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Education

2014 – 2021 University of Leicester

- Third degree (**Ph.D.**) in Management & Economics.
- Thesis: Meaning & Motivations in Crowdfunding.
- Supervisors: Prof. Eyal Winter (The Center for the Study of Rationality), Prof. Zsuzsanna Vargha (ESCP Europe), Prof. Clive Fraser (University of Leicester), Prof. Yuval Millo (The University of Warwick).

2005– 2007 Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Master degree (**MBA**). Specialization: Finance and Marketing.
- Dean prize for distinguished research working paper.

2002– 2005 Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Bachelor degree (**BA**) in Economics and Management (**magna cum laude**).
- Research assistance for Prof. Eugene Kandel and Prof. Avi Simhon.

1996 – 1999 Boyar High School

Academic Experience: Publications & Lectures

- **Faculty member at Ono Academic College**
- **Lecturer in “Finance and Psychology” and “Basics of Finance” courses.**
 - Bezalel, J., Mugerma, Y., & Winter, E. (2021). [Meaning and gender differences](#). Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, 95, 101757.
 - Bezalel, J. M. (2019). [Crowdfunding: the importance of people’s search for higher meaning](#). London School of Economics, Business Review Blogs.
 - Keynote speaker at the APET (Association of Public Economic Theory) conference, Strasbourg (France), July 2019, “*The search for meaning in crowdfunding*”.
 - Keynote speaker at the EEA (European Economic Association) conference, Manchester (UK), August (2019), “*Monetary pledges and meaning*”.

Professional Experience

**2017 – 2020, 2021 – Senior Deputy CFO, Ministry of Finance
(The Accountant General)**

Senior Deputy CFO – Prime Minister’s Office

CFO of the National Digital Israel Initiative, the National Security Council, the National Economic Council, the Ministry of Intelligence, the Ministry of Jerusalem, the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs, and others.

2020 – 2021 CFO - Israel Government Tourist Corporate

2013 – 2017 Senior Deputy CFO, Ministry of Finance

CFO of the Geological Survey of Israel, The Ministry of Energy, and The Accountant General representative in the area of gas royalties.

2010 – 2013 Ministry of Finance - The Accountant General

Senior Economist (Government Procurement Division)

2008 – 2010 Ministry of Health, Budget Department

Senior Team Leader – Pricing

2006 – 2007 Intel Israel

Economist and Sourcing Specialist

2004 – 2006 The Bank of Israel

Economist (The Foreign Exchange Activity Department)

Military Service

1999 - 2002

Hobbies

Piano playing, Hiking & Research.