

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Daniel Reiser

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Marital status: Married + 5 children

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Education:

- 2012-2013 One year of the new cooperated M.A program in Yiddish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University.
- 2008-2012 **Ph.D.** Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dissertation title: "To Fly like Angels: Imagery or Waking Dream Techniques in Hassidic Mysticism in the First Half of the Twentieth Century", (in Hebrew), under the supervision of Prof. Moshe Idel.
- 2005-2006 **M.A.** Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. **M.A. Thesis** title: "Repentance Transformations in Maimonides' Laws of Repentance", (in Hebrew), under the supervision of Prof. Aviezer Ravitzky and dealing with Maimonides's philosophy of repentance. (**Final test** on Mysticism in Sefer HaTanya - examiner: Prof. Yehuda Liebes)
- 2004-2005 **Teaching Certificate**, Herzog College – in Jewish Thought.
- 2001-2003 **B.A.** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: in Jewish Thought & Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities (clusters: Hebrew Language-Phonetics and Musicology).
- 2001-2005 **Rabbinic Ordination**, Kollel Halacha at Yeshivat Hamivtar. Ordination from Jerusalem's Rabbinical Court – headed by Rabbi Zalman Nehemia Goldberg.
- 1994-2001 **Talmudic studies:** Yeshiva "Birkat Moshe", Ma'ale-Adumim. (Hesder Yeshiva)

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

- 2013-2014 *The Claims Conference Saul Kagan Post-Doctoral Fellowship* in Advanced Shoah Studies, New York.
<http://fellowships.claimscon.org/previous-fellows/cohort-vi/>
The Matanel Post-Doctoral fellowship, Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
The Center for Austrian Studies at the Hebrew University and the City of Vienna Scholarship for the study of 'Mesmerism, Hypnosis and Jewish Mystics in Vienna in the early twentieth century'.
- 2012-2013 *The International Institute for Holocaust Research of Yad Vashem Post-Doctoral Fellowship*. Title of Project: Publishing a Critical and

Annotated Edition of Rabbi Kalonimus Kalmish Shapira's Sermons and Writings during the Holocaust.

The Mandel Institute of Jewish studies Excellence Scholarship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Beth Shalom Aleichem Excellence Scholarship for the study of Yiddish and east European Judaism

De Pizzato Prize for an excellent Ph.D dissertation on kabbalah, The Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2011 ***The Leonid Nevzlin Research Center for Russian and Eastern European Jewry Scholarship***, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Authority for Research Students Travel Grant for traveling to Poland in order to research Hassidic manuscripts, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Goldreich Family Scholarship to attend the 5th International Yiddish Summer Program at The Goldreich Institute for Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture, Tel Aviv University.

2010 ***Olga and William Lakritz Scholarship in Martin Buber Studies***, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Solomon and Bella Bartal Foundation Award for the Study of Judaism in East Europe and Galicia, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Goldreich Family Scholarship to attend the 4th International Yiddish Summer Program at The Goldreich Institute for Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture, Tel Aviv University.

2002 ***Annual Award to recognize academic excellence***, Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Languages

Reading: Hebrew - mother tongue, English - fluent, Arabic - fair (two academic years of courses during my M.A studies), Yiddish - good

Speaking: Hebrew - mother tongue, English - fluent, Yiddish - good (Five academic years of courses during my Ph.D studies)

Lectures at academic conferences and Seminars

Participation in ***The International Conference on Abraham Joshua Heschel: Philosophy and a Path Tested by Time***, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. Lecture: "Abraham Joshua Heschel's criticism on academic research of Hasidism" (23-25 December 2014, forthcoming)

Participation in ***The 10th Congress of The European Association for Jewish Studies***, École Normale Supérieure, Paris. Lecture: "Modern Psychology, Halacha and Hasidism in the 19th and 20th Century" (20-24 July 2014)

Participation in *The History and Culture of Polish Jews international Workshop*, University of Wrocław, Poland. Lecture: "Sefer Sefat Emet, Yiddish, and the Oral sermons of R. Yehuah Aryeh Leib of Ger" (24-26 June 2014)

Participation in *The Sixteenth world Congress of Jewish Studies*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Lecture: "Imagery Techniques: From Early Kabbalah to New-Hasidism". (July 28-August 1, 2013)

Participation in *the International Workshop "German-Jewish Culture in Galicia: Influence, Diffusion and Transformation"*, The Institute of Jewish Studies, Jagiellonian University, Krakow Poland (June 11-13, 2013). Lecture: "The Influence of Modern Western Psychology on Hasidism in Galicia".

