic Irony and *double entendre* in Job,” in *The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, Hermeneutics*, ed. Leora Batnitzky and Ilana Pardes, Perspectives on Jewish Texts and Contexts 1 (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014) 47–76.
 15. “The Form and Function of a Biblical Blood Ritual,” *Vetus Testamentum* 63 (2013) 276–89. [Reprinted as: “The Form and Function of a Biblical Blood Ritual,” in: *Writing a Commentary on Leviticus: Hermeneutics—Methodology—Themes*, ed. Christian A. Eberhart and Thomas Hieke, FRLANT 276 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019) 101–114.]
 16. “Towards a ‘Grammar’ of Sacrifice: Hierarchic Patterns in the Israelite Sacrificial System,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* (2013) 543–567.
 17. “P₁, P₂, P₃, and H: Purity, Prohibition, and the Puzzling History of Leviticus 11,” *Hebrew Union College Annual* 81 (2010) 1–15.
 18. “Pure, Impure, Prohibited, Permitted,” in *Perspectives on Purity and Purification in the Bible: Papers Read in the Pentateuch Section at the 125th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, ed. Baruch J. Schwartz, David P. Wright, Jeffrey Stackert, and Naphtali S. Meshel (New York; London: T&T Clark–Continuum, 2008), 32–42.
 19. “Food for Thought: Systems of Categorization in Leviticus 11,” *Harvard Theological Review* 101 (2008) 203–29.

20. “The Prophecy of the Throne and the Seraphim: Isaiah's Inaugural Vision?,” *Beit Mikra* 48 (2003) 345–66 (in Hebrew).

Review Articles

21. “Review of Roy E. Gane, *Cult and Character: Purification Offerings, Day of Atonement, and Theodicy* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2005),” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 127 (2007) 203–5.
22. “‘And the Man Went to the Land of the Hittites’ (Judg. 1:26): Review of Itamar Singer, *The Hittites and Their Civilization*, The Biblical Encyclopedia Library 26 (Jerusalem: Bialik, 2009),” *Shnaton: An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 21 (2012) 329–31 (in Hebrew).

Visiting Positions and Collaborations

The Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ), Visitorship (expected Spring 2022)

The University of Tokyo, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship (RCAST, expected 2022)

2016 Heidelberg University, South Asia Institute, joint seminar co-taught with Professor Anand Mishra (with: Princeton University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Service

2018–present, Coeditor (with Prof. Baruch J. Schwartz and Prof. Eran Viezel), *Shnaton: An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies*

2016–present, Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2018–2021 Chair, Department of Comparative Religion, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2010–2016 Member of the Executive Committee, Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University

2012–2016 Faculty Advisor, Wilsom and Butler Colleges, Princeton University

Research Grants and Awards:

2018–2022 Israel Science Foundation Personal Research Grant (**1706/18**), “Thinking Rite: A New and Ancient Science of Ritual”

2016 Princeton University (Jonathan Dickinson Bicentennial Perceptorship): “Science of Ritual”

2015–2016 Gardner Magic Grant and Stewart Fund for Religion, Princeton University, “Exploring Universals”