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Education

2005, Ph.D. Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

Thesis title: "Intellectuals in Monarchic Iraq, Representations of Iraqi Intellectuals, 1931-1941"

1999, Turkish Language and Culture Program, Bogazici University (Istanbul) 1995-1998, MA, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University (*summa cum laude*). Thesis' title: "*Al-Misbah*, A Jewish Newspaper in Iraq"

1995, Seminar in Peace Research, Oslo University

1992-1995, BA, Tel Aviv University. Double Major: Middle Eastern History & Arabic Literature (*magna cum laude*)

Fields of Expertise:

Iraqi History and Culture, Arab-Jewish History, Arab Intellectual History, History and Literature, Israeli history

Conferences Organized

September 16-18, 2019 Iraqi Jews – Entanglement with modernities, SOAS/London and the British Academy

Mach 4-6, 2014, What are Arab Jewish Texts? Questions of Texts and Contexts, Neubauer Collegium, with Walid Saleh (University of Toronto)

December 2012, with Haim Noy, Jewish Travel, Penn (CJS)

April, 2011, with Fred Donner, Conference on "Lebanon Faces the Future," Chicago University

May, 2000, with Petra M Sijpesteijn, Conference on Reading Islamic Legal Texts, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

Fellowships, Awards or Special Recognition

August 2021-21, with Michelle Campos; Lior Sternfeld (co-project director), National Endowments for the Humanities Grant Award Project Title: Reimagining Jewish Life in the Modern Middle East, 1800–Present: Culture, Society, and History

May-July 2019, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften/Goethe University, Frankfurt

2018-2019 Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania

2013-2014 Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society project [funding for the project: “What are Arab Jewish Texts? Texts and Questions of Context”]

2011-2012 Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania

2009-2011, Fellow, The National Forum on the Future of Liberal Education (funded by the Teagle Foundation)

2008-2009 Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago 2006, Provost’s Teaching Award, University of Chicago

2005, Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Prize, Best Dissertation Award in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

2005, Departmental award for best dissertation in Near Eastern Studies

2003-2004, Recipient of the Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University

2002-2003, Dissertation Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

1997, Zalman Aranne Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University

1996, Leo Assioe Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University

Publications

Books:

- *Impossible Exodus -- Iraqi Jews in Israel*. Stanford University Press, 2017

Winner: Nikki Keddie Book Award, Middle East Studies Association, North America

- *New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq*. Stanford University Press, 2012

- *The Other Iraq – Pluralism and Culture in Hashemite Iraq*, Stanford University Press, 2009 [Paperback, November 2010]

Edited Volumes

Coedited with Joshua Levinson (eds.), *Jews and Journeys: Travel and the Performance of Jewish*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021

- Coedited with Margrit Pernau, Helge Jordheim, Christian Bailey, Oleg Benesch, Jan Ifversen, Mana Kia, Rochona Majumdar, Angelika C. Messner, Myoung-kyu Park, Emmanuelle Saada, Mohinder Singh, and Einar Wigen, *Civilizing Emotions – Concepts in Nineteenth Century Asia and Europe*, Oxford University Press, 2015

- *Sculpturing Culture in Egypt: Cultural Planning, National Identity and Social Change in Egypt, 1890-1939*, co-authored with Israel Gershoni and Liat Kozma, (Ramat Press, Tel Aviv, 1999) [Hebrew]

Book Projects:

Jewish Modernities in Iraq, coedited with Zvi Ben Dor, will be submitted to Edinburgh University Press

The Arab Dreyfus, Discussions of Race, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia during the Arab Nahda, 1876- 1948 [book project, in process]

Articles:

“On Noble and Inherited Virtues: Discussions of the Semitic Race in the Levant and Egypt, 1876–1918” *Humanities* 10:3 (2021) <https://doi.org/10.3390/h10030088>
available on: <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-0787/10/3/88/htm>

Coauthored with Sooyong Kim, “An Ottoman Holy Land: Two Early Modern Travel Accounts and Imperial Subjectivity” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish* 39: 2 (2021), 1-31

“The Colonized Semites and the Infectious Disease: Theorizing and Narrativizing Anti-Semitism in the Levant, 1870–1914,” *Critical Inquiry* 47: (2021), 189-217

"Multilingual journeys: Jewish travel narratives and multicultural identities in interwar Iraq", *Journal of Contemporary Iraq and the Arab World*, Volume 14, Numbers 1-2, 1 June 2020, 69-87

With Yoram Meital, Nancy Berg and Yuval Evry, "The Philologists' Sorrow and the Failure to Bury Arab-Jewish Identity and Culture," *JAMA'A*, Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle East Studies, Vol. 25, guest (2020), pp. 378-353, (in Hebrew)

"Solidarity in the Galilee," *The American Historical Review* 125:2 April 2020, 554-558

"Invisible Borders in the Town of Herzl-Ethnic Relations, Transit Camps, and the Birth of an Israeli City," *Contemporanea*, 1/2019, January-March, 112-118

"Three Syrian intellectuals, a French Jewish Officer, and the Question of Late Ottoman Pluralism," 50:4, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, November 2018, 765-768

"Unholy Pilgrims in a New Diaspora: Iraqi Jewish Protest in Israel, 1950-1955," *The Middle East Journal*, 70:4, Fall 2016, 609-622

