

## Curriculum Vitae B. Isaac

*Curriculum Vitae* – October 2020

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Born 10 May, 1945 in Geneva, Switzerland

Emigration to Israel: 1972

Married, 3 children (born 1971, 1973, 1976).

### *Academic studies*

1963-1972	University of Amsterdam	Classics	MA (cum laude)
1974-1980	Tel Aviv University	Classics	Ph.D. (summa cum laude)

Ph.D. thesis: The Greek Settlements in Thrace until the Macedonian Conquest

Supervisor: Professor S. Perlman

### *Academic Positions*

1970-1972	Institute of Archaeology, Amsterdam	Assistant
1973-1975	Tel Aviv University, Dept. of Classics	Teaching position
1975-1980	„ „	Instructor
1980-1983	„ „	Senior Lecturer
1983-1987	„ „	Associate Professor
1987-	„ „	Professor
1995-2015	Tel Aviv University: Fred and Helen Lessing	Professor of Ancient History
1990-94; 1998-2002; 2006-2010	Chair of the Department of Classics	
1993-97	Director of the Graduate School of History	
1998-2004	Director of International Relations	
2000-2003	Member, Board of Governors	
2002-2005	Delegate of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities at the Union Académique Internationale	
2007-2012	Delegate of the Israel Academy to the Standing Committee for the Humanities of the European Science Foundation	
2013-	Retired	
2014-	Editor-in-chief, Scripta Classica Israelica	

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2016- European Science Foundation, College of Review Panel Members.  
2018- Revue internationale d'Histoire Militaire Ancienne [HiMA], member  
of the comité de lecture

### *Fellowships, Awards*

1980-1981; 1997-8 The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton Visiting Member  
1985-1986 All Souls College, Oxford Visiting Fellow  
1987-1994; 1992-5; 1995-8; 2001-5; 2018-2021 Research Grants from the Israel Academy  
of Sciences and Humanities; 1998-2001 grants from the German-Israeli Foundation for  
Scientific Research, from the Thyssen Stiftung; 2006-7 from the Alexander S. Onassis Public  
Benefit Foundation  
1991 Distinguished Book Award for 1990, The Society for Military History  
1992 Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC Fellow  
1996- Corresponding Member, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut  
1996- Member, the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities  
1997 Overseas Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge; British Academy,  
Visiting Professor  
1997 Visiting Professor, Macquarie University, Sydney  
1999 Visiting Professor, UCLA  
2003- Member of the American Philosophical Society  
2004-5 Fellow, the National Humanities Center, USA  
2004-5 Loeb Classical Library Foundation, Harvard, stipend & Visiting  
Professor  
2005 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles for *The Invention of Racism*  
2006-7 Onassis Foundation Fellowship  
2008 Israel Prize  
2011 Lectures at the Collège de France (invited)  
2012 Visiting Professor, Harvard.  
2015, May 26-27: Rome – an Empire of Many Nations, international conference in  
honour of Benjamin Isaac, Tel Aviv, proceedings forthcoming as: Jonathan Price, Yuval  
Shahar and Margalit Finkelberg, editors, Rome: An Empire of Many Nations, Cambridge:  
Cambridge University Press, 2020.

### *Participation in Academic Meetings and Conferences*

1976 Int. Congress of Roman Frontier Studies, Székesfehérvár, Hungary  
1979 „ Stirling, Scotland  
1980 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies  
1981 Association of Ancient Historians, U.S.A., Ann Arbor, MI  
1982 Yad Ben-Zvi, Tel Aviv (Bar Kokhba Revolt)  
1983 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Class. Studies  
1983 Yad Ben-Zvi Conference, Haifa ('Man and Land')  
1983 Int. Congr. of Roman Frontier Studies, Aalen, W. Germany

