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d. Other Personal Data

US Citizen, NAFTA Work Permit in Canada

e. Educational Background

i. Degrees

- 2007-2013 PhD, Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem “The Image of Israel and the Development of Political Ideas in England, 1640-1660”
Advisors: Yaron Ezrahi (Political Science), Michael Heyd (History).
- 2005-2007 MA, Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 1996-2000 BA, Political Science and Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

ii. Other Specialized Training

- 2009-2010 Visiting Graduate Student, University of Chicago Committee for Social Thought. Advisor: David Nirenberg.

- 9-11/2008 Visiting Graduate Student, Princeton University School of History.
Advisor: Anthony Grafton.
- 6/2004 Spring School on Political Religions, Institute for Advanced Study, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 7/1999 Scholarship Student, the International Institute for Political and Economic Studies, Athens, Greece. Collaboration by Harvard and Georgetown Universities, 4.0 GPA.

f. Current Status at McMaster

Assistant Professor (CLA) Department of Religious Studies

g. Professional Organizations

Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)

Association for Political Theory (APT)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

h. Employment History

i. Academic

- 8/2020 - Assistant Professor, Religious Studies (CLA), McMaster University
- 9/2017-8/2020 Research Fellow, Kogod Research Center for Contemporary Jewish Thought, The Hartman Institute, Jerusalem (part-time)
- 9/2017-7/2018 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 9/2016-6/2017 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Herbert D. Katz Centre for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1/2016-6/2016 Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, Department of Political Science and

MacMillan Center, Yale University

4/2014-8/2015 Post-Doctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Political Science, Tel Aviv University

ii. Academic Administration

9/2019-7/2020 Director of Project Planning and Development, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

7/2011-7/2015 Associate Fellow and Director of Academic Programs, The Herzl Institute, Jerusalem.

10/2004-12/2009 Founding Associate Editor, *Hebraic Political Studies*. Position involved administering all aspects of the journal including fundraising, design, recruitment, and publishing, alongside editorial responsibilities.

10/2004-10/2008 Director of Academic Programs, The Shalem Center, Jerusalem (now Shalem College)

i. Scholarly and Professional Activities

Served as Peer-reviewer for the following journals: *Reviewer for Journal of the History of Ideas, American Political Science Review, Political Theory, European Journal of Political Theory*

Associate Editor, *Hebraic Political Studies*, 2004-2009.

Co-Organizer, "Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Modern Political Thought," Conference at Princeton, August 2008.

Organizer, "Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Modern Political Thought," Conference

in Jerusalem, December 2006.

Organizer, "Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Modern Political Thought," Conference in Jerusalem, December 2004.

j. Areas of Interest

Religion and modern political ideas, Religion and the law, Sovereignty and Jewish Sovereignty, Christian readings of Hebrew and Jewish sources, Jewish Political Thought, Gender and Power Politics in religion and society, Religious thought as innovating social thought.

k. Honors

9/2020-	Fellow, the Kogod Research Center at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
8/2018-8/2020	Fellow in Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
8/2015-8/2016	Visiting Fellow in Judaic Studies, New York University

l. Courses Taught

i. Undergraduate

Religious Studies, Arts and Sciences 3RL3 – *Religion and the Law*, Term 1, 2020/21

Yale University Department of Political Science, *Theological Politics and the Foundations of Modern Political Thought*, Term 2, 2015/16.

Tel Aviv University Department of Political Science, *Sovereignty: A Philosophical and Historical Approach to a Complex Reality*, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University [Hebrew], Term 2, 2013/14.

The Shalem Center, Department of Philosophy, Politics and Religion, *Reading Course in Hobbes' Leviathan*, Full year, 2008/9.

m. Contributions to Teaching Practices

Fall 2020, Course Development for two new courses in 2020-2021, Religion and the Law and Religion and Diversity. Both prepared for teaching online, adaptable to the classroom.

n. Research Funding

Lady Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. US \$20,000 (2017/18)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania. US \$45,000 (2016/17)

Israel Council for Higher Education, Planning and Budget Committee, Postdoctoral Fellowship US \$20,000 (2014/15)

Visiting Fellowship, Judaic Studies Program Fellowship, Princeton University US \$6,000 (2008)

Shier Fellowship in Jewish Political Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem US \$5000 (2004/5)

