1. **Summary of Activities and Future Plans**

Until now, my academic activity has focused on the perception of space and place in Jewish society, in the private and in the national spheres. This research belongs to the wave of the "spatial turn" in the humanities. My interest lies mainly in antiquity: the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine periods. My book *"Between Borders":* *The Borders of the Land of Israel in the Consciousness of the People of the Second Temple and the Roman-Byzantine Periods* (Hebrew*,* Yad Ben-Zvi,2014), deals with the different perceptions by Jews of the borders and the districts of the Land of Israel in antiquity. My new book, *Identity and Territory* (University of California Press, forthcoming, February 2019) pursuing new perceptions, and integrates the Jewish perception of space and holy places against the backdrop of non-Jewish notions, pagan and Christian. The handbook of Jewish literature, *Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity (135-700 CE): A Handbook* (Oxford, 2013) which I published with Fergus Millar and Yehudah Cohn aimed to open the gates of Jewish literature to classicists and historians of the Greco-Roman world.

In the near future I plan to concentrate on two main projects.

1. "The Rabbinic Perception of the World's map": this project aims to describe and analyze the rabbinic perception of the world and its nature as compared to the *imago mundi* found in earlier Hellenistic-Jewish writings, on the one hand, and in late Roman geographical writings, on the other. I devoted my stay at the Katz Center for Advanced Studies in Philadelphia in winter 2018 to the research and preparing a book on this topic.
2. In the recent years, I have been involved in developing a digital atlas of the Jewish Diaspora, available at: www.diaspora.haifa.ac.il.

. This platform already has links to equivalent sites for the Greco-Roman world and will provide access to data on most of the archeological remains, literary references and sources concerning the Jewish world in the Second Temple and Roman-Byzantine periods.