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Areas of research: Jerusalem in early Islam, early Muslim asceticism, Muslim apocalyptic, Jewish Arabic, language contact between Arabic and Coptic, editing ancient manuscripts in Arabic.

### **Personal Information**

#### **M.A. Thesis**

*The Arabic Commentary of Yaphet ben 'Ali the Karaite on the Book of Habakkuk*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1978. Supervisor: Prof. J. Blau.

#### **Ph.D. Dissertation**

*The Sanctity of Jerusalem in Islam according to the Arabic genre of The Merits of Jerusalem*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1985. Supervisor: Prof. M.J. Kister.

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## List of Publications

### Ph.D. Dissertation

(Unpublished); 'The Sanctity of Jerusalem in Islam according to the Arabic genre of "The Merits of Jerusalem"', The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1985, part 1 (383 pp.); part 2 is the following item.  
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### Books

1. A scientific edition of a manuscript in Classical Arabic: Abū al-Ma'ālī al-Musharraf b. al-Murajjā b. Ibrāhīm al-Maqdisī, *Kitāb Fadā'il Bayt al-Maqdis wa-al-Khalīl wa-Fadā'il al-Shām*, ed. O. Livne-Kafri (Shfaram, 1995). 419 pages. This is a scientific critical edition of the most important composition belonging to the literary genre of "The Merits of Jerusalem". This book was originally written in the first half of the eleventh century and it preserves enormous earlier materials from the seventh and the eighth centuries.

2. *Jerusalem in Early Islam - Selected Essays*, Yad Ben-Zvi Press (Jerusalem, 2000 [in Hebrew]); including a preface and indexes. 143 pages.

#### These essays were originally published as:

- 'Early Arabic Literary Works on Jerusalem', *Cathedra* 44 (1987), pp. 21-26 (in Hebrew).
- 'Muslim Traditions on Jerusalem between Judaism and Christianity', *Cathedra* 83 (1997), pp. 45-54 (in Hebrew).
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- 'The Early Shī'a and Jerusalem', *Arabica* 48 (2001), pp. 112-120.
- 'The Muslim Traditions 'in Praise of Jerusalem' (*Fadā'il al-Quds*): Diversity and Complexity', *Annali* 58 (1998), pp. 165-192.
- 'A Note on Some Traditions of Fadā'il al-Quds', *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 14 (1991), pp. 71-83.
- 'Jerusalem in Early Islam: The Eschatological Aspect', *Arabica* 53, No.3 (2006) , pp. 382-403.
- 'Christian Attitudes Reflected in the Muslim Literature in Praise of Jerusalem', *Proch-Orient Chrétien* 54 (2004), pp. 347-375.
- 'On Muslim Jerusalem in the Period of its Formation' , *Liber Annuus* 55 (2005), pp. 203-216.
- 'Jerusalem: the Navel of the Earth in Muslim Tradition', *Der Islam*, 84, no. 1 (2008), pp. 46-72.

### Judaeo-Arabic (a scientific edition)

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### Muslim Asceticism

- 'Early Muslim Ascetics and the World of Christian Monasticism', *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam* 20 (1996), pp. 105-129.

### Muslim Apocalyptic Literature

- 'Some Notes on the Muslim Apocalyptic Tradition', *Quaderni di Studi Arabi* 17 (1999), pp. 71-94.
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### On Coptic and Arabic

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