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- 1984 Colloquium on Roman Military Diplomas, Passau, W. Germany
- 1985 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Class. Studies
- 1985 Yad Ben-Zvi, Haifa and Tel Aviv ('Greece and Rome in the Land of Israel')
- 1986 Colloquium on 'the Defence of the Roman and Byzantine Near East',  
Sheffield
- 1987 Yad Ben-Zvi Conference, Tel Aviv ('Ethnic Groups in Israel')
- 1987 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Class. Studies
- 1987 Colloque sur l'Arabie préislamique, Strasbourg
- 1988 Bi-national Symposium 'State, City and Nations' March, Jerusalem.
- 1988 International Colloquium on the Eastern Frontier of the Roman Empire,  
Ankara, September 1988
- 1988 37. Historikertag, October 1988, Bamberg, Western Germany
- 1989 Yad Ben-Zvi Conference, Tel Aviv (The Hasmonaean State)
- 1989 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies
- 1989 15th International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies, Canterbury,  
September
- 1990 The Second International Congress on Biblical Archaeology, Jerusalem
- 1990 The Fourteenth Conference of the Historical Society of Israel, Jerusalem.
- 1991 International Colloquium, The Jewish Diaspora in the Hellenistic and Roman  
Periods, Tel Aviv (organizer and participant).
- 1991 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Class. Studies
- 1992 Table ronde sur les frontières de l'Empire Romain, Nemours
- 1992 Workshop: 'States, Resources and Armies' in Late Antiquity and Early Islam,  
King's College, London
- 1993 Seminar: 'Armée, frontières et déplacement à Byzance', Université de Paris 1  
- Panthéon Sorbonne, centre de recherches byzantines.
- 1993 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies (organizer)
- 1994 Congres 'Hierarchie-Rangordnung de l'armée romaine sous le Haut-Empire',  
Lyon, Centre d'études Romaines et Gallo-Romaines.
- 1994 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies (organizer)
- 1995 Conference: 'German Historiography at Era's End', The Institute for German  
History, Tel Aviv University
- 1995 Meeting Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies (organizer)
- 1995 Conference 'Life and Society in the Documents from the Judaean Desert', Yad  
Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem (organizer)
- 1995 Annual Conference, British Association for Jewish Studies, Oxford
- 1997 'The Roman Army as a Community in Peace and War', International  
Conference at Birkbeck College, University of London.
- 1997 'The Study of Jewish History in the First and Second Centuries CE',  
colloquium at the Historisches Kolleg, Munich, 17-20 March.
- 1997 'Roman Frontiers: Current Theories', Roman Frontiers Seminar, Churchill  
College, Cambridge, UK, April 25th.
- 1998 Howard Gilman International Conference, Greece and Italy
- 1999 'Il vicino oriente nell'età imperiale romana', Venosa, Italy

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- 1999 11<sup>th</sup> Congres of the International Federation of the Societies of Classical Studies, Kavala, Greece, August 24-30
- 2000 19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Historical Studies, Oslo, August 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- 2000 Workshop ‘War and Religions’, *Venice International University*, August 28-29
- 2000 Universität München – Tel Aviv University, Joint Conference on ‘The Three Religions’, Venice, Italy, October 11-15.
- 2001 ‘The Bar Kokhba War Reconsidered’, Princeton University, November 11-13
- 2002 Jornadas Adriano Augusto, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, November 27-30
- 2003 ‘Epigraphy and Beyond’, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, June 30-July 2.
- 2003 ‘From Jahiliya to Islam’, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, July 6-10.
- November ‘Crossing the Rift’, ASOR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2003 November
- 2003 ‘Collective Degradation’, Yale University, New Haven
- 2004, November: ‘The Sculptural Environment in the Near East’, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2005, January, Keynote Address, Martin Luther King Day, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2005, December ‘Racism in Western Civilization before 1700’, Tel Aviv University (co-organizer)
- 2006, May ‘Shu‘ubiyya Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
- 2008, May ‘Tolerance and Intolerance’, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan
- 2008, June ‘Cultural Identities and the Peoples of the Ancient Mediterranean’, Getty Research Institute, Malibu, CA
- 2008, October Yale University: Racism, Xenophobia, and Slavery before the Modern Era Lecture Series, first lecture
- 2008, November XVII Finnish Symposium on Late Antiquity, Tvärminne (keynote address)
- 2009, December 9-10: Science and War (Israel Academy of Sciences and Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften)
- 2009, December 17: Opening lecture, “Impact of Empire” series, University of Amsterdam
- 2009, December 18-20: Hatra: Politics, Religion and Culture Between Parthia and Rome (Amsterdam)
- 2009, December 28-29: Judaea/Palaestina, Babylon and Rome: Jews in the Roman, Parthian and Sassanian Empires, Tel Aviv University (organizer)
- 2010, Jan. 21: The third conference of the Israeli Association for Byzantine Studies, Tel Aviv University (Organizer)
- 2010, Feb. 27 – March 4<sup>th</sup>: Contact Zones of Empires in Europe and Japan, Fukuoda, Japan (ESF – Frontier Science Conference).
- 2010, June: Annual Meeting of the Israel Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies, Haifa

