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### **EDUCATION**

Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D., Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, 2009

M.Phil., Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, 2005

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

M.A. in Modern Middle Eastern History, 2001

The City College of New York, New York, NY

B.A. in International Studies, 1993

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

University of Iowa

Departments of History and International Studies, Visiting Assistant Professor, Lecturer, 2014-Present

Bryn Mawr College

Department of History, Visiting Lecturer, 2013-2014

New York University

Taub Center for Israel Studies & Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow, 2010-2013

Fordham University

Department of History, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2009-2010

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Monograph:

*Jewish-Muslim Relations and Migration from Yemen to Palestine in the Late Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.* (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2014).

Articles & Chapters:

“Feeding Minds: Using Food to Teach the Arab Israeli Conflict,” in *Teaching the Arab Israeli Conflict in the College Classroom*, ed. Rachel Harris. Wayne State University Press: Forthcoming.

“Food in the Jewish Diaspora,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Jewish Diaspora*, ed. Hasia Diner. Oxford University Press: Forthcoming.

“Mosaic or Melting Pot: The Transformation of Middle Eastern Jewish Foodways in Israel,” in *The Global History of Jewish Foodways: A History*, eds. Hasia Diner and Simone Cinotto. (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press: 2018), 91-114.

“Chanukah” in Andrew Smith (ed.), *Savoring Gotham: A Food Lover’s Companion to New York*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2015.

“Passover” in Andrew Smith (ed.), *Savoring Gotham: A Food Lover’s Companion to New York*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2015.

“Ottolenghi: A Love Story,” *AJS Perspectives*, Spring 2014.

“Orphans’ Decree” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Brill, Online edition, 2014.

“Food and Drink – Modern Period – Yemen” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Brill, Online edition, 2014.

“Colonialism, Collective Violence, and the Jewish Communities of Libya and Yemen,” *Tema: Journal of Judeo-Yemenite Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1: Fall 2012.

“Ethnic Diversity in Israel” in *The History of Jews and Judaism*, ed. Alan T. Levenson. Oxford; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

“The Hummus Wars,” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*, Vol. 12, No. 1: Spring 2012.

“Security, Liberty, and the Artifice of Culture: Some Thoughts on the New Middle East,” *Vandal: Transformative Literary and Art Journal*, Fall 2011.

“Ibb,” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2010.

“Shar‘ab,” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2010.

“Ta‘iz,” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2010.

“Yarim” in Norman Stillman (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2010.

“A Reconsideration of Imam Yahya’s Attitude Toward Forced Conversion of Jewish Orphans in Yemen,” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 1: Fall 2010.

Book Reviews:

*Inter/Nationalism: Decolonizing Native America and Palestine* by Steven Salaita, in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, forthcoming.

*Kosher USA: How Coke Became Kosher and Other Tales of Modern Food* by Roger Horowitz, in *Journal of Jewish Identities*, forthcoming.

*Falafel Nation: Cuisine and the Making of National Identity in Israel* by Yael Raviv, in *Israel Studies Review: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 31, No. 2: 2016.

*Jews and Islamic Law in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Yemen* by Mark Wagner, in *Islamic Law and Society*, Vol. 22, No.4: 2015.

*The “Magic Carpet” Exodus of Yemenite Jewry: An Israeli Formative Myth* by Esther Meir-Glitzstein, in *Journal of Israel History*, Vol. 34, No. 2: 2015.

*Syrian Jewry in Transition: 1840-1880* by Yaron Harel, in *Syrian Studies Association Newsletter*, Vol. 16, No. 1: 2011.

*Food and Identity in Early Rabbinic Judaism* by Jordan D. Rosenblum, in *Food, Culture and Society*, Vol. 14, No. 1, 2011.

*Jews and Muslims in Lower Yemen: A Study in Protection and Restraint, 1918-49* by Isaac Hollander, in *Arab Studies Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 2: Fall 2005.

Translations:

“Similitude,” by Soad Suliman. Translated from Arabic for *Asterix: A Journal of Art, Criticism, and Literature*, Dec. 9, 2015.

“Flashes,” by Mira Kaufman. Translated from Hebrew for *Asterix: A Journal of Art, Criticism, and Literature*, Dec. 6, 2015.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

“Yemeni Foodways in Israel: The Twoness of Middle Eastern Jews,” Mjaddarah to Fatti de Luxe: Middle East Diasporas and Food, North Carolina State University, April 2018.

