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RESEARCH AREAS

German-Jewish Thought; Modern Jewish Thought; Political-Theology; Hasidism; Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah; Buber; Rosenzweig; Scholem; Zionism; Nationalism; Continental Philosophy; Plato, Nietzsche, Spinoza, Kant, Levinas, Hannah Arendt, Heidegger.

EMPLOYMENT

Oct. 2013 - [Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin](#); Research fellow and instructor at the *School of Jewish Theology*, University of Potsdam, Germany.

EDUCATION

2013-2021 Ph.D. *summa cum laude*. School of Jewish Theology. University of Potsdam, Germany.
2007-2011 M.A. *summa cum laude*. Department of Philosophy. Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
2006-2007 Complementary studies to M.A in Philosophy. Department of Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University.
2002-2005 B.A. Department of Behavioral Sciences (focus on psychology). Ben-Gurion University, Israel.

AFFILIATIONS FELLOWSHIPS HONORS AND AWARDS

2019/2020 Doctoral Scholarship. [Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes](#).
2018/2019 Doctoral Fellowship. [Leo Baeck Fellowship Programme \(Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes\)](#).
2017/2018 Doctoral Fellowship. [The Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center](#). The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2017/2018 Research Fellowship. [David Hartman Fellows for Intellectual Leadership](#). Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem.
2017/2018 Research Scholarship. [The JTS-Schocken Institute for Jewish Research](#). Jerusalem.
2009/2010 M.A. Fellowship. Kurt Lion Foundation, University of Konstanz.
2009 DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) Award for German Language Course, Berlin.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

International Rosenzweig Society travel grant (2019); Beit Makhshava Venice travel grant (2018); Aarhus University travel grant (2017); Yale travel grant (2017); Leo Baeck Jerusalem travel grant (2015); New School summer school travel grant (2015); AJS Boston travel grant (2015); Zentrum für Jüdische Studien Berlin travel grant (2016); Junior Teaching Professionals scholarship (2016); And others.

PUBLICATIONS

DISSERTATIONS

1. Doctoral Dissertation (*summa cum laude*): *History of Forgetfulness: Dialogue and Hasidism in Martin Buber's Theopolitics*. Admiel Kosman (Doctoral Advisor) and Paul Mendes Flohr (External Reader). Awarded: January 2021, Potsdam University (Eng., 333~p.)
2. Master Thesis (*summa cum laude*): *Speechless Horror: Heidegger on Nonsense and the Meaning of Nothingness*. Hagi Kenaan (Advisor). Awarded: November 2011, Tel Aviv University (Heb., 92~p.)

BOOK (In Progress)

3. *Theopolitics and Hasidism in Martin Buber's Thought* (revised doctoral dissertation)

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS (Peer Review)

4. "Dialogical History: Martin Buber's Theopolitics as a Critique of the History of Human Power." *The Jewish Quarterly Review*. [Accepted for publication].
5. "The Non-Categorical Imperative: Martin Buber's Line of Demarcation and the Descent of the Zaddik in Hasidism." *Jewish Studies Quarterly*. [Accepted for publication].
6. Co-authored with Admiel Kosman. "The Societal Role of the Man of Spirit according to Martin Buber." *Hebrew Union College Annual* 91 (2021), 204-259. [In print]
7. "Ich Habe Nicht Geantwortet': Hermeneutics of Secrecy, Religious Silence, and Dialogvergessenheit in Martin Buber's Exchange with Franz Rosenzweig about Halakhah." *Naharaim* 14:1 (2020): 103-132.
8. "Hasidic Myth-Activism: Martin Buber's Theopolitical Revision of the Volkish Nationalism." *Religions* 10: 2 (2019): 1-34.

