

# Curriculum Vitae

Lilach Assaf

I'm a PhD. student at the University of Konstanz. I'm currently in the last stages of my doctoral thesis on naming practices and social relationships in late medieval German Jewish communities. A month ago I returned to Israel after 7 years of academic activity in Germany and Switzerland.

## Education

2008–present

Ph.D. studies in Medieval History at the University of Konstanz  
Dissertation project 'Names, Identifications, and Social Change: Naming Practices and the (Re-)Shaping of Relationships in German Jewish communities in the Middle Ages' within the Exzellenzcluster 16 'Cultural Foundations of Integration'

2007–2008

'Förderkreis Konstanz-Tel Aviv' scholarship, University of Konstanz

2005–2008

M.A. studies in Medieval History at the Tel Aviv University *summa cum laude*  
Master-thesis titled 'Orthodoxy and Heresy: Montaillou at the Beginning of the 14th Century' under the supervision of Prof. Gadi Algazi

2001–2005

B.A. studies in History and Philosophy, TAU *summa cum laude*

## Academic Employment

Since 2011-November 2014

*Wissenschaftliche Assistentin* for Prof. Simon Teuscher at the Department of History, University of Zurich

2008

Research assistant for Prof. Dorothea Weltecke, University of Konstanz

2005–2006

Teaching assistant for Prof. David Katz and Prof. Aharon Shai, TAU  
Co-founder and tutor at the Lessing Undergraduate Workshops, History Department, TAU

2004–2005

Teaching assistant for Prof. Zvi Razi and Prof. Ron Barkai, TAU

### Selected papers and publications

— “Lovely Women and Sweet Men: Gendering the Name and Naming Practices in German Jewish Communities (13th-14th c.)”, in *Intricate Interfaith Networks: Quotidian Jewish-Christian Contacts in the Middle Ages*, Ephraim Shoham and Gerhard Jaritz, eds. (Brepols: Turnhout, 2015) (forthcoming)

— “The Language of Names: Jewish Onomastics in Late Medieval Germany, Identity and Acculturation”, in *Zugehörigkeit(en). Spätmittelalterliche Praktiken der Namengebung im europäischen Vergleich*, Christof Rolker and Gabriela Signori, eds. (Konstanz: UVK, 2011), pp. 149-160

— “Naming Practices and the Reshaping of Social Relations in Medieval German Jewish Communities”, accepted for the conference *Neue Forschungen in Sozialgeschichte – Une histoire sociale renouvelée* in Bern (June, 2015), followed by a publication in the *Schweizerisches Jahrbuch fuer Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte*

— "Names as a Tool for Shaping Social Relationships: Name-Giving Practices, Gender Relations, and Kinship in Ashkenaz" held at the annual conference for medievalists in Israel *Middle Ages Now!* at the Bar-Ilan University (April, 2014)

— “German Jews in Late Medieval Towns: Names, Identities, Strategies” held at the *Medieval History Seminar* in the German Historical Institute London (10-13 October, 2013)

— “The Language of Names: Jewish Onomastics in Late Medieval Germany, Identity and Cultural Exchange” held at the workshop *Intricate Interfaith Networks: The Variety of Jewish-Christian Contacts in the Middle Ages* at the CEU in Budapest (February 2010) and at the 16th *Konstanzer Arbeitskreis* in Freiburg im Breisgau (May 2010)

— “The Restructuring of Gender Relations in the Ashkenazi Family and the Reshaping of the Jewish Onomasticon (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> c.)” held at a history seminar convened by Gadi Algazi, David Sabean, and Simon Teuscher in Peki’in, Israel (February 2012)

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