“Middle Eastern Refugees: A Historical Perspective,” Populations on the Move: Health and Human Rights of Refugees and Immigrants, University of Iowa, April 2017.

“Falafel in the United States,” Jewish Food in the Global South, The Jewish Kitchen: Evolving Ingredients and Dishes, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2017.

“Yemeni Food and Modernization in Israel,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December, 2016.

“There the Food Was More Tasty: Yemeni Jewish Food, Movement and Memory,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, November 2016.

“Israeli Food and Ethnic Identity in American Jewry,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December, 2015. Panel organizer: Middle Eastern Jewish Foodways in Global Context.

“Migration and Continuity: Yemeni Jewish Importers in Palestine & Israel,” Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, October 2015.

“Buying and Boycotting Middle Eastern Foods,” Boston University, Jacques Pepin Lecture Series, September 2015.

“Illustrating Impacts of Foods on Identities & Migration,” Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, April 2015.

“YouTube Videos and the Yemeni Diaspora,” Youngstown State University, Ohio, Jewish Music and Identity Conference, October 20, 2014.

“Yemeni Public and Counterpublics on the Internet,” University of Iowa, Religious Studies Department Colloquium, October 7, 2014.

“The Transformation of Middle Eastern Jewish Foodways in Israel,” The University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo, Italy, the Global History of Jewish Food, June, 2014.

“New Israel Cuisine,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December, 2013. Panel organizer: Jewish Food, Migration, and Movement.

Panel chair: From Brooklyn to Tehran: Transnational Conversations and Judeo-Islamic Cultural Productions. Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December, 2013.

“YouTube and Muslim-Jewish Relations,” Digital Scholarship Lightning Talks, Bryn Mawr College, December, 2013.

“Food Fight: Food and Conflict in the Middle East,” Ursinus College, November 2013.

“YouTube Music Videos and the Construction of Yemeni Identity,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, October 2013. Panel organizer: Periphery and Identity: Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Religion in Mizrahi Popular Culture.

“Using Wikipedia in the Classroom,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2012.

“The House on Chelouche Street,” Association for Jewish Studies conference, December 2011. Panel organizer: Sephardi/Mizrahi Pedagogy Roundtable: Using Multimedia in the Classroom. Association for Jewish Studies conference, December 2011.

“Colonialism, Collective Violence, and Emigration among the Jewish Communities of Libya and Yemen,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2011. Panel organizer: Transitions in Jewish-Muslim Relations in North Africa.

“Yemeni Jews and Middle Eastern Studies,” Middle East Studies Association conference, November 2011. Panel organizer: Integrating Middle Eastern “Jewish” Studies. Middle East Studies Association conference, November 2011.

“The Hummus Wars,” Association for the Study of Food and Society conference, June 2011. Panel organizer: Consuming a Culture Clash: The Intersection of Foodways and Food Systems.

“The Economic Impact of Yemeni Jewish Emigration,” Invited paper, Temple University conference Absent but Present: The Impact of Jewish Migration on Sending Societies, April 2011.

“Jews in the Arab World,” Teacher Training Workshop, The Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies in coordination with the Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, January 2011.

“Hands off Our Dishes: Culinary Copyrighting and Middle Eastern Cuisine in Israel,” Middle East Studies Association conference, November 2010.

#### **ACADEMIC INTERVIEWS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

“The Culinarians: An Interview with David Shields, *NYFoodstory: The Journal of the Culinary Historians of New York*, Forthcoming.

Interview with Garret Broad, *More Than Just Food: Food Justice and Community Change*, New Books Network, posted May 13, 2016. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/garrett-m-broad-more-than-just-food-food-justice-and-community-change-u-of-california-press-2016/>

Interview with Yael Raviv, *Falafel Nation: Cuisine and the Making of National Identity in Israel*, New Books Network, posted December 17, 2015. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/yael-raviv-falafel-nation-cuisine-and-the-making-of-national-identity-in-israel-university-of-nebraska-press-2015/>

Interview with Mark Wagner, *Jews and Islamic Law in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Yemen*, New Books Network, posted June 20, 2015. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/mark-s-wagner-jews-and-islamic-law-in-early-20th-century-yemen-indiana-up-2015/>