BOOK CHAPTERS (Peer Review)

9. "The Hasidic Zaddik as Theopolitical Leader." *The Dialogical Imagination of Martin Buber: Essays on Religion, Politics and Ethics. New Jewish Philosophy and Thought*, edited by Sarah Scott. (Indiana University Press). [Forthcoming]
10. "Jewish Activism in Martin Buber's Theopolitics." *100 years I and Thou* edited by Ron Margolin and Hani Vitelson. *Hakibbutz Hameuchad*. [Hebrew]. [Forthcoming]
11. Co-authored with Admiel Kosman. "Tafkid Ish HaRuach Bakhevra Lefi Mishnato Shel Martin Buber." *Intellectualism and Jewish Intellectuals*. Edited by Avi Sagie and Dov Schwarz. Bar-Ilan University Press [Hebrew]. [Accepted for publication]
12. "Fruits of Forgetfulness: Politics and Nationalism in the Philosophies of Martin Buber and Martin Heidegger." *Heidegger and Jewish Thought: Difficult Others*. Edited by Elad Lapidot and Micha Brumlik (Rowman & Littlefield International, 2017), 201-220.

OTHER ESSAYS

13. *Book Review*. "Feminism, Femininity and Women: The Presence and Contribution of Women in Shaping Martin Buber's Thought: Reflections on Paul Mendes-Flohr's *Martin Buber: Life of Faith and Dissent*." *Alpaim Plus* 3 (2021). [Hebrew]. [In print].
14. *Reflection Essay*. "Hebrew Beyond Borders." *Mikan Ve'eylakh* 3 (2021). [Hebrew]. [In print].

WORK IN PROGRESS

15. "A Gilgul of Meaning: Vaterland and Eretz ha-Avot in Martin Buber's Theopolitics." [Invited]
16. "Dialogvergessenheit and Seinsvergessenheit: Martin Buber and Martin Heidegger and the Crisis of Fundamental Ontology." *Religions. Special Issue: Ethical and Epistemological Aspects of*

'Dialogue': Exploring the Potential of the Second-Person Perspective. Commissioned for the Festschrift in honor of Paul Mendes Flohr's 80ieth Birthday. [Invited]

17. "Biblical Politeia: Martin Buber's *Kingship of God* upon the Reception of Plato's *Republic* in Weimar Germany."
18. "The Gift of Grace: Max Weber and Martin Buber on Charismatic Leadership."
19. Epilogue to the new edition of Martin Buber's *Begegnungen*, [Nahar Pub.](#), [Hebrew]. [Invited]

LECTURES IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

SESSION CHAIR AND RESPONDENT

- July. 2021 *RESPONDENT*. Secularization, Politics and Authority in Twentieth Century German Jewish Thought. Participants: Dr. Yael Almog, Ido Ben Harush ,Dr. Daniel M. Herskowitz, Adi Molad. Leo Baeck Jerusalem, Israel. [Scheduled]
- Apr. 2021 *CHAIR*. Martin Buber: Right, Identity and Citizenship. Participants: Prof. Paul Mendes-Flohr, Prof. Galili Shahar, Prof. Rivka Feldhay and Prof. Raef Zreik. Leo Baeck Jerusalem, Israel. [[Video](#)]
- Feb. 2019 *CHAIR*. *Back to Redemption: Rosenzweig's Star 1919-2019*. Participants: Dr. Orr Scharf; Dr. Glacomo Petrarce; Dr. Caleb Sage Hendrickson. [International Rosenzweig Society Conference](#). Jerusalem, Israel.

