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CONTACT

INFORMATION

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PERSONAL

INFORMATION

Date of birth:	September 6, 1977	
Citizenship:	Israel, UK	
Languages:	Hebrew English French	native fluent working knowledge

FIELDS OF

INTEREST

Economic history
Labor economics
Applied microeconomics
Migration studies
Jewish history

ACADEMIC

POSITIONS

2015–	Assistant professor	Department of economics and the PPE program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2014–2015	Postdoctoral fellow	Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

EDUCATION

2007–2014	MA, PhD	Department of economics, Northwestern University
2004–2007	MA and PhD studies	Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2001–2004	BA	Economics, history, and the history honors program (triple major) The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

PUBLICATIONS

With Ariell Zimran (2018)	Migrants Self-Selection : Anthropometric Evidence from the Mass Migration of Italians to the United States, 1907–1925, <i>The Journal of Development Economics</i> , 134
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WORKING

PAPERS

	Pogroms, Networks, and Migration : The Jewish Migration from the Russian Empire to the United States, 1881-1914
	The Dynamics of Mass Migration : Estimating the Effects of Income on Migration in a Dynamic Model of Discrete Choice with Diffusion
	Pale in Comparison : The Economic Ecology of Jews as a Rural Service Minority
With Ariell Zimran	Know Whence You Came: Classifying Immigrants Origins in Large Scale Textual Microdata

WORK IN PROGRESS

Entrepreneurship and Communal Tax Liability: The Political Economy of the Early Modern Jewish-Polish Symbiosis
 The Jewish Abandonment of the Rural Economy: An Unrecognized Puzzle
 With Ariell Zimran Like an Ink Blot on Paper: Testing the Diffusion Hypothesis of Mass Migration, Italy 1875-1920
 With Gaspare Tortorici and Ariell Zimran Massive Earthquakes and Mass Migration: Post-Disaster Population Dynamics

FELLOWSHIPS,
 PRIZES, GRANTS

2018–2019 Selected for [The Young Scholars Forum in the Humanities and Social Sciences](#), The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities
 2016 German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development, [Young Scientists' Program Grant](#)
 2015 [Gino Luzzatto Prize](#), the European Historical Economics Society, for the best PhD dissertation in European economic history 2013–2015
 2013 [Crown Fellowship](#), The Crown Studies Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern University
 2012 [Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship](#), Economic History Association
 2011 Graduate Student Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University
 2010 Technology-Enhanced Doctoral Research Award, Weinberg College of Arts and Science, Northwestern University
 2007–2012 Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of economics, Northwestern University
 2006–2007 PhD Student Fellowship, Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2006 Excellence Prize for MA students, Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Jacob Brin Foundation excellence prize for an outstanding MA student of economics and business, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2005–2006 MA Student Fellowship, Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2004 Excellence Prize for BA students, Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2003 Dean's List Prize, The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2002 Dean's List Prize, The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2001–2003 History honors program fellowship, The Faculty of Humanities, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

CONFERENCES
AND SEMINARS

- 2019
Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion,
Economics, and Culture, Boston MA
Northwestern University
Stanford University
University of California, Berkeley
- 2018
Conference on *Privatization: a Contested Concept*, Tel-Aviv
University
International Workshop on *The Economy of Salvation: Religion,
Economy, and Conflict*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Book conference on Amira Ofer and Joel Mokyr, *Economics Through
the Ages: Chapters in Economic History from the Medieval Manor up
to the Great Recession of 2008*, The Open University of Israel
The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Vanderbilt University
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, political science
- 2017
Conference on *Border Crossing: Jewish Migrations from East Europe,
1870-1920*, Fischingen
World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
Paris School of Economics
Conference on *The Long Shadow of History: The Role of
Geographical, Institutional, Cultural, and Human Factors in
Comparative Economic Development*, Tel-Aviv University
Workshop on *Explaining Institutional Change in History*, Institute For
Advanced Study in Toulouse
Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion,
Economics, and Culture, Boston MA
- 2016
Bar-Ilan University
Northwestern University
Economic History Conference, *Markets and States in History*, The
University of Warwick
American Historical Association Meeting, Atlanta GA
- 2015
European Historical Economics Society, Pisa
Development and Migration Conference, World Bank, Washington
DC
Rutgers University
Department of Economics, Brown University
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
American Economic Association Meetings, Boston MA
- 2014
Yale University
Social Science History Association Conference, Toronto
LISOMO-NES, Moscow
Center for Institutional Studies, HSE, Moscow
Economic History Association Conference, Columbus OH
Cliometric Conference, Clemson CS
The Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University

	2013	Economic History Association of Israel Conference, Jerusalem The University of Haifa The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya Tel-Aviv University Queens College, CUNY Illinois Economic Association Conference, Chicago IL Northwestern University Economic History Association Conference, Washington DC European Historical Economics Society Conference, London World Cliometric Association, Manoa HI Stanford University University of Michigan, Ann-Arbor	
	2012	Northwestern University American Economic Association Meetings (commentator), Chicago IL	
	2011	Book conference on Maristella Botticini and Zvi Eckstein, <i>The Chosen Few</i> , Tel-Aviv University	
INVITED PUBLIC TALKS	2015	Cesare Barbieri Lectures, Trinity College, Hartford CT	
	2014	Forum on Migration, Barnard College	
TEACHING	2015–	Assistant professor, Department of economics and the PPE program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Guided reading in philosophy, economics, and political science Undergraduate introductory economics (macro) Economic History Applied microeconomics workshop (coordinator)
OTHER EXPERIENCE	2009–2010	Research assistant	Center for the Study of Industrial Organization, Northwestern University, with prof. Igal Hendel
	2005–2007	Research assistant	Department of economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with prof. Victor Lavy
	2003–2005	Chief editor and producer	<i>Hayo-Haya</i> (history students journal), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
	1995–1999	Military service National service	Nahal, IDF Kibbutz Alumot Kibbutz Lotan

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