

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1989–1991 – The Hebrew University, History and Jewish Thought, B.A.

1991–1992 – The Hebrew University, teaching certificate

1992–1996 – The Hebrew University, Jewish Philosophy, M.A.; thesis topic: “The Demons and Evil in Hasdai Crescas’ Thought.” Supervisor: Prof. W. Z. Harvey.

1997–2002 – The Hebrew University, Jewish Philosophy, Ph.D.; dissertation topic: “*Ahabah ba-Ta’anugim*: A 14th-Century Encyclopedia of Science and Judaism.” Supervisor: Prof. W. Z. Harvey.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1994–1997 – Teaching Assistant. Hebrew University, Humanities, Jewish Philosophy

2001–2003 – Lecturer. Hebrew University, Humanities, Jewish Philosophy

2008–2011 – Lecturer. Tel Aviv University, Humanities, Jewish Philosophy

2005–2014 – Senior Lecturer. Lander College, School of Jewish Studies, Jewish Philosophy

2015–2018 – Lecturer. Ono College, Jewish Philosophy

2015–2018 – Lecturer. Senior Lecturer. Shalem College, Jewish Philosophy

2017–2019 – Lecturer. Senior Lecturer. Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jewish Philosophy

2000–2021 – Academic Supervisor+Lecturer. Open University, Humanities, Jewish Thought

2007–2021 – Lecturer. Hebrew University, Humanities, Jewish Philosophy

2011–2021 – Lecturer. Senior Lecturer. Ya'akov Herzog College, Jewish Philosophy

2017–2019 – Lecturer. Senior Lecturer. Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jewish Philosophy

RESEARCH GRANTS

2004 – Research grant, The Open University

2006 – Research grant, The Open University

2007 – Research grant, The Open University

2008 – Research grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Studies, 2008

2009 – Research grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Studies, 2009

2010 – Research grant, Keren Yaniv, Tel Aviv University

2015 – A grant for a publication of a book, Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

2015–2016 – Research grant, Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

2021–2024 – Research grant, Israel Science Foundation (ISF)

AWARDS

1990 – Dean's Award, The Hebrew University

1991 – Dean's Award, The Hebrew University

1993–2001 – Research stipends: 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001; Institute of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University

2001 – The Open University, research stipend

2006 – The Open University, research stipend

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

Esti Eisenmann, *Moses B. Judah, Ahava ba-Ta'anugim, Part I (Physics), Discourses 1-7, Critical Edition, Introduction and Commentary by Esti Eisenmann*. Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, The Rabbi David Moses and Amalia Rosen Foundation, 2013 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, Dov Schwartz, *The Commentary of R. Mordekhai ben Eliezer Komtiyano on Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed, Annotated Critical Edition with Introduction*. Ramat Gan: Bar Ilan University press, 2016 (Hebrew).

Books Edited

Ari Ackermann, **Esti Eisenmann**, Aviram Ravitzky, and Shmuel Wygoda (eds.), *Homo Homini, Essays in Jewish Philosophy Presented by his Students to Prof. Warren Zev Harvey*. Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2016 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann and Warren Zev Harvey (eds.), *Rabbi Hasdai Crescas: Philosopher and Leader—Six Hundred Years after His Death*. Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History, 2020 (Hebrew).

Chapters in Collections

Esti Eisenmann, “*Ahavah ba-Ta'anugim*: A Fourteenth-Century Encyclopedia of Science and Theology,” in: S. Harvey (ed.), *The Medieval Hebrew Encyclopedias of Science and Philosophy*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Press, 2000, 429–440.

Esti Eisenmann, “The Structure and Content of R. Hayyim Volozhin’s *Nefesh Ha-Hayyim*,” in: M. Hallamish, Y. Rivlin, and R. Shuchat (eds.), *The Vilna Gaon and his Disciples*. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University, 2003, 185–196 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Some Comments on the Divine Attributes and Maimonides’ Attitude towards Matter,” in: B. Ish Shalom (ed.), *Be-Darkhei Shalom: Studies in Jewish Thought Presented to Shalom Rosenberg*. Jerusalem: Beit Morasha, 2007, 265–272 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “‘Ahabah ba-Ta'anugim’: A 14th-Century Maimonidean Encyclopedia,” in: C. Frankel (ed.), *Traditions of Maimonideanism—IJS Studies in Judaica*, vol. 7., Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2009, 213–222.