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPER

- Nov. 2021 Binationalism – Historical and Contemporary Aspects. Conference at the University of Chicago. [Scheduled]
- Oct. 2021 Hewruta: Zerheilen. Jüdisch Museum Berlin. [Scheduled]
- Nov. 2020 *Buber Toward an Ethics of the Moment*. [JASS](#) (Jewish Activism Reading Group by Prof. Jonathan Schorsch (Potsdam University), Berlin. [[Video](#)]
- Oct. 2020 *Banim or Bonim? The Buber and Rosenzweig debate on tradition and Halakha*. (three meetings: October 12, 19, 26). [Kreuzberg Kollel](#). [Hillel. Base Berlin](#).
- Feb. 2020 Book Launch: Paul Mendes-Flohr's *Martin Buber: A Life of Faith and Dissent* (Yale University Press, 2019). [Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem](#). [[Video](#)]
- Feb. 2020 Symposium: *Bi-Nationalism in Martin Buber's Thought*. [Neveh Shalom, Israel](#).
- Jan. 2020 *Revolution and Jewish Activism in Martin Buber's Theopolitics*. [JASS](#) (Jewish Activism Reading Group by Prof. Jonathan Schorsch (Potsdam University), Berlin.
- Sep. 2019 Parashat Hashavua. *Non-Humans in the Kingdom of Ends: The Relationship to Inanimate, Vegetative and Animals in Jewish Thought*. Reading Parashat Re'eh (Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17). Frankelufer Synagogue. Berlin.
- Aug. 2019 *The Theopolitical Revolution of the Everyday: Martin Buber's Critique of Modern Revolution*. [Kreuzberg Beit-Midrash](#). Berlin.
- Oct. 2018 *Dialogischer Messianismus: Martin Buber über den Begriff des Messianismus zwischen Judentum und Christentum*. Conference: Messianische Differenz. Hans Urs von Balthasar und die dialogische Theologie.“ [Katholische Akademie in Berlin](#).
- Mar. 2018 *Martin Buber on the Messiah: Judaism and Christianity*. Book Launch: *Vorlesungen über Judentum und Christentum*, Martin Buber-Werkausgabe (MBW). Ed. Orr Scharf. [Leo-Baeck-Institute, Jerusalem](#). [Hebrew].

- Jan. 2018 *Ontology, Nationalism, Forgetfulness*. Book Launch, Heidegger and Jewish Thought. [Zentrum Jüdische Studien, Berlin](#).
- July 2017 *Beyond the Borders of Language: Reflections and Commentary on the Concept Diasporic Hebrew*. [Hebrew]. Mikan Ve'eylakh. Berlin. [[Video](#) (11:26- 24:23)].
- June 2017 *The Adventurous Descent of the Zaddik in Hasidism*. Paideia International Conference, University of Potsdam.
- July 2015 *The Reception of Martin Heidegger in Israel 1930-2015*. [Lecture series, Forbidden Germans: From Richard Wagner to Martin Heidegger](#). HaGymnasia: Lecture Series on Hebrew Culture and Thought in Berlin ZJS Berlin. [Hebrew].
- PAPERS IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS*
- July 2021 *Vaterland vs. Eretz HaAvot: Martin Buber on One Land and Two Peoples*. Cultural Encounters: Contemporary German and Israeli Literature. Reception, Translation and World Literature. MLU Halle-Wittenberg [Scheduled]
- June 2021 *Buber, Politik und Messianismus* [in German]. Herausforderungen der Theologie im 21. Jahrhundert im Spannungsfeld von Wissenschaft, Politik und Gesellschaft. University of Potsdam. [Scheduled]
- Dec. 2020 *A Gilgul of Meaning: Martin Buber's Hebrew Thinking in German*. [52 Annual Conference AJS](#).
- Sep. 2019 *Buber and Jewish Activism*. Preparatory Workshop. 100 years *I and Thou*. Prof. Ron Margolin. Tel- Aviv University.
- July 2019 *Martin Buber's Dialogical History: A Theopolitical Critique of the History of Power*. Workshop: Political Theology. [ZFL Berlin](#).
- June 2019 *Dialogical History vs. Hegelian Dialectical History*. [Leo Baeck Workshop Dubnow Institute in Leipzig](#).
- Feb. 2019 *Ich habe nicht geantwortet: On Silence, Forgetfulness and Halakha in Martin Buber's response to Rosenzweig's The Builders*. [International Rosenzweig Society Conference](#). Jerusalem, Israel.
- Nov. 2018 *History of Forgetfulness in Martin Buber's Writings*. [Leo Baeck Workshop in Brighton](#).
- Aug. 2018 *Line of Demarcation (Kav ha-Tikhum): Martin Buber's Non-Categorical Imperative in Ernst Simon Writings*. International Conference: [Ernst Akiba Simon \(1899-1988\): Life, Work and Controversies between Germany and Israel](#). Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg and the Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem.
- July 2018 *The Theopolitical Imperative: Martin Buber's Line of Demarcation*. Panel Organizer and participant. Jewish Political Theology. [EAJS \(European Association for Jewish Studies\), Krakow](#).
- June 2018 *Dialogsvergessenheit: Martin Buber on Halakha and Hyper-nationalism*. The German Department's Research Forum, invited by Prof. Christoph Schmidt and Dr. Amir Engel. Hebrew University.
- May 2018 *Myth as a Figure of Truth: Reflections on Buber and Heidegger*. International Workshop: [Figures of Truth. Criticizing Knowledge in the 20th Century](#), Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- Apr. 2018 *Jewish Historicism in the Thought of Martin Buber*. [Annual Colloquium at the Rosenzweig-Minerva Center](#). Respondent: Paul Mendes-Flohr. Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