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- 2011, March: The Greeks and the Irrational, Jerusalem (keynote speaker)
- 2011, April: Conference, Science and War, Science and Peace: A collaborative Project of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- 2012, March 17 and 18: Princeton University, Symposium on ‘Race, Slavery and Gender in Islamic Societies – a Comparative Perspective.’
- 2013, October 2-4: Tel Aviv University: The Future of Rome: Roman, Greek, Jewish and Christian Perspectives
- 2013, November 8-9: Strasbourg, L’héritage grec des colonies romaines d’Orient
- 2014, Jan. 9 : Haifa, Pilgrim’s Roads in the Land of Israel
- 2014, Feb. 5: Oxford, Late Antique Seminar
- 2014, May 30: Beer Sheva, 43<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the Israeli Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies, Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae / Palaestinae: Roman Roads, Physical Remains, Organization and Development
- 2014, September 8: Yale University. Conference on Troubling Legacies: Anti-Judaism in Antiquity and its Aftermath
- 2014, September 18-22<sup>nd</sup>: Petnica, Serbia: Imperialism and Identities at the Edges of the Roman World (keynote)
- 2015, Jan. -7. Bar Ilan: Yavne Revisited: The Historical Rabbis and the Rabbis of History
- 2015, May 26-27: Rome – an Empire of Many Nations, international conference in honour of Benjamin Isaac, Tel Aviv. Paper (Ostwald Lecture): From Rome to Constantinople
- 2015, June 14-17, Hebrew University: Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real
- 2016, January 14, Slavery in global-historical Perspective, Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur, Mainz.
- 2016, October 26-28, New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Vicinity, The Tenth Annual Conference, Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem
- 2016, November, lectures at Bamberg University and München
- 2017, Dec. History, Epigraphy and Archaeology of the Eastern Roman Provinces, Tel Aviv University
- 2018, Feb. An End to Antisemitism!, Vienna (Panel Chair)
- 2018, September, 52<sup>nd</sup> German Historikertag, Münster, lecture in Session: ‘What is Roman? The Search for a Roman Identity in the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD.’
- 2019, Rome. 15-16 Jan., Second Joint Workshop, Science and Society, Academia Nazionale dei Lincei and The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, (Panel Chair)
- 2019, 21 Feb. Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University, 50 years’ anniversary. Lecture: Roman Roads.
- 2019, December, 12-14. Universität zu Köln, Colloquium Centre and Periphery: Working with the Inscriptions of Iudaea/Palaestina.
- 2019, December, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities: The Challenges of Liberal Democracy

### *Membership of Professional Societies*

Society for the Promotion of Classical Studies, Israel,  
1992-5 President of the Society.

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1994-9 Member, editorial board, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem

### *PhD Students*

1987-1993	Amiram Ezov
1987-98	Leah Di Segni (degree awarded with distinction)
1987-96	Yuval Shahar (degree awarded with distinction)
1989-91	Alla Stein (degree awarded with distinction)
1993-2001	Susan Weingarten
1994-1996	Avi Avidov
1994-2005	Daniel Peretz
1994-5	David Yacobi
1999-2002	Youval Rotman (degree awarded with distinction)
2003-2006	Halel Hadari
2006-2010	Yoaz Hendel
2007-2014	Iddo Shvueli (Tel Aviv and Sorbonne, degree awarded avec félicitations)
2009-2017	Ahuva Beerli
2011-2017	Inbar Graiver
2007-2019	Meir Burstein
2011-2020	Ronit Palistrant Shaick