"When the Safras Met the Dājanīs: Arabic in Hebrew and the Rethinking of National Ideology," *Journal of Arabic Literature*, 47:1-2, 2016, 138 - 168

"Deconstructing Destruction: The New Historiography of Twentieth-Century Iraq and the Second Gulf War," *Arab Studies Journal* 23:1 (2015), 210-136

"Irak: Abondance et diversité," *Qantara*:95 - Printemps 2015 : « Juifs du Proche-Orient XIXe-XXe siècle »

"The Middle Eastern Shift and Provincializing Zionism", *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46:3 (August 2014), 577-580 (editor of a round table on this issue)

"A Portrait of an Iraqi Novelist as a Young Man," *Kufa Review* 2:2 (Spring 2013), 9-35

"The Barbarism from Within - Discourses about Fascism amongst Iraqi and Iraqi-

Jewish Communists, 1942-1955," *Die Welt des Islams*, 52:3-4, 2012, 400-429

"Hybrid Nationalisms: Watani and Qawmi visions in Iraq under 'Abd al-Karim Qasim, 1958-1961," *International Journal of Middle East Studies [IJMES]* (2011), 43: 293-312

"Religious hatred shall disappear from the land', Iraqi Jews as Ottoman Subjects, 1864-1913," *International Journal for Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, 2010

"Iraqi Arab-Jewish Identities: First Body Singular," *AJS Perspectives -- The Magazine*

of the Association for Jewish Studies

“Lands, Hands and Socio-cultural Boundaries: A Reading in Dhu Nun Ayyub’s *The Hand, the Land and the Water* (1948),” *Middle East Studies* 2009, 389-401

« Un Arabe juif dans l’Irak de l’entre-deux-guerres La carrière d’Anwar Shā’ul», *Vingtième Siècle. Revue d’histoire* 103:3 (2009), 121-131

“ ‘Out of Place’: Home and Empire in the Works of Mahmud Ahmad al-Sayyid and Dhu Nun Ayyub, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*,” 28:3 (2008), 428-442

“A Note from the Jewish Past — A Comparison between Iraqi Refugees in Arab States Today and Jewish Iraqi Migrants in Israel,” Viewpoints — Special Edition, Iraq’s Refugee and IDP Crisis: Human Toll and Implications. Washington DC: The Middle East Institute, 2008

“Representations of Women in the Writings of the Intelligentsia in Hashemite Iraq, 1921–1958,” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 4.1 (2007) 53-82

“When Mu’āwiya entered the Curriculum” – Some comments on the Iraqi education system in the interwar period,” *Comparative Education Review*, (special Issue on “Education in Islam: Myths and Truths”), 50:3 (2006), 346-66

“Why Did Baghdadi Jews Stop Writing to their Brethren in Mainz? – Some Comments about the Reading Practices of Iraqi Jews in the 19th Century,” *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Sup.15 (2004): 95-111.

“Grandma and I – Tales from Old Baghdad,” *Mekarov*, Winter 2002 [Hebrew]
“Hanukka in the Zionist Discourse According to “Seffer Hamoadim” (The Book of Festivals),” *Zemanin*, Vol 16, Number 61, Winter 1997/8 [Hebrew]

Book Chapters:

“Unforgettable Radicalism: al-Ittihad’s Words in Hebrew Novels,” Laure Guirguis (ed.), *The Arab Lefts: Histories and Legacies, 1950s–1970s*, Edinburgh University Press, 2020

“Jewish Mosque-Keeper and Arab Talmudists: Reflections on Arab Jewish Relations 1839-1918,” (in French), *Le monde arabe existe-t-il (encore) ?* Seuil/ Institut du Monde Arabe, 2020

“On Eastern Cultures: Trans-Regionalism and Multilingualism in Iraq, 1910-1938, Marilyn Booth (ed.), *Migrating Texts: Circulating Translations around the Ottoman*

Mediterranean, Edinburgh University Press, 2019

“Reborn savages: Demodernization in Modern Iraq,” Yakov M Rabkin and Mikhail Minakov (eds.), *Demodernization: A Future in the Past*, Stuttgart, Germany: Verlag/ibidem Press, 2018, 139-163

“Arabic Thought in the Radical Age: Emile Habibi, the Israeli Communist Party and the Production of Arab Jewish Radicalism, 1946–1961,” Max Weiss and Jens Hanssen (eds.), *Arabic Thought against the Authoritarian Age, Towards an Intellectual History of the Present*, Cambridge University Press, 2018

“Mosul as Paradise: Nazis, Angels, Jewish Soldiers, and the Jewish Community in Northern Iraq, 1941-1943” Francis R. Nicosia and Boğaç A. Ergene (eds.), *Nazism, the Holocaust, and the Middle East, Arab and Turkish Responses*, Berghahn Books, 2018

“The Lamp, Qasim Amin, Jewish Women, and Baghdadi Men – A Reading in the Jewish Iraqi Journal al-Misbah,” Anthony Gorman, Didier Monciaud (eds.), *The Press in the Middle East and North Africa, 1850-1950, Politics, Social History and Culture*, Edinburgh University Press, 2017.