- Mar. 2018 *Dialogvergessenheit: Jewish History of Forgetfulness in the Writings of Martin Buber.* [German Jewish Studies Workshop at Tantur](#), Jerusalem.
- Mar. 2018 *Halakha and Forgetfulness: The Living Dialogue with the Divine in Martin Buber's thought.* [Hartman Institute](#). Jerusalem.
- Sep. 2017 *The Voice of Thin Silence: Political Dialogue between Heaven and Earth.* University of Virginia. Jewish Studies Graduate School Colloquium, invited by Prof. Asher Biemann.
- Aug. 2017 *In the Name of God: Theopolitics and Charismatic Leadership in Martin Buber's Political Thought.* [The 17th World Congress of Jewish Studies](#). Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- July 2017 *Ancient Politeia: Buber's Biblical Politeia vs. Plato's Greek Politeia.* [Fifth Conference for Young Researchers in Jewish Studies](#). University of Potsdam.
- May 2017 *The Truth of Myth, Mysticism and Politics.* International Workshop: [Humanity in Crisis: Rereading Hans Jonas's Philosophical Essays in the Age of Climate Change and Post-Truth Politics](#). Aarhus University Conference Center at Sandbjerg Estate, Denmark.
- Sep. 2016 *Biblical Politeia: Martin Buber's Political Exegesis of the Bible.* International Conference: [German-Jewish Bible Exegesis: Theological Perspectives](#). University of Potsdam.
- July 2016 *History of Forgetfulness: The Obliviousness of Dialogue vs. Being in Martin Buber's and Martin Heidegger's Philosophies.* International Conference: ['Das andere Denken': Heideggerian and Jewish Thought](#). Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg (ZJS).
- Jan. 2016 *The Innerlichkeit of the Zwischen.* International Workshop: [Innerlichkeit and Modernity: The German-Jewish Perspective](#). ZJS Berlin.
- Dec. 2015 *The Hasidic Zaddik as Theopolitical Leader.* International Conference (AJS): [47th Annual Conference of the Association Jewish Study](#), Boston.
- May 2015 *Kingship of God: Yahweh as King.* International Conference: [Multiple Dialogues: Martin Buber in Palestine/Israel](#). Leo Baeck Institute in Jerusalem.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Feminism and Jewish Thought. Co-teaching with Prof. Karma Ben-Johanan (Humboldt). Winter term. [Scheduled]
- 2021 Mizrahi Studies: Research in the History and Culture of Arabic Jews. Co-teaching with Prof. Sina Rauchenbach (Potsdam). Summer term.
- 2020 Introduction to Hasidism and Jewish Mysticism. Winter Term.
- 2017 Guest lecture: Jewish life in Israel, in: Introduction to Judaism, Prof. Dr. Sina Rauschenbach (B.A. course), University of Potsdam. 17 July, 2017.
- 2017 [Antichrist: Nietzsche and the Jews](#), University of Potsdam. Summer term.
- 2016 [The 'Biblical Politeia': Martin Buber's Political Exegesis of the Bible](#), University of Potsdam. Winter term.
- 2016 [Angeleitetes Selbststudium. Lehren des Judentums mit dem Schwerpunkt Philosophie und Geistesgeschichte](#), University of Potsdam. Summer term.
- 2016 [Introduction to Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah](#), University of Potsdam. Summer term.

