

## Publications

### DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

1. "Jewish Marriage in Talmudic Babylonia", The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1996 (summa cum laude). Instructor: Prof. Moshe David Herr. (see #2).

### BOOKS

1. *Male and Femlae He Created Them: Jewish Marriage in Late Second Temple, Mishnah and Talmud Periods* (Jerusalem: The Zalman Shazar Center, 2003), 395 pp. (Hebrew) (a thoroughly revised and much expanded version of #1 [all chapters were expanded to include Palestinian Jewish society; four entirely new chapters were added]).
2. *Brothers Estranged: Heresy, Christianity, and Jewish Identity in Late Antiquity* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), xx+272 pp. (see #17; #44).

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2. *Reshit: Jewish Studies*, Volume 2 (Jerusalem, Shalom Hartman Institute, 2010), 288 pp. (co-editor, with Yair Lorberbaum and Dror Yinon)

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