Esti Eisenmann, “From above the Covering of the Ark, from between the two Cherubim: Study of Jewish Philosophical Interpretation,” in: M. Hallamish, H. Kasher, and Hanokh

Ben-Pazi (eds.), *Moses the Man—Master of the Prophets, In the Light of Interpretation Through the Ages*. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University, 2010, 101–113 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Maimonides and Rabbi Moshe ben Jehudah on Aggadah Exegesis,” in: A. Atzmon, A. Grossman, N. Ilan, M. Shmidman, and J. Tabori (eds.), *Carmi Sheli: Studies on Aggadah and its Interpretation presented to Professor Carmi Horowitz*. New York: Academic Studies Press, 2010, 1–18 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Political Principals in Gersonides’ Thought,” in: B. Brown, M. Lorberbaum, Y. Stern, and A. Rosenak (eds.), *Al Da’at Ha-Kahal: Religion and Politics in Jewish Thought*. Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar Institute and Israeli Democracy Institute, 2012, part I, 319–347 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “The Limits of the Intellect in Jewish Middle Ages Philosophy,” in: D. Lasker (ed.), *Judaism as a Religion and as a Field of Research*. Beer Sheva: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2012, 89–101 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Maharal’s Use of Aristotelian Terms,” in: E. Reiner (ed.), *Maharal Overtures: Biography, Doctrine, Influence*. Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History, 2015, 393–410 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann and Aviram Ravitzky, “The Contribution of Prof. Zev Harvey to the study of Maimonides and Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” in: A. Ackermann, E. Eisenmann, A. Ravitzky, and S. Wygoda (eds.), *Homo Homini, Essays in Jewish Philosophy Presented by his Students to Prof. Warren Zev Harvey*. Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2016, 3–11 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “The Potentiality of Prime Matter in Jewish Philosophy of the Middle Ages,” in: A. Ackermann, E. Eisenmann, A. Ravitsky, and S. Wygoda (eds.), *Homo Homini, Essays in Jewish Philosophy Presented by his Students to Prof. Warren Zev Harvey*, Jerusalem: The Hebrew University Magnes Press, 2016, 311–310 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann “Moses ben Jehudah and Hasdai Crescas on Love,” in: E. Eisenmann and W. Z. Harvey (eds.), *Rabbi Hasdai Crescas: Philosopher and Leader—Six Hundred Years after His Death*. Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center for Jewish History, 2020, 196–208 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Moses ben Jehuda and Scholasticism after Thomas Aquinas,” in: A. Elkaim (ed.), *The Golden Ages: Proceeding of the Bar-Ilan University and the Public University of Tudela Conference*. Ramat Gan: Bar-Ilan University (forthcoming) (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Mordecai Comtino and the Jewish Philosophical Culture in Constantinople,” in: Y. Mukadder (ed.), *Proceeding of the International Symposium First Historic-Cultural Hispano-Turco-Sephardic Encounter*. Ankara: University of Ankara (forthcoming).

Esti Eisenmann, “Rambi as an Averroist,” in: R. Haliva (ed.), *Averroism and Anti-Averroism in Medieval Jewish Thought: Truth, Authority, Doubt*, Hamburg: Brill (submitted)

Esti Eisenmann, “Hayyim Volozhin’s approaches to virtue ethics,” in: G. Claussen, A. Green and A. Mittleman (eds.), *Jewish Virtue Ethics*, Albany: Suny Press (submitted)

Esti Eisenmann, “The Concept of Motivation in the Philosophy of Hasdai Crescas,” JTR Journal of Textual Reasoning (submitted)

Esti Eisenmann, “The Acceptance of the Zero in Jewish Philosophy of the Middle Ages,” in: P. Gobes, (ed.) *The Monograph on Zero* (submitted)