Interview with Lital Levy, *Poetic Trespass: Writing Between Hebrew and Arabic in Israel/Palestine*, New Books Network, posted April 3, 2015. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/lital-levy-poetic-trespass-writing-between-hebrew-and-arabic-in-israelpalestine-princeton-up-2014/>

Interview with Emily Alice Katz, *Bringing Zion Home: Israel in American Jewish Culture, 1948-1967*, New Books Network, posted March 24, 2015. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/emily-alice-katz-bringing-zion-home-israel-in-american-jewish-culture-1948-1967-suny-press-2015/>

Interview with Hasia Diner, *Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way*, New Books Network, posted March 5, 2015. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/hasia-diner-roads-taken-the-great-jewish-migrations-to-the-new-world-and-the-peddlers-who-forged-the-way-yale-university-press-2015/>

“A Culinary Bucket List: Mimi Sheraton on Wiener Schnitzel, Tempura, Bialys and How Writing about Food often Means Writing about History,” *NYFoodstory: The Journal of the Culinary Historians of New York*, Vol. 4: 2015.

Interview with Bedross Der Matossian, *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire*, New Books Network, posted February 22, 2015.  
<http://newbooksnetwork.com/bedross-der-matossian-shattered-dreams-of-revolution-from-liberty-to-violence-in-the-late-ottoman-empire-standford-up-2014-2/>

“Food and Cultural Resonance,” WorldCanvass: University of Iowa Television, January 2015.

“What Peddlers Ate: A Conversation with Historian Hasia Diner,” *NYFoodstory: The Journal of the Culinary Historians of New York*, Vol. 3: 2014.

“Hummus Wars,” A Taste of the Past: Episode 93 on Heritage Radio Network, March 2012.

“Eaten Your Fill of Rice? An Interview with Chee Wang Ng,” *Vandal: Transformative Literary and Art Journal*, Fall 2012.

“A Matter of Size,” Lecture and discussion about food and body image in Israel based on the film *Sipur Gadol*, dir. Sharon Maymon and Erez Tadmor, Highland Park Conservative Temple, October 2011.

## **SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Group awards:

Julia Child Foundation award to the Culinary Historians of New York for annual research grant competition, ongoing.

Provost’s Global Forum and the Stanley-University of Iowa Foundation Support Organization, for the conference: *The Arab Spring in Global Context*, University of Iowa, 2015.

Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health and the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, for the conference: *Food for Thought*, University of Iowa, 2015.

Individual awards:

University of Iowa, Digital Studio for Public Arts and Humanities, Start-up Grant.

Dorot Post-doctoral Teaching Fellowship, New York University

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Summer Fellowship

John W. Kluge Endowment Summer Fellowship

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship in Arabic.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member of grant and fellowship review committees, Culinary Historians of New York, 2012-present.

Editor-in-Chief, *NYFoodstory: The Journal of the Culinary Historians of New York*, 2013-present.

Advisory editor, *Asterix: A Journal of Art, Criticism, and Literature*, 2013-present.

Book review editor, H-Nationalism, H-Net Network: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, 2014-2016.

List editor, H-Nationalism, H-Net Network: Humanities and Social Sciences Online. 2009-2016.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Cambridge University Press*, 2016.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Arabian Studies*, 2016.  
Area editor, for *Savoring Gotham*, Oxford University Press, 2014-2015.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2015.  
Member of the Pedagogy working group, Association for Jewish Studies, 2012-2014.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Religion*, 2014.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Reaktion Books*, 2014.  
Member of the Board of Directors of the Culinary Historians of New York, 2012-2013.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Oxford University Press*, 2013.  
Guest editor, *Vandal: Transformative Literary and Art Journal*, 2012.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Food, Culture and Society*, 2012.  
Manuscript reviewer, *Routledge*, 2011.

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Electronic Research Fellow, Digital Humanities Center, Columbia University, 2007-2009

### **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

Yemen Language Center, Sanaa, Yemen  
Intensive Arabic Summer Program, 2005 & 2001.

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Intensive Arabic Summer Ulpan, 1996; Intensive Hebrew Summer Ulpan, 1991.

French Culinary Institute, New York, NY  
Diploma in Classical Culinary Arts, 1995.

### **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Arabic and Hebrew. Reading and basic speaking competence in Italian. Translation competence in French, Ladino, and Spanish.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association, Association for Israel Studies, Association for Jewish Studies, Association for the Study of Food and Society, Culinary Historians of New York, Middle East Studies Association.