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Academic Experience

Research

2018 - Today - Researcher at the Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center at Tel Aviv University.

Project: *A Western Sephardi "Genizah": Letters of Eighteenth-Century Sephardi Merchants and Insights into their Daily Life*.

2024 - Today - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium: Associate Research Fellow at sociAMM - centre de recherche de la Faculté de Philosophie et Sciences Sociales.

2023-2021 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium: "Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions" Postdoctoral Research Fellow at sociAMM - centre de recherche de la Faculté de Philosophie et Sciences Sociales.

Topic: *"The General and Professional Education of Jews and Christians in Western Europe at the Early Modern Era: A Comparative Study and Practical Consequences"*.

2021-2018 - Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel: Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the General History Department, under the supervision of Prof. Myriam Greilsammer.

Topic: *"The General Education in Europe at the Early-Modern Era: A Comparison between the Jewish and the Christian Systems"*.

Organization of Conferences

May 2023 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium - Organizer of an International Conference.

Title: *"The Didactic Sources Available for Merchants in the Middle-Ages and the Early Modern Period (13-18th Centuries): Practice and Theory"*.

February 2023 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium - Co-Organizer of an International Seminar.

Title: "*The Jewish Life in Medieval and Early Modern Europe (13-17th Centuries): A New Look at Sources from Italy and the Netherlands*".

October 2022 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium - Organizer of an International Conference.

Title: "*Slaves and Servants in the Christian and Jewish Societies in the Modern Era (16-19th Centuries): Education, Integration, Controversies*".

January 2020 - Jerusalem, Israel - Co-organizer of an International Gathering in Homage to the Late French Scholar, Prof. Gérard Nahon.

Archival Projects

July 2018 - Co-Organizer of the Transfer of Academic Archives from France to Jerusalem, in Collaboration with the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.

Academic Committees

2018 - Today - Member of the Steering Committee of Prof. Gérard Nahon Academic Archives, The Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.

Publications

Books

February 2023 - *À la recherche de l'intégration : Les marchands juifs séfarades occidentaux à Saint-Esprit-lès-Bayonne face à la société bayonnaise au XVIII^e siècle* (in French), Collection de la Revue des Études Juives, Paris/Louvain/Bristol, CT (US), Peeters Publishers, 2022.

Selected Articles

May 2021 - "Entre Constantinople, Amsterdam et la Terre Sainte : La visite des rabbins d'Hébron à Saint-Esprit-lès-Bayonne (1768)" (in French). *Bulletin de La Société des Sciences, Lettres et Arts de Bayonne* 175 (2021), Bayonne, France.

January 2021 - "New details on Hebron's' Emissaries Visit in Bayonne, 1768" (in Hebrew). *Pe'amim* 162 (2020), Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Israel. p. 209-224.

April 2020 - "Les Juifs de Bayonne et les corsaires du "Requin" : perspectives neuves sur l'intégration des 'Portugais' dans la société française au XVIII^e siècle" (in French). *Hamsa: Journal of Judaic and Islamic Studies* 6 (2019-April 2020), p. 33-51. University of Evora, Portugal.

"A Meaningful Silence: The Escape of Marranos from The Iberian Peninsula to Bayonne (16-18th Centuries), as Reflected in The Archives of Bayonne", *Proceedings of the 4th International Symposium of Inquisitorial Studies*, University of Porto, Portugal. **Forthcoming**.

Peer Reviews

June 2023 - Cities of Splendor in the Shaping of Sephardi History'. Review of a book by Jane S. Gerber, *Journal of Modern History*. Vol. 95/2, University of Chicago.

Media Reports

September 2020 - Report of a conference held on January 12, 2020, at the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem, Israel, in homage to Prof. Gérard Nahon (in French), *Majme*. Maurepas, France. September 2020. p. 6-7.

May 2019 - Report of a conference held on January 31, 2019, at the Jewish Museum in Paris, France, in homage to Prof. Gérard Nahon (in French), *Majme*, Maurepas, France. May 2019. p. 8-9.