- 2015 [YHWH as King: Martin Buber's Theopolitical Utopia](#), University of Potsdam. Winter term.
- 2015 Guest lecture: Hasidim and Mitnagdim, in: *Juden im frühneuzeitlichen Europa*, by Prof. Sina Rauschenbach, University of Potsdam.
- 2015 [The Prophet and the Zaddik as Social Leaders in Martin Buber's Philosophy](#), University of Potsdam. Summer term.
- 2014 [Martin Heidegger: Schwarze Hefte](#), University of Potsdam. Winter term.
- 2013 [Introduction to Jewish Philosophy](#), University of Potsdam. Winter term.
- 2006-2009 Lecturer in Psychology and Sociology for proficiency studies, "Yeda" College for adult education (Recognized by the Israeli Ministry of Education).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Feb. 2021 Essay Reviewer for the Journal *Naharaim*
- Jan. 2014 Selection Committee for Exchange Student Program (Potsdam to Tel-Aviv)

PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 The Topographies of Exile: Horizons of Hope and Healing, directed by Prof. Paul Mendes-Flohr Summer term. [[Webinar](#)]
- 2020 The Legacy of Hannah Arendt, directed by Prof. Paul Mendes-Flohr. Summer term. [[Webinar](#)]
- July 2018 Academic advisor in the project *Der Kündler: Buber-Durati Festival* (Opera and Conference) directed by Prof. Martin Fischer Dieskau.
- Oct. 2018 [Beit Makhshava](#). Workshop: Talmud and Ecology. Venice.
- 2017/2018 [The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute](#). Research group, "Jewish Political Thought." Coordinators: Orit Malka and Omer Michaelis.
- 2017/2018 [Shalom Hartman Institute](#). Study group "Jewish Theology," guided by Prof. Menachem Lorberbaum (Participants: Prof. Moshe Idel, Prof. Dov Schwarz, Prof. Adam Afterman, Prof. Shlomo Naeh, Prof. Adiel Schermer and others). Winter term.
- 2017/2018 [The JTS-Schocken Institute](#) for Jewish Research, Jerusalem. Research group on Breslov writings. Prof. Jonatan Meir. Winter term.
- May 2017 [The Yale Annual Seminar](#): "Migration and Immigration in modern Hebrew Literature and Jewish Literature". Modern Hebrew Literature and Jewish Literature, by Prof. Hannan Hever. The Program of Judaic Studies, the Department of Comparative Literature, Yale University. (Invited participant, funded by Yale)
- 2015/2016 [Junior Teaching Professionals](#) (JTP) certificate program for doctoral candidates with academic career target. Potsdam Graduate School (Scholarship program).
- June 2015 [ISCI Summer School \(The New School, NYC\)](#): "Martin Heidegger", by Prof. Simon Critchley. (Awarded travel grant)
- 2007-2009 [Beit Midrash "ITIM"](#). Talmud Studies, by Prof. Shai Wozner, Tel-Aviv University.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2010/2011 Research Assistant to Dr. Brigitte Parakenings, Philosophy Archive, University of Konstanz.
- 2010/2011 Research Assistant to Prof. Dina Emundts, Department of Philosophy, University of Konstanz.

- 2009/2010 Research assistant to Prof. Marcel Weber, Department of Philosophy University of Konstanz.
- 2004/2005 Research assistant to Prof. Nachshon Meiran, Laboratory of Cognition Sciences, Ben-Gurion University.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (Native); English (Fluent); German (Fluent); Arabic (Basic knowledge); Classical Greek (Basic knowledge).