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Education

- 2006–present **PhD candidate, School of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University**
- PhD Dissertation title: 'From Delusion to Awakening: Ordinary Mind, Awakened Mind and "Liberating Insight" in Early Buddhism'. Supervisor: Prof. Jacob Raz.
- 2007 **A 'Fulbright Fellow' at Yale University**
- A "Visiting Assistant in Research" in the Department of Religious Studies, Fall Semester.
 - I conducted library research and worked closely with Prof. Stanley Insler, Salisbury Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology.
- 2006 **Summer Semester in the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka**
- Research visit for advanced Pali reading with Dr. P.D. Premasiri and Dr. G.A. Somaratne. I also participated in a seminar on Abhidhamma with Dr. Premasiri and familiarized myself with a living Theravada Buddhist community, lay and monastic.
- 2003–4 **MA in Buddhist Studies (with distinction), Bristol University, UK**
Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Centre of Buddhist Studies
- Thesis: An Exploration into the 'Attainment of Cessation' in the Pali Nikāyas. Supervisor: Dr. Rupert Gettin.
- 1999–2001 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Jewish Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University**
- Research assistant of Dr. Ronit Meroz. Worked on the scholarly edition of the Zohar (Major Kabbalah Text).
- 1997–2001 **Double Major BA (Magna cum laude), Dept. of East Asian Studies and the Dept. of Jewish Philosophy, Tel Aviv University**

Workshops & Additional Training

- Summer 2009 **Summer Program in Buddhist Studies**, The University of British Columbia, Tzu-chi University and Renmin University of China (Beijing, China)
- Participated in two courses: “A Philological Approach to Early Mahayana Scriptures” (Dr. Seishi Karashima) and “The Sacred Geographies of Asia” (Dr. James Robson).
- Fall 2005 **Pali Language Training with Dr. Pushpa Kale** (Pune, India)

Awards

- 2005–9 President’s Scholarship for outstanding graduate students, Tel-Aviv University.
- 2007 Fulbright Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2003–4 Department of Theology and Religious Studies Postgraduate Award, University of Bristol.
- 1998 Dean’s List of Excellent Undergraduate Students, Tel Aviv University.

Conference Papers

- 2008, June 21–21 ‘Samatha and Vipassana in Early Buddhism’. *The 7th annual conference of Asian Studies in Israel*, Jerusalem, Hebrew University.
- 2008, April 8 ‘Buddhist or Not? Thinking Anew the Role of the Jhanas in the Path of Awakening’. Paper presented in “*Buddhism in Asia*”: A Day Seminar with Prof. Jan Nattier and Prof. John McRae, Tel Aviv University.

Publications

- In Process Arbel K. *Under the Bodhi Tree: An Annotated Hebrew Translation of Selected Suttas from the Original Pali Canon* [tentative title].
The Book will be published by ‘Xargol’ and ‘Am Oved’.

Relevant Employment History

- 2012 **Lecturer, Israeli School of Tourism, University of Haifa**
- 2011–12 **Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, Eilat Campus**
Courses taught:
introduction to Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophy & Religion in India
- 2008–12 **Lecturer, Tel Aviv University, Dept. of East Asian Studies**
Courses taught:
Philosophy, Psychology and Practice in Early Buddhism

2010-11 **Lecturer, “interdisciplinary graduate program in religious studies”, Tel Aviv University,**

Taught MA seminar:
The Theory of Contemplative & Meditative Practices in Buddhism

2010 **Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University**

Course Taught:
Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy.

Responsibilities included devising syllabus, lecturing, devising and grading exams, meeting with students.

2002-3 **‘Melitz’: Educational Instructor in High Schools**

Guided groups on human rights, democracy, active citizenship and equal opportunities. Working as a facilitator in a wide range of communities, provided me an opportunity to develop sensitivity to diversity, and improved my teaching abilities.

2001-3 **Certified guide for specialized treks to South Asia**

Led cultural tours to Thailand, where I introduced travelers to Thai culture and Buddhist tradition.

1998-9 **Counseling in a special program sponsored by Tel Aviv University**

Guidance counselor for a 12 years old girl from an underprivileged family with imprisoned father.

Languages

Hebrew	Mother tongue
English	Full command
Pali	Advanced proficiency – primary research language
Sanskrit	Intermediate proficiency – secondary research language

Professional Memberships

H-Buddhism; International Association of Buddhist Studies (IABS).