Work in Progress

Articles

"Vocational Studies as a Precursor of Modernity: A Comparative Examination of the Christian and Jewish Education Systems in Europe in the 18th Century".

"David Silveyra (1722-1805) : Regard sur le savoir technique d'un entrepreneur séfarade en France au XVIII^e siècle".

Selected Papers Presented

August 2024 - The Naval University, Busan, Korea. The 9th International Congress of Maritime History. Paper: *Lords of the City, Lords of the Ocean: The Rise of the Gradis family from Local Merchants in Bordeaux to Global Traders of the Atlantic (17-18th Centuries)* (in English).

June 2024 - Inalco, Paris, France. La Société des études juives. Presentation of the book : *À la recherche de l'intégration : Les marchands juifs séfarades occidentaux à Saint-Esprit-lès-Bayonne face à la société bayonnaise au XVIII^e siècle* (in French).

March 2024 - The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. The International conference on the theme: "Considering Jewish Expulsions in the Middle Ages". Paper: "'Living Under the Threat of Expulsion: The "Portuguese Merchants" in Early Modern France, 1550-1723" (in English).

July 2023 - Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany. The Twelve Congress of the European Association of Jewish Studies.

Paper: "The Contribution of Sephardi Jews to the Expansion of Vocational Education in Southwest France in the 18th Century: Examples from Bordeaux and Bayonne" (in English).

May 2023 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium. The International Conference on the theme: "The Didactic Sources Available for

Merchants in the Middle-Ages and the Early Modern Period (13-18th Centuries): Practice and Theory" (in English).

Paper: "Business Education of Jews in the 18th Century: A Comparison Between Sephardim and Ashkenazim".

October 2022 - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium. The International Workshop on the theme : "Slaves and Domestics in Modern Christian and Jewish Societies (16- 19e siècles) : Education, Integration, Controversies".

Paper: "A Question of Coexistence : The difficulties of the Presence of Christian Domestics in Jewish Households in Bayonne in the Eighteenth Century" (in English).

August 2022 - University of Antwerp, Belgium: 15th Conference of the European Association of Urban History.

Paper: " Together against Inequality: The Joint Struggle of Jews and Catholics in Bayonne against the Discriminative chocolate-Makers Guild during the 18th Century" (in English).

May 2022 - Porto University, Porto, Portugal: IV International Symposium of Inquisition Studies: Religion, Interculturality and Consciences Control in the Modern Age.

Paper: "A Meaningful Silence: The Escape of Crypto-Jews from the Iberian Peninsula to Bayonne (16-18th centuries), as Reflected in the Archives of Bayonne" (in English).

February 2021 - Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (by Zoom): The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies and Archeology.

Online Seminar: "'Between Paris and Jerusalem": The Academic Archives of Prof. Gérard Nahon" (in cooperation with the director of the Library and Archives of the Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem) (in Hebrew).

December 2020 - The Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Israel (by Zoom): The Annual Program of Lectures and Cultural Events.

Paper: "I Just Collected a Bunch of Strangers' Flowers...": A New Look at the Entry of Portuguese Jews into General Society in France during the Eighteenth Century" (in Hebrew).

February 2020 - Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel: The Israeli Association for the Research of Italian Jews Tenth Anniversary Conference.

Paper: "Rabbi Rafael Elazar Meldola and the Jewish-Christian Relations in Bayonne (France) During the Second Half of the 18th Century" (in Hebrew).

January 2020 - The Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, Israel: International Conference in Homage to the Late French Scholar, Gérard Nahon.

Paper: "The Struggle for Emancipation – An Untold Story: David Silveyra's Speech at the French National Assembly, January 1790" (in Hebrew).

February 2019 – Florida University, Gainesville, Florida, USA: The Annual Conference of Center for Latin American Studies.

Paper: "Chocolate, Freemasons and Integration: The Jews of Bayonne and the Americas in the 18th Century" (in English).