Articles

Esti Eisenmann, “The Created Glory and the Created Light in Maimonides Thought,” *Da‘at* 55 (2004): 41–58 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “A 13th-Century Commentary on the Thirteen Principles of Maimonides,” *Kovetz Al Yad XIX (XXIX)* (2006): 161–196 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “The Sinaitic Revelation in Maimonides’ Thought,” *Iggud* 1 (2008): 353–363 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Another Commentary on the Thirteen Principles of Maimonides,” *Da‘at* 63 (2008): 147–174 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Between Kabbalah and Maimonidean Philosophy in ‘Ahabah ba-Ta’anugim,”” *Da‘at* 64–66 (2009): 57–70 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “The Role of the Medium and the Natural Place in the Explanation of the Natural Motion in Rabbi Moses ben Jehuda’s Thought,” *Tarbiz* 78(3) (2009): 399–419 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Between Philosophy and Mysticism,” *Pe‘amim* 121 (2010): 131–144 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Soul and Body According to Rav Sa‘adia Ga’on,” *Mo‘ed* 20 (2010): 135–152 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Moses ben Judah on the Elements and the Question of their Place in the Compound,” *Mehkerei Yerushalayim be-Mahshevet Yisrael* 22 (2011): 215–231 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “On the Heaven in Jewish Middle Ages Philosophy,” *AJS Review* 35(2) (2011): Hebrew Section, 1–20.

Esti Eisenmann and Shalom Zadik, “Criticism of Aristotelian Science in Fourteenth-Century Jewish thought,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 66/1 (2015): 116–137.

Esti Eisenmann, “The 'Pardes' and the Principles of Faith in Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” *Michlol* 1 (2016): 79–91 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Scientific Aspects in Comtino's commentary on the Guide of the Perplexed,” *Pe'amim* 148 (2016): 95–113 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “R. Hasdai Crescas and Some of his Predecessors on Divine Attributes,” *Mehkerei Yerushalayim be-Mahshevet Yisrael* 25 (2018): 103–128 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, “Gersonides' Criticism on Aristotelian System in his Supercommentary on Averroes's Epitome on the Physics,” *Aleph* (forthcoming)

Esti Eisenmann, “Gersonides as Commentator in the Light of his Supercommentary on Averroes's Epitome of the Physics,” *Revue des Études Juives* (forthcoming).

Esti Eisenmann, “The Concept of Motivation in the Philosophy of Hasdai Crescas,” *JTR Journal of Textual Reasoning* (submitted)

Other Publications

Esti Eisenmann, “Jacob's Dream and the Self-Image of Maimonides,” *Akdamot* 6 (1999): 47–58 (Hebrew).

Esti Eisenmann, Dov Schwartz, “Komtiyano's Introduction to his commentary on *the Guide of the Perplexed*,” *Mesora Le-Yosef* 9 (2016): 339–352 (Hebrew).

Book Reviews

Esti Eisenmann, “Book Review: Maimonides After 800 Years: Essays on Maimonides and His Influence” (ed. J. Harris), *Shofar* 27(4) (2009): 171–173.

Esti Eisenmann, “Book Review: Nina Caputo, Nahmanides in Medieval Catalonia: History, Community and Messianism,” *AJS* 34(1) (2010): 132–135.

Esti Eisenmann, “Book Review: David Gillis, Reading Maimondes’ Mishneh Torah ,” Iyyun (65) October 2016, pp.

Encyclopedia Entries

Esti Eisenmann, “Katz, Joseph Ben Elijah,” *Encyclopedia Judaica*, second edition, 2007 (Online).

Esti Eisenmann, “Noga, Rabbi Moses ben Judah,” *ibid.*

Esti Eisenmann, “Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” *The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religion*, Yudit Kornberg Greenberg (ed.). California: ABC CLIO, 2007, 406–408.

Esti Eisenmann, “Philosophical Allegory of Song of Songs,” *ibid.*, 463–464.

Esti Eisenmann, “Maharal’s reception of the Bible,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception (EBR)*. H.J Klauck, B. McGinn, C. L. Seow, H. Spieckermann, B. D Walfish, E. Ziolkowski (eds.) Vol.14