“A Patriotic Uprising: Baghdadi Jews and the Wathba,” in Nelida Fucarro (ed.), *Violence and the City in the Modern Middle East*, Stanford University Press, 2016

“Jews in an imperial pocket: Northern Iraqi Jews and the British Mandate,” Cyrus Schayegh (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, Routledge, 2015

“On Schools, Jails, and Cemeteries: Shoshanna Levy’s Gendered Autobiography,” *Gender in Judaism and Islam*, Firozeh Kasheni Sabet and Beth Wagner (eds), NYU Press, 2014

“My Sister Esther: Reflections on Judaism, Ottomanism, and the Empire of Egypt in the Works of Farah Antun,” Marilyn Booth and Anthony Gorman (eds.), *Egypt in the Long 1890s*, Edinburgh University Press, 2014

“Iraqi Shadows, Iraqi lights – Iraqi Responses to Fascism and Nazism,” in Israel Gershoni (ed.), *Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism*, Texas University Press, 2014

“Advice From The Past: 'Ali Al-Wardi on Literature and Society”, Jordi Tejel , Peter Sluglett, Riccardo Bocco: Hamit Bozarslan (eds.) *Writing the Modern History of Iraq, Historiographical and Political Challenges* , World Scientific Publishing Company , 2012, 13-30

“Iraqi Women, Jewish Men and Global Noises in Two Texts by Ya‘qub Balbul” *Transnational Borderlands: The Making of Cultural Resistance in Women’s Global Networks*, Clara Román-Odio, Marta Sierra (eds), Palgrave, 2011

“Discourses on Democracy in the Hashemite Period, 19121-1958 through the Vision of Abd al-Fattah Ibrahim,” *Iraq Between Two Occupations*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010

“Concubine J Demands Her Freedom -- Harems and Political Tyranny in the works of Jurji Zaydan,” Marilyn Booth (ed.), *Harem Histories*, Duke University Press, 2010.

“The Arab Revival, Archaeology, and the Ancient Middle Eastern History,” Geoff Emberling (ed), *Pioneers to the Past – American Archaeologists in the Middle East, 1919-1920*, Chicago: The Oriental Institute Museum Publications no. 30, The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, 2010, 91-101

“Nationalism as a cause: Arab nationalism in the writings of Ghassan Kanafani” Christoph Schumann (ed) *Nationalism and Liberal Thought in the Arab East Ideology and Practice*, Routledge 2010

“To Educate an Iraqi-Jew: Or What Can We Learn From Hebrew Autobiographies about Arab Nationalism and the Iraqi Education System (1921-1952)” André E. Mazawi, Ronald G. Sultana (eds), *World Yearbook of Education 2010: Education and the Arab 'World': Political Projects, Struggles, and Geometries of Power*, Routledge 2010, 163-181

“The Iraqi Afghans and ‘Abduhs: Debates over reform among Shiiite and Sunni ‘Ulama’ in interwar Iraq,” Meir Hatina (ed.), *Guardians of Faith in Modern Times: ‘Ulama’ in the Middle East*, Leiden: Brill, 2009, 141-170

“The Nile Valley at the Banks of the Euphrates and Tigris: Egyptian Intellectuals in Iraq during the Interwar Period,” Israel Gershoni, Meir Hatina (eds). “*Narrating the Nile – Politics, Cultures, Identities*,” Lynne Rienner Press, 2008

“Looking forward to the Past: Nahda, Revolution and the Early Ba’th in Iraq,” *The Other Renaissance*, Palgrave/Macmillan, 2007.

“When Dwelling Becomes Impossible – Arab-Jews in America and in Israel in the writings of Ahmad Susa and Shimon Ballas,” Zahia Salhi (ed.), *The Arab Diaspora – Voices of Anguished Scream*, Routledge, 2005

“On Noh’s Fantastic Struggle against Fadhil al-Jamali – Dhu al-Nun Ayyub (1904-1983) and the Iraqi Education System in the Interwar Years,” in Ami Ayalon (ed.), *The Madrasash Festschrift in Honor of Michael Winter*, Tel Aviv University Press, 2004 [Hebrew].

Articles and Book Chapters Accepted/Submitted for publication:

“The Fruit of the Arts and the Mob: Global Minorities,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (accepted)

“Revisiting Multilingualism in the Ottoman Empire” (coauthored with Sooyong Kim), submitted to *The Review of Middle East Studies* (RoMES) [under review]

“Arab/Jew: History, Memory, and Imaginations of Identity in Literatures of the Nahḍah” submitted to *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Literature* [under review]

Book and Films Reviews

Pnina Motzafi-Haller, *Concrete Boxes: Mizrahi Women on Israel's Periphery*, *Journal of Palestine Studies* Vol.49 No. 4 (Summer 2020), 143-144

Lital Levy, *Poetic Trespass, Writing between Hebrew and Arabic in Israel/Palestine*, *Journal of Arabic Literature*, 50:1 (2019), 81-84

Ella Habiba Shohat, *On the Arab Jew, Palestine, and Other Displacement, Selected Writings*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, November 2018, 51: 1, 153-157

Elisheva Machlis, Shi'i Sectarianism in the Middle East: Modernisation and the Quest for Islamic Universalism, *Ha-Mizrah ha-Hadash*, Summer 2016 (in Hebrew)

Yaron Shemer, Identity, Place, and Subversion in Contemporary Mizrahi Cinema in Israel, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47:2 (2015), 395-397

Dina Rizk Khoury. *Iraq in Wartime: Soldiering, Martyrdom, and Remembrance*, *The American Historical Review*, 120: 2 (2015), 750-751

Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, *The Eastern Mediterranean and the making of global radicalism, 1860-1914*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, April 2014

Joseph Sassoon, *Saddam Hussein's Ba'th Party: Inside an Authoritarian Regime*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 45:04 (2013), 848-850

Noga Efrati, *Women in Iraq: Past Meets Present*, NY: Columbia University Press, 2012, TAARII: Newsletter: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq: issues: 2:7: Fall 2012

Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab, *Contemporary Arab Thought: Cultural Critique in Comparative Perspective*, New York, Columbia University Press, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, August 2012, 44:3, 568-569

Karen M. Kern, *Imperial Citizen, Marriage and Citizenship in the Ottoman Frontier Provinces of Iraq*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2011, TAARII: Newsletter: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq: issues: 1/7: Spring

2012

Sami Shalom Chetrit, Intra-Jewish Conflict in Israel, *International Journal of Middle East Studies, International Journal of Middle East Studies* (2011), 43: 331-333

Eric Davis, Memories of the State, *International Journal for Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, Fall 2010

“Valse avec Bashir” (réalisé par Ari Folman, 2008), *Vingtième Siècle* 103, juillet-septembre 2009

Stephen Sheehi, Foundations of Modern Arab Identity, Gainesville, 2004, *Middle East Journal*, Spring 2008

Peter Wien, Iraqi Arab Nationalism: Authoritarian, Totalitarian and Pro-Fascist Inclinations, 1932–1941, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 40 (2008)

‘Abbas Shiblak, Iraqi Jews, A History of the Mass Exodus, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 39 (2007)

“Contemporary Muslim Apocalyptic Literature,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Fall 2006

“The Israeli Palestinians – An Arab Minority in the Jewish State,” *British Journal for Middle Eastern Studies* 33:2 (2006)

“Iraq Since 1958: From Revolution to Dictatorship,” *Arab Studies Journal*, Spring 2003 *Encyclopedia Entries*:

“al-Barid al-Yawmi,” “Salman Shina,” “al-Hasid,” “Jews of Basra,” *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden: Brill, 2010

“Ali ‘Abd al-Raziq,” *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*

Professional Affiliations and Societies

Center for Middle Eastern, University of Chicago, member, Director (till July 1); director (since July 1)

Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago, member, board member

Middle East Studies Association of North America, member since 1999, board member since 2018

Critical Inquiry, Board member since 2018

Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies, board member

Papers Delivered at Academic Conferences, Public Lectures and Seminars

Keynotes

“Keynote Panel,” *Iraqi Studies: Past, Present, and Future*, 28-29 February, 2, 2020
Columbia University, NYC

When Jews Marched for Hossein: Shia-Jewish Relations in Hashemite Iraq (1921-1958), Muslim-Jewish Encounters: Shia Islam and Judaism, Florida International University, University of Bamberg, Miami, Florida Jewish Museum, April 10, 2019

The Jew as a metaphor, Jews and the Arab Nahda, Jews in Muslim Majority Countries, History and Perspectives, The Jewish Museum, Berlin, 24 to 26 October 2017

“The History of Iraqi Jewish Children—In Israel and Iraq,” 25th Annual Sabbagh Lecture, The University of Arizona, School of Anthropology, Thursday, February 23, 2017

“Jewish Childhood in Ottoman and Independent Iraq, Averroës Lecture Series”
Inaugural Lecture in the Averroës Lecture on Jewish Communities in Muslim Lands, February 16, 2017, UCLA

Iraqi Jews, bilingualism, nationalism and racism, Saladin 2015 | 2nd–5th March The Jews in the Islamic World, Oslo Literature House

Vassar Fishman Seminars in Jewish Studies, Arab Jewish Identities in Iraq and Israel, Vassar College, May 7,8, 2014

"I write, therefore I am an Arab," The Arab Jewish Literature of Iraqi Jews, 1908-1968 - Keynote Speaker, " Jews, Christians, Muslim: Concepts of the Other", Open University, Israel, Dec, 26, 2012

“Global Feminism in Iraq, 1921-1958,” CLCA Conference -- Transnational Dialogues: De-Centering the Academic Debate on Global Feminisms, Keynote Speech, September 28, 2008, Kenyon College, Ohio

Invited Talks

“Baghdad, Galicia, and the Question of the Province,” Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, June 15, 2021 [remote]

“The Colonized Semites and the Infectious Disease: Anti-Semitism in the Levant, 1870–1914,” Thursday, April 29, 2021, Dartmouth College, *The Humanities Seminar in Jewish and Middle Eastern Studies* [remote]

"The poetry of Sargon Bulus," New Lecture Series: “Reclaiming Lost Pasts - The Assyrian Community in Modern Times” March 30th, 2021 CMES, University of

Chicago [remote]

"Impossible Exodus," Colloquium Rethinking Israeli History, Brooklyn College CUNY, November 30th, 2020 [remote]

"An Old New World: Modernity, Science, and New Islamic Cosmology," Farouk Mustafa Memorial Friday Lecture Series, May 29, 2020, University of Chicago [remote]

"Closing Remarks," Iraqi Jews – Entanglement with modernities, SOAS/London and the British Academy, September 16-18, 2019

"Jewish-Shiite Relations in Iraq," Iraqi Jews – Entanglement with modernities, SOAS/London and the British Academy, September 16-18, 2019

