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EDUCATION

- 2022–Present **S.J.D. (Law) Candidate**, Harvard University Law School
Dissertation committee: Professors Crystal Yang, Oren Bar-Gill, Holger Spamann and Kathryn Spier
- 2022 **LL.M. (Law)**, Harvard Law School (requirements fulfilled, degree waived)
Thesis supervisors: Professors Oren Bar-Gill & Kathryn Spier
- 2020 **LL.B. (Law) *Magna cum Laude***, Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law
- 2024–Present **Ph.D. (Economics) Candidate**, Hebrew University School of Economics
Supervisor: Professor Ori Heffetz
- 2023 **B.A. (Economics) *Magna cum Laude***, Tel Aviv University Berglas School of Economics

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025–Present Fellow, Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business, NYU Law School
- 2024–Present Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
- 2022–Present Fellow, John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Business, Harvard Law School
- 2025 Fellow, The Federmann Center for the Study of Rationality, Hebrew University

GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS

- 2025–Present The President’s scholarship for outstanding research students, Hebrew University
- 2025 Steven L. Werner Prize in Criminal Justice, Harvard Law School
- 2024 Mind, Brain, and Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University
- 2024 Research Grant, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
- 2023 John M. Olin Prize in Law and Economics, Harvard Law School
- 2022 Dean’s Scholar Prize, Harvard Law School (twice)

2022	The Göran Skogh Award for the best paper presented by a young scholar at the annual conference of the European Association of Law and Economics
2021–Present	The E. David Fischman Scholarship
2021–2022	Harvard Law School LL.M. Gammon Scholarship
2019–2020	Merit Scholarship in Memory of the Fallen Students, Tel Aviv Faculty of Law (two consecutive years)
2018–2020	Dean’s List, Tel Aviv Faculty of Law (three consecutive years)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026	Hebrew University School of Economics, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Behavioral Economics Workshop (Prof. Ori Heffetz)
Spring 2023	Harvard University Law School, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Analytical Methods for Lawyers (Prof. Kathryn Spier)
2020–2021	Supreme Court of Israel, <i>Law Clerk to the Honorable Justice Ofer Grosskopf</i> , Jerusalem, Israel
2020–2021	Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Law, Economics and Psychology (Prof. Oren Bar-Gill)
2017–2021	Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, <i>Research Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Oren Bar-Gill, in the field of behavioral law & economics (2020–2021) • Prof. Tamar Kricheli-Katz, in the fields of empirical studies on discrimination (2017–2020) • Prof. Talia Fisher, in the field of evidence law (2017–2019)
2018–2019	Tel Aviv University Human Rights Clinic , under the supervision of Prof. Ronen Avraham
2017–2019	Tel Aviv University Law Review, <i>Member of the Editorial Board</i> , under the supervision of Prof. Yishay Blank
2017–2018	Central District Attorney's Office (Criminal), <i>Student Paralegal</i> , practical training course under the supervision of Adv. Tal Fillberg

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- When the Law of Small Numbers Meets the Law: A Theory of Judicial Quotas in Pre-Trial Detention Hearings (**work in progress**) (manuscript available upon request)
- Frequency-Based Deterrence Theory (**work in progress**)
- Offending to Learn (**work in progress**) (with Yuval Feldman)
- Endogenously Asymmetric Feedback (**work in progress**) (manuscript available upon request)
- Decision Cascades (**under review**) (with Adi Leibovitch)
- Early Isn’t Always Better: Experimental Evidence on the Deterrent Effect of Delayed Enforcement (**Revise and Resubmit, the Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization**) (awarded the Harvard Law School Steven L. Werner Prize in Criminal Justice)

- How do People Learn from *Not* Being Caught? An Experimental Investigation of a Non-Occurrence Bias (**Revise and Resubmit, the Journal of Legal Studies**) (Awarded the Göran Skogh Award for the best paper presented by a young scholar at the annual conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, and the Harvard Law School John M. Olin Prize in Law and Economics)
- A Theory of Remedies for Loss of Future Earnings in the Presence of Wage Disparities, 46 **TEL AVIV U. L. REV.** 289 (IYUNEY MISHPAT) (2022) (with Omer Y. Peled) (Hebrew)
- LegalBench: A Collaboratively Built Benchmark for Measuring Legal Reasoning in Large Language Models, **Proceedings of the 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)** (2023) (with Neel Guha et al.)

PRESENTATIONS

How do People Learn from Not Being Caught? An Experimental Investigation of a Non-Occurrence Bias

- 39th Annual Conference of the European Association of Law and Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics and Nova School of Law, Lisbon, Portugal (September 2022)
- Law & Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (October 2022)
- Harvard Empirical Legal Studies Series, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (November 2022)
- Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel (May 2023)
- 33rd Annual Conference of the American Law and Economics Association, Boston University School of Law, MA (June 2023)
- 17th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, The University of Chicago Law School, IL (October 2023)
- Law & Economics Seminar, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA (April 2024)

When the Law of Small Numbers Meets the Law: A Theory of Judicial Quotas in Pre-Trial Detention Hearings

- Contracts Lunch Talk Series, Harvard School of Economics, Cambridge, MA (March 2024)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA (January 2026)

Early Isn't Always Better: Experimental Evidence on the Deterrent Effect of Delayed Enforcement

- Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship, Max Planck Institute, Bonn, Germany (May 2024)
- Contracts Lunch Talk Series, Harvard School of Economics, Cambridge, MA (October 2024)
- Law and Economics Seminar, University of Texas Law School, Austin, TX (October 2024)
- 18th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (November 2024)
- 35th Annual Conference of the American Law and Economics Association, New York University School of Law, NY (May 2025)
- Israeli Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, Bar-Illan University, Israel (December 2025)
- Law and Economics Workshop, New York University Law School, New York, NY (January 2026)

Decision Cascades

- Israeli Law and Economics Association Annual Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel (June 2024)
- Law & Economics Seminar, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (October 2024)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- The American Economic Association (since 2025)
- The American Law and Economics Association (since 2022)
- The European Association of Law and Economics (since 2022)
- The Society for Empirical Legal Studies (since 2022)

MILITARY SERVICE

- 2013–2019 **Israel Defense Forces, *Intelligence Officer*** (discharged as Captain)
- The Intelligence Directorate Research Division, *Deputy Commander of the Research Division War Room*, Captain (2017–2019)
 - Operations Directorate, *Intelligence Advisor to the Head of the Operations Directorate*, Major General Nitzan Alon, First Lieutenant (2016–2017)
 - 91st Division (Galilee Division) Intelligence Unit, *Intelligence Officer*, First Lieutenant (2014–2016)
 - Northern Command Intelligence Unit, *Data Analyst* (2013–2014)