Conference Lectures

- 1998 – “Moses ben Judah’s *Ahavah ba-Ta’anugim*: A Fourteenth-Century Encyclopedia of Science,” Medieval Hebrew Encyclopedias of Science and Philosophy, January 11–14, Bar-Ilan University.
- 1998 – “The Structure and Content of R. H. Volozhin’s *Nefesh Ha-Hayyim*” (Hebrew), The Thought of the Gra, January 7, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2001 – “A Philosophic Notion of The ‘Gilgûl’ in *Ahabah Ba-Ta’anugim*” (Hebrew), The 13th International Congress For Jewish Studies, August 11–15, Jerusalem.
- 2004 – “Maimonides and the Kabbalah in *Ahabah ba-Ta’anugim*” (Hebrew), Maimonides and Mysticism, July 8–10, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2004 – “*Ahabah ba-Ta’anugim*: A 14th-Century Maimonidean Encyclopedia” Maimonides: The Man and his Image, June 15–17, University of London.
- 2005 – “Moses ben Judah’s *Ahavah ba-Ta’anugim*: A Fourteenth-Century Encyclopedia of Science” (Hebrew), Fifth Annual Conference of the Israel Scientific Foundation, March 16–17, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem.
- 2005 – “Moses’ Prophecy and the Cherubim” (Hebrew), Moses: The Master of the Prophets, March 7–9, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2005 – “The Sinaitic Revelation in Maimonides Thought” (Hebrew), The 14th International Congress of Jewish Studies, July 31–August 4, Jerusalem.
- 2005 – “Mordecai Comtino and the Jewish Philosophical Culture in Constantinople,” International Symposium, First Historic-Cultural Hispano-Turco-Sephardic Encounter, November 28–30, University of Ankara.
- 2006 – “Moses ben Yehuda and Scholasticism after Thomas Aquinas,” The Golden Ages of Spain, September 4–6, Public University of Tudela.
- 2007 – “Man’s Memory and God’s Memory in Jewish Philosophy of the Middle Ages,” The Notion of Memory in Asian Culture (Hebrew), December 3, University of Haifa.
- 2009 – “Soul and Body According to R. Sa’adia Ga’On” (Hebrew), Annual Conference of the Departments of Judaic Studies, March 30, Ben-Gurion University.
- 2009 – “The Role of the Medium and the Natural Place in the Explanation of the Natural Motion in Rabbi Moses ben Jehuda’s Thought” (Hebrew), Annual Conference of the Israeli Society of History and Philosophy of Science, March 31, Jerusalem.

- 2009 – “Why is the Belief in God’s Corporality Heresy according to Maimonides?”
International Medieval Congress, July 14–17, Institute for Medieval Studies, University of Leeds.
- 2009 – “Gersonides’ Political Thought” (Hebrew), The 15th International Congress For Jewish Studies, August 6, Jerusalem.
- 2009 – “Maharal’s Use of Aristotelian Terms” (Hebrew), The Maharal of Prague: 400 Years Since His Death, International Conference, August 9–11, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 2010 – “Moses ben Jehudah and Maimonides on the Interpretation of Rabbinic Midrash” (Hebrew), Interpretations of Rabbinic Literature from the Geonim to Our Days: Historical, Hermeneutical and Philosophical Aspects, January 18–19, Bar-Ilan University and Lander College.
- 2010 – “The Limits of the Intellect in Jewish Middle Ages Philosophy” (Hebrew), Goren–Goldstein Annual Conference, May 31–June 2, Ben-Gurion University.
- 2010 – “R. Moses Ben Jehudah: Between Scientific Conservatism and Innovation,” Workshop on Jewish Approaches to Progress in Science, Jacques Loeb Center for the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences, June 12, Ben-Gurion University.
- 2010 – “Mordecai Comtino as an Agent of Knowledge” (Hebrew), Transition of Knowledge in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin, 15th–17th Centuries, September, 2, Minerva Center, Tel Aviv University.
- 2011 – “Moses ben Jehudah and Hasdai Crescas on Love” (Hebrew), Rabbi Hasdai Crescas: Philosopher and Leader – 600 Years after His Death, an International Conference, January 10–11, Zalman Shazar Institute, Jerusalem.
- 2011 – “The Heavens in Jewish Medieval Philosophy” (Hebrew), Annual Conference of the Israel Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, March 6, Jerusalem.
- 2011 – “Aristotle’s *Meteorology* in *Ahabah ba-Ta’anugim*” (Hebrew), June 4, Tel Aviv University.
- 2013 – “On the Study of Aristotle’s Philosophy of Nature by the 14th-Century Hebrew Encyclopedists.” *La physique d’Aristote dans les traditions grecque, arabe, hébraïque et latine*, an International Conference, June 13–15, Sorbonne, Paris.
- 2013 – “Scientific Aspects in Mordecai Komtiyano’s Commentary on the *Guide of the Perplexed*” (Hebrew), The 16th International Congress for Jewish Studies, July 29 Jerusalem.

