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EDUCATION:

Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem	1960 Diploma, Graphic Arts
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem	1976 BA, Hebrew Language
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem	1983 MA, Semitic Languages and Palaeography
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem	1991 PhD, Semitic Languages and Palaeography

SUMMARY OF WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1960-1969: Graphic arts at the Koren Publishing Company, Jerusalem; mainly pointing the 'Koren Bible'
- 1960-: Book illustrations, calligraphy, typographic work (including the design of font 'Ada' and others)
- 1969-: Graphic arts, calligraphy, and editorial work at Carta Publishing Company, Jerusalem
- 1970-: Palaeographic research, including deciphering, drawing and publishing of ancient inscriptions and manuscripts in Semitic scripts
- 1978-: Research and Publication of Aramaic documents from the Persian Period (together with Prof. B. Porten), including palaeographical and papyrological work
- 1979-1991: Research of medieval Hebrew scripts at the Institute for Hebrew Palaeography in Jerusalem
- 1986-1991: Doctoral student in the field of Aramaic and Hebrew palaeography and epigraphy, mainly the documents from the Judaean Desert
- 1990-: Research of Semitic inscriptions from the fourth century BCE to the seventh century CE found in Israel, to be included in the multi-lingual *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae (CIIP)* (with the supervision of Prof. Hannah Cotton and Prof. Werner Eck).

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. *Harpataq 'ot* (Jerusalem, 1982) [Hebrew]; 2004 [English] *A-venture-Z*, The Story of the Alphabet.
2. (With B. Porten), *Textbook of Aramaic Documents from Ancient Egypt*, vols. 1-4 (Jerusalem 1986-1999).
3. *The Book of Hebrew Script* (Jerusalem, 1991 [Hebrew]; 1997 [English]).
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9. (With B. Porten), 'Ostrakon Clermont-Ganneau 125(?): A Case of Ritual Purity', *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 113.3 (1993), 451-456
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14. 'Maritime Trade and Royal Accountancy in an Erased Customs Account from 475 B.C.E. on the A'iqar Scroll from Elephantine', *BASOR* 293 (1994), 67-78
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