"Israeli Babylonians: The Birth of Iraqi Israeli Identity," 2019 Jeffry Plevan Memorial Lecture," The Arizona Center for Jewish Studies, University of Arizona, April 29th, 2019

History Talks: "Lost in the City: Spatial and Racial Politics in the Israel of the 1950s," İstanbul Bilgi University Department of History, 22 April 2019

"A Rainy History: Mizrahi Children in the 1950s, Museum Lecture," Bogazici Universitesi/Bosporus University, Istanbul, 18 April, 2019

"Jewish Refugees in Israeli Camps: Iraqi Jews in the 1950s," Middlebury College, Thursday, April 4, 2019

"Impossible Exodus: Iraqi Jews in Israel," American University, Washington Dc, March 5 2019

"Iraqi Jews in Israel - Impossible Exodus," Kenyon College, January 23, 2019

"On Iraqi Communists, Memories, and Social History," Haifa Feminist Institute, December 19, 2018

"Impossible Exodus, Iraqi Jews in Israel," Strum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, April 9, 2018

"Impossible Exodus," Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania, March 27, 2018

Impossible Exodus, Iraqi Jews in Israel, Northwestern University, Feb. 5. 2018

"Between ISIS and the state: Religious minorities in Iraq," Yale University, New

Haven, November 20, 2017

Baghdad: A City that Never Sleeps, "Remembering Baghdad Lecture Series: Da'at Hamakom and I-Core Israel Center of Research Excellence, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem Wednesday, 14 December, 2016

"Ambiguous Exodus – conversation about an upcoming book," May 11, 2016, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

"From the Dung Hill to the Ariel Sharon Park: The Lives of Iraqi Jews in Israeli Transit Camps," University of California, Berkeley, November, 17, 2015

"From Palestinian Village to an Iraqi Transit Camp," University of California, Santa Barbara, November 18, 2015

The Jewish Turning Point: New Trends in the Study of Jewish Societies in Muslim Countries, 11 February, 2016, 17:00 to 19:00, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem

"The Image of the Jew in 19th century Arab culture," Zeev Rubin Seminar, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv School of History, Dec 15th, 2014

'I Treasure My Love to the Nation of Muhammad': Jews and Muslims in Modern Iraq," November 18, 2014, Wesleyan University

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq and in Israel," University of Michigan Ann Arbor, January 29th, 2014

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq," The National Archives, Washington DC, December 3, 2013, William G. McGowan Theater

"Sectarianism in Iraq," Analytic exchange with the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, December 2, 2013, Washington DC, US State Department

"The Lure of Iraq – Iraqi Jewish Critiques of Zionism, 1921-1967", Nov. 13 2013, Creighton University, NB

New Babylonians: The Farhud and Iraqi Jewry," Seminar, April 9, 2013, UCLA, Center for Jewish Studies

"Rethinking the Jewish-Iraqi Experience in Mid-20th Century Iraq" April 11, 2013, Middle Eastern Studies, UC San Diego

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq," The Institute for Middle East Studies: Lecture Series, George Washington University, DC, March 5, 2013

"On Sponges and Lost Love: Three Poems and a Few Comments on Iraqi Jewish History," Zukunftsphilologie, Free University, Berlin, February 20, 2013

New Babylonians – A Book Launch Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Dec 2012

"New Babylonians," Oct, 2012, San Diego Harper Lecture [for University of Chicago Alums]

"On Sponges and Lost Love: Three Poems and a Few Comments on Arab-Jewish History in Iraq," March 22, 2012, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT College of Liberal Arts - The University of Texas at Austin

"New Perspectives on and from Middle Eastern Jewry," University of Pennsylvania, Program for Jewish Studies, March 29, 2012

"Iraqi Jewish Intellectuals: Between Arab Nationalism and Communism," The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies & the Committee on Middle East Studies, University of Maryland, January 31, 2012

"Iraqi Jewish Identity, Travel, and Conversion to Islam," Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Penn, November 21, 2011

"The impossibility of Margins – Iraqi Jews in Iraq and Israel," Hong Kong University, February 21, 2011

The Jewish-Iraqi Anti Zionist League, Arabic Lecture Series, Princeton University, February 10, 2011 [in Arabic]

"The Farhud 1941, Urban Riots, Baghdadi Jews and Muslim Tolerance," The Middle Eastern Center at the University of Pennsylvania, 28 October, 2010

"Red Baghdad – Iraqi Jews and the Iraqi Communist Party, 1941-1952," Symposium on Modern Jewish and Israeli History, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago, February 23, 2010

"The Making of an Arab-Jew: Iraqi Jewish Intellectuals," Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies Program, Washington University in Saint Louis, Thursday, November 5, 2009

"The Semitic Equation -- Ideology and History in Baghdadi Jewish Concepts of Community," April 1, 2009, Berliner Seminar, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

"Jewish Intellectuals in Iraq," Jewish Studies Lectures, UW-Milwaukee, December 5, 2008

"Journalistes et hommes," CNRS, Paris, April 17 (in English), 2008

"On Medieval Dictators and Gay Poets, Representations of the Medieval Past in Modern Iraqi Historiography," Medieval Lunch Colloquium, Yale University, April

