

# Noam Samuel Hoffmann

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

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| <b>Tel Aviv University, School of Jewish Studies</b><br>PhD in Jewish Studies<br>Dissertation Topic: <i>Philosophy and Law in Maimonides' Code of Law (Mishneh Torah) and Maimonides' Political and Legal Thought</i><br>Supervisor: Prof. Menachem Lorberbaum | <b>2015-2021</b> |
| <b>Tel Aviv University</b><br>MA in Jewish Thought<br><i>Summa cum laude</i>   | <b>2011-2013</b> |
| <b>Tel-Aviv University</b><br>BA in Jewish Thought and History<br><i>Summa cum laude</i>   | <b>2009-2011</b> |
| <b>Nissan Nativ Acting Studio</b>  | <b>2006-2009</b> |

### PUBLICATIONS

1. "Ger Tzedek and Ger Toshav: Two Attitudes on Joining the Jewish People in Maimonides' Code of Law", in: Yedidya Stern, Shahar Lifshitz, Hanoach Dagan (eds.), *Judaism, Sovereignty and Human Rights*, (2019), 17-48.
2. Noam Hoffmann and Ron Margolin, 'A Kabbalist in the Histadrut: R. Yehudah Zvi Brandwein, Disciple of R. Yehudah Leib Ashlag', in: *Kabbalah: Journal for the Study of Jewish Mysticism*, 38 (2017) 83-116.

### Submitted:

3. "And it Requires Decision: on Maimonides' Law of the Renewal of *Semikha*" (submitted for review).

### In preparation:

1. "On Two Types of Maimonidean Fundamentalism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century"
2. "Maimonides' Concept of Politics"
3. "To Coerce the Inhabitants of the Entire World: Violence in the Messianic Era according to Maimonides' Code of Law"

4. "The Temporal Framework of Maimonides' *Code of Law*"
5. "Why did Maimonides Censure *halakhic* Disputes in *Mishneh Torah*?"

## PRESENTATIONS

1. "Maimonides and Maimonidean *Maskilim* on Universalism and Violence". Invited lecture presented at Ono Academic College Jewish Studies Department Faculty Seminar, 21.01.2021.
2. "The Objective of Maimonides's *Code of Law* in light of his Messianic and Legal Thought". Paper presented at AJS Annual Conference, Washington DC (digital conference), 13-16.12.2020
3. "Legal Thought, Not Political Philosophy: On Translating *madani* in Maimonides' Writings". Paper presented at AJS Annual Conference, San Diego, 15-17.12.2019.
4. "And it Requires Decision: The Renewal of *Semikha* and the Purport of Maimonides' *Code of Law*". Paper presented at Graduate Student Conference in Talmud and Halakha, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, 11.04.2019.
5. "When Our Hand is Strong: The Attitude Towards Gentiles in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Halakhic Writings". Paper presented at the Judaism and Human Rights Colloquium, Israel Democracy Institute, Israel, 24.11.2017.
6. "Conversion in Messianic and non-Messianic Times in Maimonides' *Code of Law*". Paper presented at the Judaism and Human Rights Colloquium, Israel Democracy Institute, Israel, 19.01.2017.
7. "The Temporal Framework of Maimonides' *Code of Law*". Paper presented at the Judaism and Human Rights Colloquium, Israel Democracy Institute, Israel, 25.05.2016.
8. "Foreign and Indigenous Concepts in Religious Scholarship: Gershom Scholem's Concept of Mysticism". Paper presented at Text and Dialogue in the Writing of Jewish, Christian And Muslim History Graduate Conference, at CUPRiH Center, Cambridge University, UK , 9-12.12, 2012

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

School of Jewish Studies Scholarship	2019
Orgler Fund Fellowship – Faculty of the Humanities	2016-2019
School of Jewish Studies Scholarship	2016
Ignaz Bubis Fund Award	2016
Israel Democracy Institute Fellowship	2016-2018
Tel Aviv Faculty of Humanities Scholarship	2013
Selma Meirbaum-Eisinger Fund Scholarship	2013
Ignaz Bubis Fund Award	2013

Abraham and Ruth Baer Scholarship	2012
Inbal Atia Award, B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i>	2012
Dean's List Award	2011
Dean's List Award	2010

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Ono Academic College Department of Jewish Studies & Department of Education	2020 –
Director of Academic Development, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Ono Academic College	2020 –
Adjunct Lecturer, Ono Academic College, Jewish Studies	2015-2020

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Israel Democracy Institute Fellow, Judaism and Human Rights Program	2016-2018
Van Leer Institute Fellow, Research Group: 'Jewish Political Thought'	2017-2018

## LANGUAGES

English fluent  
 Hebrew fluent  
 Arabic proficient (including Levantine Spoken Arabic)  
 German reading  
 French reading

## NON-ACADEMIC TEACHING

<b>Think &amp; Drink Different Lecture Series</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Shalom Hartman Institute, 'Hevruta' Program</b>	<b>2014-2016</b>
Courses: Introduction to Maimonides; Introduction to Jewish Esotericism	
<b>The Jaffa Gap Year Program (Israel Reform Movement)</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>
Course: Judaism and Civil Disobedience	
<b>Bakehilla Gap Year Program, Jerusalem</b>	<b>2014</b>
Course: The History of Protest	
<b>Derekh Eretz Gap Year Program, Nitzana</b>	<b>2013</b>