Participation in *The Fifth Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities*, Tel Aviv University (May 28-29, 2013). Lecture: "Mesmerism, Hypnosis, Modern Psychology and Hasidism in the early twentieth century".

Participation in *The Annual Yiddish Postgraduate-Students Conference*, The Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Lecture: "The Yiddish Hasidic Sermon: Orality and Textuality" (January 10, 2013).

The International Institute of Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Fellows Research Seminar. Invited Lecture: "Rabbi Kalonimus Kalmish Shapira's Sermons and Writings during the Holocaust: a Philological and Paleographical Study" (January 17, 2013).

Bar-Ilan University, Department of Jewish History and The Institute of Holocaust Research, an invited lecture in a scholarship distribution ceremony. Lecture: "Rabbi Kalonimus Kalmish Shapira's Sermons and Writings during the Holocaust: a Philological and Paleographical Study" (December 26, 2012)

Participation in *The Research of Kabbalah: Continuity, Development and Changes Workshop*. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (July 9-10, 2012). Lecture: "Imagery Techniques: From Early Kabbalah to Late Hasidism: Theology as a Derivative of Praxis".

Participation in *The History and Culture of Polish Jews international Workshop*, Tel Aviv University (June 24-27, 2012). Lecture: "Did Hasidic-Thought Deteriorate? Imagery Techniques in Late Hasidism".

Participation in *The 'Jewish Thought' Departments conference*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (June 6, 2012). Lecture: "Imagination in Judah Halevi and Maimonides's Philosophy in Comparative Perspective".

Participation in *The Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies Annual Postgraduate-Students Conference*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (March 21, 2012), "Mysticism as a Vital Source of the Religious Phenomenon: The Yearning for Prophecy in the Early Twentieth Century as a Case Study".

Participation in *The Second Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities*, University of Haifa (March 8, 2010). Lecture: "Jewish Mysticism in the Late Hassidic Movement of the 20th Century".

Participation in *The Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies Annual Postgraduate-Students Conference*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (March 26, 2009). Lecture: "Guided Imagery Techniques in 20th century Jewish Mysticism".

Participation in *The First Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities*, University of Haifa (March 23, 2009). Lecture: "Guided Imagery Techniques in Jewish Mysticism".

Professional Academic teaching experience:

- 2012-2014 Adjunct lecturer, Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Courses title: Introduction to Research on Hasidism (2012-2013). New Directions in the Study of Hasidism (2013-2014)
- 2013- Lecturer, Department of Jewish History, Herzog College, Alon Shvut. Course title: Yiddish for Beginners: Language and Culture

Other teaching experience:

- 2011- Teaching Position at Midreshet Lindenbaum (Bruriah), Advanced Institute for Women's Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. (Teaching language: Hebrew). Courses: • Halachic courses • Introduction to Hasidism • Introduction to Jewish Philosophy
- 2008-2011 Teaching Position at Yeshivat Hamivtar, Efrat: for postgraduate students from abroad (Teaching language: English). Courses: • Talmudic courses • Halachic courses • Introduction to Hasidism • Introduction to Rabbi J.D. Soloveitchik's Philosophy • Introduction to Rabbi A.I. Kook's Philosophy • Reading Maimonides
- 2006-2008 Teaching Position at Midreshet Moria, [Technological College for Women](#), Shaarei Tzedek Hospital, Jerusalem. (Teaching language: English). Courses: • Moral Issues in the Weekly Torah Portion • Jewish Law and Medicine • Halacha and Medical Ethics • Introduction to Jewish Philosophy • The Land of Israel in Jewish Philosophy and in Jewish Mysticism

Military service:

- 1996-1998 Combat Medic in a Tank Unit.
Reserve Duty: currently, a Combat Medic in a Tank Unit.