3rd, 2007

"Sunnis, Shiites and Jews Imagining the Nation," Religious Studies Lecture Series, University of California, Davis, April 24th, 2007

"Mussolini and Hajjaj, Muhammad and Marx," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Friday Lecture Series, University of Chicago, 4 December 2004

Lectures delivered in conferences and academic workshops

"The Farhud from a gendered perspective: Jewish Women in the Farhud," Conference in commemoration of the Farhud, Yad Ben Tzvi (Jerusalem), June 1, 2021 (remote)

"A Dream about Hell, A Dream about Freedom- Zahawi's Rebellion in Hell," Middle East Studies Association, 54th Annual Meeting, October 5- 17, 2020 [remote]

"An Old/New Colonial World, The Rise of Arab of Discourse," The Rise and Fall of the New World, Dan David 2019 Conference, December 18-19, 2019, Tel Aviv University

"Opening session-Roundtable discussion " Order, Reorder, and Disorder: Jews and Muslims Encountering the Modern Era, 25th Annual Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, May 5-6, 2019

"The Mizrahi Question, the Palestinian Question and Matzpen," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 15-18, 2018

"How the Jews of Hilla learned to hate Mu'awaiya," Shi'i Jewish relations in Hashemite Iraq, Sectarian Identity and Community formation in Islam, University of Chicago Shi'i Studies Group Symposium, October 26-27, 2018

"Three stations in the Life of Menashe Somekh," Arab Jewish intellectuals conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 23, 2018

Arab Jewish Culture in Israel, Conference in honor of Shmeul Moreh, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, March 19, 2018

Suad Khayri's writings, "Towards an Arab Left Reader: Key Documents in Translation and Context," Cambridge University, Cambridge UK, 12 April 2018 - 14 April 2018

"Jews in the Nahda," Islam and Toleration, Harvard University, March 1-2, 2018

"When Racism Becomes Impossible: Jews in the Nahda," Anti-sectarian traditions, Rice University and University of Huston, TX, December 1, 2, 2017

"Iraqi Home Away from Home – Jewish Reflections on Iraq in the Diaspora" Middle

East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November, 19, 2017

Jewish Cultures of Northern Iraq, A Symposium in honor of Peter Slugfest, Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC, November, 16, 2017

“Subjugated Homeland, Unhappy People – Jewish Communist Women in Iraq and Israel, 1941–1966,” Radical Jewish Politics Workshop, May 25 2017, UC Santa Cruz

“Between the Sultan and the Footballer: How Arab Shi’is and Mizrahim learned to love the Ottoman Empire,” History and Society on TV in the Middle East Conference April 6, 2017 University of Maryland

“Self Portraits of the Communists as Young Men. Narrating Iraqi Jewish Communism,” Workshop: Red Biography: The Significance of Communist Life-Histories in Global Perspective, February 2nd, 2017, College Arts & Humanities Institute (CAHI), Indiana University Bloomington

“Historical lynching: violence, ethnicity, and religious minorities in novels from Bilad Al-Sham,” Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting Boston, November 20, 2017

“Iraqi Jews – The Battle for Survival in Transit Camps,” Wieseneck Symposium: “Arabs, Jews and ‘Arab-Jews’: Israel’s Entangled Identities,” Thursday, October 20, 2016, The Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan

“Self and Other in Post Andalusī Maqamat,” Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, May 27, 2016

“Expression of identity through poetry, art and religion,” Iraq: Possible Futures including a return to the Past, Harvard University, March 11, 2016

“Semite Brothers: Discussions of Race and Religion between Jews and Muslims in the Nahda,” Jewish-Muslim Relations – Boundaries and Transgressions, University of Florida, March 9, 2016

“Methodology and Margins: Studying Jewish Histories of the Middle East and North Africa” (round table discussion), Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, November, 22-24, 2016, Denver, Colorado

“The intellectual heritage of Israel Gershoni,” Ideas and Practices in the Modern Middle East, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Dec 22, 2015

“On Twins, Scandals and Unwanted Schools: Gender and Translation in Late Ottoman Iraq,” Islam in Global Perspective, NYU, Abu Dhabi, November 3, 2015

Al-Ittihad and the 1950s: Sami Michael’s Early Arabic Fiction, “ Between Baghdad and Haifa - a Tribute to Israeli Author Sami Michael, Northwestern University, Oct 7,

2015

"Iraqi Jewish Cultural Heritage," *History Under the Sword; Tracking Cultural Heritage Destruction, Human Migration, and the Dynamic Nature of Conflict in the Middle East*, Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study, 9-10 July 2015

Rabbi Yosef Haim of Baghdad, Translation and Gender, NYU Abu Dhabi, Seminar on translation and Gender, Abu Dhabi, UAE, March 15-16, 2015

"Northern Iraq during World War II," April 18-19, 2015, *Responses in the Middle East to National Socialism and the Holocaust, 1933-1945*, The University of Vermont

Round table on Pedagogy, "Thinking Beyond the Canon: New Themes and Approaches in Jewish Studies March 8-9, 2015," University of California, Los Angeles

Discussant, Minorities and Formations of the Modern Arab State, Middle East Studies Association, North America, *Mariott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.*, November 22-25, 2014

"Arab Jewish Refugees, "Uprooted: New Perspectives on Jewish Refugees and Migrants after the Second World War" April 30, 2014, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, NY, NY