January 2019 – The Jewish Museum, Paris, France: Conference at the Jewish Museum of History and Arts: An Homage to Professor Gérard Nahon.

Paper : « Métropoles et Périphéries Séfarades d'occident : le cas de l'industrie du chocolat des Juifs de Bayonne au XVIII^{ème} siècle » (in French).

November 2018 – Beersheba University, Beersheba, Israel: The Annual Conference of the 'Sefarad' Society for Sephardic Studies.

Paper: "Twilight Time: The Story of the Sephardim and the Chocolate in the Southwest of France in the 18th-19th Centuries" (in English).

July 2017 – Jerusalem, Israel: Academic Workshop at the CNRS Academic Center on the topic: Revisiting the Modern History of the Jews: Sources, Historiography, Questions. The workshop was sponsored by Paris-Diderot University and by the Sorbonne.

Paper 1: "A Jewish Broker Between Mountain and Sea in the Basque Country: A Closer Look at the Role of the Sephardic Merchants in the Trans-Pyrenean Commercial Networks in the 18th Century" (in English).

Paper 2: "David Silveyra (1721-1805) – From a Sephardic Commercial Entrepreneur to a French-Jewish Political Entrepreneur" (in English).

June 2016 – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France : A Doctoral Seminar in Jewish Studies on the topic : Tradition(s), transmission(s) et représentations.

Paper : « De la tradition à l'intégration. Les transformations économiques et sociales de la communauté juive de Bayonne 1723 – 1790 » (in French).

March 2015 – Paris-Diderot University Paris, France : The Interuniversity Seminar in Jewish Studies of Paris-Diderot University, the EHESS and the Sorbonne, on the topic : Histoire économique des Juifs à l'époque moderne : archives, pratiques et réseaux marchands (Europe, empires).

Paper: "Commercial Practices, Networks, and Integration: The Mastering of the 'Ars Mercatoria' in the Sephardic Community in Bayonne in the 18th Century" (in English).

August 2013 – Jerusalem, Israel: The 16th World Congress in Jewish Studies.

Paper: "Social and Economic Transformations in a Jewish Center in the Atlantic Ocean: The Case of the Bayonne Community 1723-1790" (in Hebrew).

July 2013 – Nova University, Lisbon, Portugal: The Portuguese Institute of Global History.

Paper: “The Identity of the Diasporic Sephardim: the ‘Iberian Conscious’ Form of Auto-Representation of the Sephardic Community in Bayonne during the 17th-18th Centuries” (in English).

Membership in Academic and Historical Associations

American Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)

The European Association for Jewish Studies (EAJS)

La Société des études juives (France)

Academic Studies

2017-2010 – Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel: PhD at the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry. The dissertation was confirmed by the Jury on May 2017.

Title: *Social and Economic Transformations of the Western-Sephardic Diaspora in the Atlantic Rim during the Early-Modern Era: The Case of the Jewish Community of Saint-Esprit-les-Bayonne, 1723-1790* (in Hebrew).

2015 – 2013 – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France : Doctoral student at the Centre des Études Juives (CEJ).

2009 – 2007 – Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel: M.A. *Cum Laude* at the Department of Jewish History.

2004 – 2002 – Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel: B.A. at the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science

Academic Awards and Grants

2015 – 2013 – The French Embassy in Israel Grant for Doctoral Students (Monthly grant).

2015 – 2013 – Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah (FMS), Paris, France : The Emeric Deutsch Grant for Doctoral Students (Monthly grant).

2012 – Bar-Ilan University: The Rector's Award for Distinguished Students.

2012 – The Ben-Zvi Institute & the Ministry of Education Prize for Advanced Students for the Research of Sephardic and Eastern Jewish Communities.

Language Skills

Hebrew - Native Language

English - Perfectly Fluent

French - Perfectly Fluent

Spanish - Fair Knowledge; Good Reading Skills

Italian - Fair knowledge; Good Reading Skills