

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Jewish Studies, Åbo Akademi University, Theological Faculty, 2012
Complementary studies in Jewish Studies, Åbo Akademi, Theological Faculty, Jewish Studies 2000 - 2002
M.Sc. (telecommunications, applied electronics), Helsinki University of Technology 1982
Matriculation Examination, Riihimäen Yhteiskoulu, Finland 1976

EMPLOYMENT

2009 - 2010 Teams2Net Oy
1980 - 2008 Various positions in Nokia, Nokia Siemens, Telenokia, Televa Oy

PUBLICATIONS

*Abraham Bar Hiyya on Time, History, Exile and Redemption:
An Analysis of Megillat ha-Megalleh*
Leiden, Brill, 2014
<http://www.brill.com/products/book/abraham-bar-hiyya-time-history-exile-and-redemption>

*Abraham Bar Hiyya on Time, History, Exile and Redemption:
An Analysis of Megillat ha-Megalleh*
Ph.D. thesis, Åbo Akademi University, December 2012

On the Infusion of Philosophy into Medieval Jewish Thought
in Antti Laato, Pekka Lindqvist (eds): **Encounters of the Children of Abraham from
Ancient to Modern Times**
Leiden, Brill, 2010 253 - 273

The concept of time in "Megillat ha-Megalleh",
in **Studia Orientalia** 101 (2007) 441-460

*The Patriarchs and the Creation in Megillat ha-Megalleh: Abraham Bar Hiyya and Biblical
Interpretation,*
in Erkki Koskennimi, Pekka Lindqvist (ed): **Rewritten Biblical Figures**
Studies in Rewritten Bible 3, Åbo Akademi, Eisenbrauns, 2010, 259 - 273

Slimy stones and philosophy : some interpretations of "tohu wa-bohu",
in **Nordisk Judaistik** 21,1-2 (2000) 91-110

Viisi vuosisataa Bagdadista Barcelonaan,
in **niin & näin (filosofinen aikakauslehti)**, issue 37, 2/2003, 32 -37
(overview of medieval Jewish philosophy, in Finnish)

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Conference paper: "*Slimy stones and philosophy: some interpretations of tohu va-vohu*" in
Seventh Scandinavian Congress of Jewish Studies, Järvenpää, Finland, May 2000

Symposium lecture: *Människans fria vilja i den medeltida judiska teologin*,
in an exegetical symposium on theme "Utkorelse och predestination i biblisk, judisk och
kristen tradition", Åbo 3 Feb 2003

Conference paper: *Proving redemption: Abraham bar Hiyya and his Megillat ha-Megalleh*,
in **Encounters between Judaism and Christianity in History and Modern Time**, at
Åbo Akademi University, June 1-3, 2005.

Conference paper: "*The polemical element in Megillat ha-Megalleh by Abraham bar Hiyya*"
in the workshop **Children of Abraham" - Peaceful encounters and polemical
confrontations between Judaism, Christianity and Islam**, Åbo Sep 29th - Oct 2nd,
2005

Symposium lecture: *Maimonides among the mystics: attitudes of kabbalists to the
philosopher*, in **Maimonides Symposium**, Loimaa, Finland, 19th - 21st May 2006

Conference paper: *The Patriarchs and the Creation in Megillat ha-Megalleh: Abraham Bar
Hiyya and Biblical Interpretation*, in **The third Rewritten Bible conference**, Karkku,
Finland, August 2008

Conference paper: *Historical Consciousness amongst eschatological speculation in
Megillat ha-Megalleh of Abraham bar Hiyya*, in **OTSEM conference**, Skalholt, Iceland,
September 2010

Conference paper: *Adam ha-rishon and his offspring in search of knowledge:
Some themes in pre-modern Jewish writings*, in SRB (Studies in Reception history of the
Bible) conference in Turku, Finland, August 2014

ACADEMIC PRIZES AND AWARDS

Harry Elving Researcher Award (2013) – awarded by the Rector of the Åbo Akademi University

TEACHING

Klassisk Judendom, Öppna Universitetet, Åbo 2005
Lectures on Jewish Mysticism and Philosophy (in Swedish)

Klassinen Juutalaisuus, Helsingin Evankelinen Opisto, Helsinki 2005
Lectures on Jewish Mysticism and Philosophy (in Finnish)

Lectures on Jewish medieval philosophy (in Swedish), Åbo Akademi, 2002