- 2015 – “The 'Pardes' and the thirteen Principles of Faith of Maimonides” (Hebrew), The International Conference on Jewish thought, The College of Jerusalem, Mars 15- 17, Jerusalem
- 2017 – “Gersonides' Commentary on Aristotle's *Physics*” (Hebrew), The 17th International Congress for Jewish Studies, August 7, Jerusalem
- 2018 – "Gersonides' critique of Averroes: Between Physics, Metaphysics and Theology", Skepticism and Anti- Skepticism in Jewish Averroism, Hamburg, November 12-14
- 2021 – "The Acceptance of the Zero in Jewish Philosophy of the Middle Ages" Amsterdam, May

Other Academic Presentations

- 2005– “The Divine Glory in Jewish Thought” (Hebrew),
- 2006– “Moses ben Judah and the Sciences in his Time” (Hebrew), Seminar, Department of History, Philosophy, and Judaic Studies, The Open University of Israel, March 11.
- 2007– “Demons in Hasdai Crescas' Thought” (Hebrew), Seminar, Lander College, Jerusalem, March 7.
- 2007– “Moses ben Judah on Prime Matter, ‘Minima Naturalia,’ Motion and the Fall of Bodies in Vacuum” (Hebrew), Seminar, Department of Judaic Studies, Ben-Gurion University, December 25.
- 2008– “The Theory of the Created Glory (*ha-kavod ha-nivra*) in Jewish Thought from the Bible to Maimonides” (Hebrew), Seminar in honor of Prof. M. Kellner on the publication of his new book: *Maimonides' Confrontation with Mysticism*, Lander College, Jerusalem, March 9.
- 2011 – “Gersonides on Separation of Powers” (Hebrew), Hebrew University, February 16
- 2011 – “Gersonides on Religious and Civil Life” (Hebrew), Seminar, Cohn Institute, Tel Aviv University, April 4.
- 2011– “Gersonides on Religious and Civil Life” (Hebrew), Seminar, School of Judaic Studies, The Open University of Israel, November 30.
- 2012– “Nature and the Torah in Maimonides' Thought” (Hebrew), Seminar in honor of Dr. Eliezer Hadad on the publication of his new book: *The Torah and Nature in Maimonides' writings*, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, March 9.

2018– “‘Akrasia' in Medieval Jewish Thought” (Hebrew), Seminar in honor of Dr. Shalom Zadik on the publication of his new book: *The Essence of Choice in Medieval Jewish Thought*, Ben-Gurion University, May 24, 2017.

2018 – "The Choice of the People of Israel According to Ibn Ezra", Seminar in honor of Prof. Hannah Kashr on the publication of her new book: *High Above All Nations – Milestones in Jewish Philosophy on the Issue of the Chosen People*, Bar-Ilan University, December 24, 2018.

2019 – "Maimonides as a Teacher", Seminar in honor of Prof. Amira Eran on the publication of her new book: *Teacher for the perplexed*, Hebrew University, April 4, 2019.

Conference Organized

2005– The Second Temple: *Bayamim ha-hem ba-zeman ha-zeh* (with R. Nir, Y. Gadot); Modi'in Annual Conference (in conjunction with the Open University), Modi'in, December 25, 2005.

2009 – The Maharal of Prague—400 Years Since His Death (with E. Reiner and others), International Conference, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (in conjunction with the Open University and Tel Aviv University), Jerusalem, August 9–11, 2009.

2011 – Rabbi Hasdai Crescas: Philosopher and Leader—Six Hundred Years after His Death, an International Conference (with W. Z. Harvey and others), Zalman Shazar Institute (in conjunction with the Open University, the Hebrew University, University of Haifa, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and Bar-Ilan University), January 10–11, 2011.

2012 – Annual Conference of the Departments of Judaic Studies (with A. Rosenak, A. Ravitsky, and A. Dahan), Hebrew University (in conjunction with the Van Leer Institute), June 2012.