

LEVANA CHAJES לבנה חיות
Curriculum Vitae

1. **Personal Details**

First name: Levana

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Place of Birth: New Haven CT, USA

Date of Aliyah: 1998

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2. **Higher Education**

2014–2015: **Matan Yeshiva** (Jerusalem)

2014–2017: **Tel Aviv University**

- B.A. *Magna cum laude* in Jewish thought and general philosophy (double major)

2018–2021: **Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Fellow, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Jewish Thought**

- Completed M.A. thesis entitled: “On the Discourse of Unity and the Discursive Unity: A Case Study on the Relationship Between Kabbalah and Philosophy in *Ma‘arekhet ha-elohut* and its Reception.” Advisor: Dr. Avishai Bar Asher

3. **Experience**

2017–Present (ongoing)

- Academic translation, editing, and formatting (Hebrew-English) with expertise in Jewish history, philosophy, Kabbalah, and rabbinic literature
- Manuscript transcription and translation
 - Ongoing translation of medieval Spanish and Italian philosophical Kabbalah texts for Israel Science Foundation-supported project
- Editor for *Aleph: Historical Studies in Science and Judaism*

4. **Languages**

- English – Native speaker
- Hebrew – Native speaker
- Italian – Reading knowledge, basic writing and conversational
- Latin – Reading knowledge (completed HUJI Advanced 2nd Year Latin)
- Aramaic – Reading knowledge

5. Active Participation in Scholarly Conferences

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Place and Dates</u>	<u>Title</u>
Mandel Annual Colloquium	July 1st 2020	“The One and the Many: First Reflections on the Discourse of Unity and the Discursive Unity of the <i>Ma‘arekhet ha-elohut.</i> ”

6. Scholarships, Awards etc.

- Full merit-based scholarship, Talmud and Hasidism program at Matan Yeshiva Jerusalem (2014)
- Tel Aviv University Dean’s List (2016)
- Tel Aviv University Dean’s List (2017)
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Dean’s List - Special Prize Category (2019)
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Hassenfeld Award for Academic Excellence (2020)
- The Ben Tzvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East Research Grant (2020)
- Belven-Gelles scholarship awarded by Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies (2021)
- Behana award for academic excellence (2021)

7. Teaching and Lecturing – In Israel and Abroad

- 2009–Present: Adult education programs in Jewish communities in the USA
- 2014: Lecture Series for the Jewish community of Dubai, UAE
- 2013–Present: Facilitates Purim-themed musical and educational programs at various community centers across Israel
- 2013–Present: Online Jewish education (Adult and youth)
 - Bar and bat-mitzvah preparation
 - *Megilla* reading training
 - Hebrew language instruction
 - Torah study
 - Weekly class on Kabbalah for adults

8. Published Translations

- Ruth Kara-Ivanov Kaniel, “The Fourth Leg of the Chariot: Gender, Identity, and Heresy,” in *Canonization and Alterity*. (De Gruyter, 2020).

- Assaf Tamari, “‘Take These Keys From My Hands, They Are the Keys of the Temple’: Muslim Sages in *Book of Visions* and R. Hayyim Vital’s Political Imagination.” (Forthcoming).
- Moshe Hallamish, “The *Etrog* in Rabbinic and Kabbalistic Literature,” (Forthcoming).
- Yehudit Bar-Yesha Gershovitz, “Between the *etrog* and *etrogo*: A Study in S. Y. Agnon’s Story.” (Forthcoming).

9. **Other Accomplishments**

- 2013-2019: Completed the *Daf Yomi* cycle; honored with “Kaddish” at *Hadran Siyyum* (Binyanei ha-Uma, Jerusalem)