"The Jewish Iraqi Approach to the Question of Palestine," *Arabic Literature: Migration, Diaspora, Exile, Estrangement*, November 7-9, 2013, Columbia University

"Urban Violence and the Rebirth of the Arab Jew, Baghdad and Tel Aviv," Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13, New Orleans, LA

"When Jerusalem and London Mattered to Khanaqin: A Few Comments on Jews in Northern Iraq, 1921-1932," *The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: the Mandate States in Global Perspective*, Princeton University, 20-22 September 2013

"The Minoritization of Iraqi Jews during the 1950s" *Governmentalizing minorities in the Middle East: from the late Ottoman period to the present day*, Friday 13 – Saturday 14 September 2013, Cambridge University

Jews, Jewish Arabs, Migrants, and Blacks: On Color and Race Among Iraqi Jewry 1921–1967, "The 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies," Hebrew University, July 28 – August 1, 2013

"How the War changed the historiography", *Shades of Occupation: Iraq After 10 Years: Mellon Symposium*, March 29, 2013, Haverford College

Arab Jews, Mirazhis, and Israeli Citizens: Jews as Minorities in the Middle East", "

Minorities, Media, and Democratization in the Contemporary Middle East,
University of Nebraska, Omaha, April 13-14, 2013

"Urban Violence and Minoritization in Baghdad: The Farhud, the Wathba, and the Iraqi Jewish Community," International Conference - Urban Violence in the Middle East: Histories of Place and Event, SOAS University of London, 13–16 February 2013

"Nationalism Collides: The Farhud, Iraqi Jewry and Politicized Violence," November 19, 2012, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO

"Globalizing the Mizrahi struggle: Sit-ins, Demonstrations, and Hunger Strikes in 1950s Israel", After Arabs and Jews, Nov 1-2, 2012, Georgetown University, DC

"Keeping the Hyphen Alive; Iraqi and Palestinian Intellectuals in the Israeli Communist Party and Arab-Jewish Critiques of Zionism, 1946–1961," Arabic Thought beyond the Liberal Age: New Directions in Middle East Intellectual History, October 4-6, 2012, Princeton University

"From Barbarism to Wilderness," June 13, 2012, Oslo University

"Abu Shawarib: Iraqi Jews and the Iraqi Communist Party," Middle East Studies Association, December 1-4, 2012, Washington DC

"From Brown to Red – Iraqi Responses to Fascism," The German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO), Freie Universität, Berlin, October 8th, 2011

"Civility in the Middle East," Max Planck Institute, Berlin, 5, Oct 2011 "Iraq Jews: between Nationalism, patriotism and communism, *Jews from Arab*

Land," School of African and Oriental Studies, London, November 23-24, 2010

"When the Safras Met the Dajanis": Syrian Jews, Refugees, and the Question of Palestine, *Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference*, November 21-22, 2010

"The Farhud – New Perspectives," *Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism, 1933–1945: Reappraisals and New Directions*, Tel Aviv University, May 23rd-May 26th, 2010

"Sources for the Study of Arab Jewish History," Muslims and Jews Together: Seeing from Without; Seeing from Within, UC Berkeley, April 28 – 30, 2010

"The Regime of Abd al-Karim Qasim," The Middle East in the 1950s: Historical Perspectives: Israel, the Arab World, and the Great Powers, Northwestern University, April 25-27, 2010

“Iraqi Jewish Education, 1921-1952,” *National Forum on the Future of Liberal Education*, New York, February 19-20, 2010

“Arabizing Benjamin - A Modern Arabic Translation of the Travels of Benjamin of Tudela,” *Deconstructing Dialogue: New Perspectives on Religious Encounters: Ancient, Medieval and Modern*, University of Chicago, January 21-23, 2010

“Iraq’s Cultural Heritage,” *Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference*, November 21-24, 2009, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston MA

“Others and Brothers: Iraqi Jews, Arab Nationalism, Islam, and Gender, 1921-1951,” *The University of Chicago Humanities Day 2009*, October 24, 2009

“Arab Iraqi Jews,” *Workshop I: About That Other Middle East (The Non-Muslim One) Middle East and Islamic Studies Workshop-Conference*, San Francisco State University, October 16-17, 2009

“Indian Telegrams, Baghdadi Letters, and Arabic-Turkish Newspapers—

Iraqi Jews as Ottoman Subjects, 1864–1913,” *How to talk about the non-Muslim experience in the Ottoman society: From narrating community life to integrating plurality*, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 13 and 14 July, 2009.

“Baghdad, June 1st and 2nd, 1941 –Remembering the Farhud,” *Memories of Iraq: A Discussion about the Foundations of the Iraqi State and Society in Public Memory*”, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 2, 2009

“A Portrait of an Iraqi Jewish Communist as a Young Man, 1948-1950,” Workshop 14: Workers’ Struggles and Nationalist Movements in the Arab World, 1900-present, 10th *Mediterranean Research Meeting*, March 24–28, 2009, Montecatini Terme, Italy

“Iraqi Shi’is as Ottoman Subjects,” *Gulf and the Globe Conference*, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, January 28, 2009

“Debates on Tribal Policies in Hashemite Iraq: Subaltern Politics, Colonial Reform, and National Authenticity in Dhu Nun Ayyub’s The Hand, the Land and the Water,” *Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference*, November 20-22, 2008, Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