Australian Friends of the Hebrew University Scholarship for Graduate Studies US \$11,000 (2003/4)

o. Lifetime publications

i. PeerReviewed

a. Edited Volumes:

Gordon Schochet, Fania Oz-Salzberger, Meirav Jones eds., *Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Early Modern Political Thought* (Jerusalem, Shalem Press, 2008)

b. Contributions to Peer-reviewed Books:

Meirav Jones, "Natural Law as True Law," in *The Cambridge Companion to Hugo Grotius*,

Randall Lesaffer and Janne Nijman, eds. (Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming 2021)

Meirav Jones, "The Jewish State and the End of Democratic Judaism," in Leonard Greenspoon ed., *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Vol. 29: Is Judaism Democratic?* (Purdue University Press, 2018)

Meirav Jones, "A Jewish Source of Modern Natural Law?" in *Mizug Ofakim: Jewish and Israeli Political Thought*, Dan Avnon and Dudi Feuchtwanger eds. (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2016) [Hebrew].

Meirav Jones, "Introduction," in Gordon Schochet, Fania Oz-Salzberger, Meirav Jones eds., *Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources in Early Modern Political Thought* (Jerusalem, Shalem Press, 2008)

c. Journal Articles

Meirav Jones, "Eruv," *Maftekh: Lexical Review of Political Thought* 14 (December, 2019)

Meirav Jones and Yossi Shain, "Modern Sovereignty and the Non-Christian, or Westphalia's Jewish State" *Review of International Studies* 43:5 (December, 2017)

Meirav Jones, "My Highest Priority was to Absolve the Divine Laws," The Theory and Politics of Hobbes' Leviathan in a War of Religion," *Political Studies* 65:1 (March, 2017)

Meirav Jones, "Philo Judaeus and Hugo Grotius' Modern Natural Law," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 74:3 (July, 2013)

d. Short Articles (Research Notes)

Meirav Jones and Lihi Ben Shitrit, "Sovereignty over Equality and Partnership," *Accepted for publication in Manbar: Van Leer Forum for Research on Jews and Palestinians in Israel* (forthcoming, 2021) [Hebrew and Arabic]

Meirav Jones and Lihi Ben Shitrit, The Decline of Democracy in Israel's Sovereignty

Discourse, APSA MENA Newsletter, Spring 2020.

e. Book Reviews and Extended Review Essays in Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Meirav Jones, "Behind and Beyond the Return of Religion," Extended Review Essay of Michael Walzer, *The Paradox of Liberation* (Yale University Press, 2015) and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *The Politics of Religious Freedom* (Princeton University Press, 2015), *Perspectives on Politics* 15:1 (March, 2017)

Review of Yaron Ezrahi, *Imagined Democracies: Necessary Political Fictions* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), *Contemporary Political Theory* 14:4 (2015)

f. Unpublished Documents

Projects currently in Progress

Book Manuscript, England's Israel and the Foundations of Modern Political Thought (comments from friendly reviewers received, to be revised for submission in 2021).

Work on "The Decline of Democracy in Israel's Sovereignty Discourse" is in progress with Lihi Ben Shitrit (work in progress published in APSA MENA newsletter).

Work on gendered power-politics underlying conventional Jewish law is in progress, being discussed at research group at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.

Work in progress on reimagining political space through rabbinic legal fictions

Work in progress on the personalization of nature by the current Pope

p. Presentations and Meetings:

i. Invited

11/2020 "Religious Ideas Beyond Sovereign Toleration for Israel/Palestine,"
Symposium in Memory of Roi Benbassat, Humboldt University Berlin and
Goethe-University Frankfurt