“Iraq Political Theory: Advice from the Past (1939-1958) to the Present,” *Writing the History of Iraq, Historiographical and Political Challenges*, Schweizerische Gesellschaft Mittlerer Osten und Islamische Kulturen/Société Suisse Moyen Orient et Civilisation Islamique November, 6-8, 2008

“Re-thinking the Revolution: Perspectives on 1958,” *TAARII Workshop, Williams*

College, Williamstown, MA, October 24–26, 2008

“Sects, Print Markets and Imam Hussayn,” Rethinking sectarianism, Princeton University, May 22, 2008

“The Lamp, Qasim Amin, Jewish Women, and Baghdadi Men: A Reading in the Jewish Iraqi Journal *Al-Misbah*,” 9th *Mediterranean Research Meeting*, March 12–15, 2008, Montecatini Terme, Italy

“The Iraqi Women’s Movement,” Global Feminism[s]: Are Women’s Rights Human Rights?” Midwest Faculty Seminar, University of Chicago, January 17-19, 2008

“Iraqi Sectarianism,” *The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) International Conference*, Istanbul, October, 26-28, 2007

“Iraqi Pan Arabism[s] - The Dynamics of a Fragmented Discourse,” 30. *Deutscher Orientalistentag*, September 24th, 2007, Freiburg, Germany

“Out of Place” – Silence, Marginality and Exile in the Works of Mahumd Ahmad al-Sayyid, Dhu Nun Ayyub and Ghaib Farman,” *Absent Spheres, Silent Voices: Recovering Untold Histories*, May 27-31, 2007, Istanbul, Turkey

“A Democratic Iraq? Discourses on Democracy in the Hashemite Period”, International Conference: “Iraq - Past and Present” Center for Gulf Studies, University of Haifa, March 11-14, 2007.

“*The Success Story – The Jewish Day School Shammash and the Triumph of Iraqi Nationalism*,” *Conference on History of Jews in Islamic Countries*, Vanderbilt University, November 30th 2007

“Iraq-ifying Qasim Amin: Gender and Discourse in Inter-War Iraq,” Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 19th, 2007 Boston Marriott Copley Place

“The Iraqi Afganis and Abduhs: Debate over Reform amongst Shiites and Sunnis in Interwar Iraq,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies -- International Research Workshop: “Facing Modernity: Rethinking ‘Ulama’ in the Arab Middle East,” 26-27 June 2006

“‘You Can Take the Boy out of the Nile Valley ...’ – Egyptian Intellectuals in Iraq during the Interwar Period,” *Narrating the Nile – Cultures, Identities, Memories*, *International Workshop*, Tel Aviv University, 29-31 May 2006

“Intellectualism, Arabism and Humanism in the Thought of Anuwar Shâ’ul,” *Modern Arab Thought*, Symposium, April 5-7 2006, University of Utah

"The Tongues of all Prophets of Evil Have Been Effectively Silenced": Iraqi Dailies and the Colonized Public Sphere, 1921-1924," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 20-22, 2005, Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

"Iraqi Dailies in the early 1920s and the Public Sphere," *2e Colloque international, Histoire de l'imprimé dans les langues et les pays du Moyen-Orient*, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris 2-4 Novembre 2005

"The Ability of the Aniza Tribes to Play football," A conference on "Borders, Battles and Cultural Norms, A Historical and Political Perspectives on Gulf Societies," University of Pennsylvania, October, 7-8, 2005

"Aspects of Pluralism in the Iraqi Public Sphere," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 20-23, 2004, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco

"What is Nahda? – Debates on Reform and Revival in interwar Iraq (1920-1945)," Mediterranean Program of the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, Florence, Italy, March 16-20, 2005

"When Prostitutes Speak Hashemite," the 13th Berkshires Conference on the history of Women, June 4, 2005, Scripps College, Claremont CA

"On Arab Jews - Reflections on the Jewish Community in Modern Iraq," Franke Institute Faculty Talks 2004-2005, University of Chicago, 26 January, 2005

"Friends, Lovers, Soldiers - Images of Masculinity in Interwar Iraq," Gender Studies, University of Chicago, February 4, 2005

"A Representation of an Iraqi Intellectual: The Career and Works of Mahmud Ahmad al-Sayyid (1903-1937)," Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 2002

"Layla with the Sky of Diamonds -- Spatiality and Imaginative Arab Geography in Zaki Mubarak's Baghdad," The Religion and Culture Workshop, Princeton Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, October, 2002

"Some Comments on the Reading Practices of the Baghdadi Jewish Community, 1862- 1918," *Symposium on the History of Printing and Publishing in the Languages and Countries of the Middle East*, Mainz, Gutenberg-Museum, 9-12 September 2002

"Iraqi voices in the Israeli Diaspora," Arab Voices in the Diaspora Conference, University of Leeds, 1-2 July, 2002

"Arabism, Intellectualism and Judaism in the Thought of Anuwar Sha'ul (1904-1983)" - The 17th Middle East History and Theory Conference, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Chicago, May 10-11, 2002

“The Historical Novels of Jurji Zaydan,” Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., November 2001

“Modernity and Imperialism in al-Muqtataf’s Coverage of Meiji Japan,” Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL., November 2000

“*Al-Misbah* -- A Jewish Newspaper in Iraq,” Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Chicago. IL, November 1998

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