- 10/2020 "Who am I when I Act as a Citizen in a Democracy: Perspectives from Jewish Modernity," The Citizen in a Democracy, Luncheon Series, The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America
- 2/2020 "States of Nature and Laws of Nature: Foundational Ideas of Modernity Revisited in the Age of the Anthropocene," The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 12/2019 "Imago Dei, Be-Zelem, and Modern Political Thought," Colloquium on the Co-Production of the Three Abrahamic Faiths, Beit Daniel, Zikhron Ya'akov
- 06/2019 "Sovereignty in Hebrew and Israel's Democratic Imagination," Colloquium in the memory of Yaron Ezrahi, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew]
- 6/2019 "Sovereignty in Hebrew and the Decline of the Democratic Imagination," The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 3/2019 "Heretical Thoughts on the Secular Foundations of Modern Political Thought", The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 12/2018 "Liberalism, Conservatism, and the Foundations of the Modern State", Yisrael Hofshit Directors Seminar, Tel Aviv
- 12/2018 Lectures on "Liberalism and Nationalism" and "Foundations of Modern Political Thought" to Nativ program for the Development of Social and Political Leadership, Levi Eshkol House, Jerusalem.
- 05/2018 "Jewish Sovereignty Reconsidered," Alma College for Hebrew Culture, Tel Aviv
- 02/2018 "Rethinking Jewish Sovereignty," Regionalism and Borders Seminar, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna
- 01/2018 "Zionism Reconsidered," in panel on Seyla Benhabib's Forthcoming Book, *Playing Chess with History*, (Respondent: Seyla Benhabib). The Van Leer

Institute, Jerusalem

- 12/2017 “England’s Israel and the Foundations of Modern Political Thought: A Contemporary Preface,” at Jerusalem Seminar in Political Thought and the History of Ideas, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 12/2016 “Jews and Separation Walls,” at ‘Jewish Political Thought Beyond Borders: A Katz Centre for Advanced Judaic Studies Day-Long Workshop,’ The University of Pennsylvania
- 02/2016 “Jewish Sovereignty: A Westphalian Question?” Yale Workshop in Political Theory. February 3, 2016
- 03/2016 “From the Ancient Hebrew Commonwealth to a Modern Jewish State: The Unlikely Concerns of Political Thinkers from Bodin to Spinoza, and the Rethinking Due Today,” Bar Ilan University Political Science Colloquium
- 06/2015 ““A Single Constitution for the Citizen and the Stranger,” but What Happened to the Inhabitants? Insights on the Biblical Political Model from Numbers 13-16, and the Questions that Remain.” Weekly Torah Portion Series 2014-2015, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew]
- 04/2014 “Yaron Ezrahi’s *Imagined Democracies*” Panel Discussion with Zeev Sternhell, Jonathan Garb, Meirav Jones, and Yaron Ezrahi. The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew]
- 2012-2014 Repeated Invited Speaker on “The Hebrew Bible and the Foundations of Western Democratic Thought” Tikvah Gap-Year Program, Jerusalem
- 03/2010 “Which Israel? The Kingdoms of God of English Politics and Political Thought, 1640-1660,” Guest Lecture at Princeton University Undergraduate Course

ii. Contributed

a. Peer-Reviewed

- 10/2018 "The Decline of Democracy in Israel's Sovereignty Discourse," Israeli Association of Political Theory, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem [Hebrew]
- 9/2018 "The Decline of Democracy in Sovereignty Discourse in Israel," American Political Science Association Conference, Boston
- 10/2017 "Emergent Truth and The Censor as a False Messiah," Israel Political Philosophy Conference, Tel Aviv University
- 10/2016 "Westphalia and Jewish Territorialism," Association for Political Theory Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus
- 10/2016 "The Jewish State and the End of Democratic Judaism," Klutznik Symposium in Jewish Thought, Creighton University, Omaha
- 4/2016 "Jewish Sovereignty: A Westphalian Problem," Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University
- 5/2015 "Jewish Sovereignty and the Foundations of the Modern State," Israeli Association of Political Science, Ashkelon
- 7/2014 "Jewish Sovereignty, in Theory," British Association of Jewish Studies, Trinity College, Dublin
- 4/2010 "Hobbes' Leviathan vs. The Puritan Imagination: Ancient Israel and the New Israel in Political Thought and Politics in England, 1640-1660," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 5/2009 "Philo Judaeus and Jewish Harmony in Hugo Grotius' Laws of War and Peace," Hebrew Sources of the Renaissance Conference, University of Haifa
- 12/2008 "John Milton's Kingdoms of God, Or Republican Liberty in Times of Enthusiasm," Yitzhak Rabin International Graduate Students'

Conference, Hebrew University

- 04/2008 Philo Judaeus and Hugo Grotius' Laws of War and Peace, Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 9/2006 "Images of Israel in Early Modern English Politics and Political Thought," The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 6/2004 "Hebraist and Millennialist Readings of Judaic Sources in the 17th Century and Political Implications of the Distinction," The Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University, Spring School