

RABBI EZRA FRAZER

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Education

Yeshiva University, New York, NY
Bernard Revel Graduate School
M.A. September 2005, PhD. Expected 2013
Major: Bible, GPA 4.0

Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary
Ordination: September 2005, GPA 3.9

Azrieli Graduate School
M.S. May 2004
Major: Secondary Education, GPA: 3.7
Block Scholar

Yeshiva College
B.A. May 2001
Major: Computer Science, GPA: 3.7
Dean's List, 1999-2000, **Rennert Scholar**, **Achievement Scholarship Awardee**
Rose Rachel and Lewis Siegel Memorial Award in Talmud
Joseph Gunner Memorial Award in Computer Science

Yeshivat Har Etzion and Herzog College, Alon Shevut, Israel
Diaspora Teachers' Certificate: July 1998
Ordination (via Chief Rabbinate of Israel): June 2009
Years in Yeshiva: 1996-1999, 2001-2003, 2005-2006

Experience

Jewish Agency for Israel
Coordinator, National Bible Contest (USA), 2008-present
Write all exams for the Chidon Hatanach (National Bible Contest), manage logistical and budgetary aspects of the year-round program, oversee event planning for national finals

Yeshiva University
Assistant Hebrew Program Coordinator, Instructor of Hebrew, Fall 2011-present
Adjunct Instructor of Bible, Fall 2007-Fall 2008
Assist with all aspects of Hebrew program, especially data management, placement exams, and scheduling. Teach college courses geared towards students who find Hebrew reading comprehension to be challenging.

Torah Academy of Bergen County, NJ
Teacher, Fall 2003-Spring 2005, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
Taught Chumash to school's highest shiur, assisted in curriculum review for Middle States accreditation.

Yeshivat Har Etzion
Night Seder Ram and Tanach Track Assistant, 2005-2006
Supervised chavruta study for Tanach program, substitute taught Tanach when R. Menachem Leibtag was abroad, supervised a group of students for night seder and taught them weekly review chabura.

New Jersey NCSY
Regional Advisor, 1999-2001
Attended several Shabbatonim per year, assisted with programs for a local chapter in Teaneck.

Scholar-in-Residence/Guest Lecturer

Lectured in the following synagogues and institutions:

- **UCLA Hillel** – served as annual Scholar-in-Residence for several Jewish holidays (seven times since 2005), at the invitation of the Orthodox student group (JLIC).
- **Kehilat Rayim Ahuvim** (New York, NY) – delivered Shabbat morning lecture three times since 2008
- **Young Israel of New Rochelle** (New Rochelle, NY) – lectured and participated in panel at “Catch a Rising Star” Shabbat in January 2009.
- **Yavneh Academy** (Paramus, NJ) – presented two professional development sessions to faculty about Biblical grammar
- **Congregation Rinat Yisrael** (Teaneck, NJ) – delivered Thanksgiving morning lecture in 2007 as part of legal holiday series
- **Yeshiva University Tanakh Ymei Iyun** – lectured at 2 YU Ymei Iyun
- **Kemp Mill Synagogue** (Silver Spring, MD) – spoke as Scholar-in-Residence in Feb. 2011, at the initiative of the Chidon HaTanach group at their local school

Publications

Jachter, Chaim, with Ezra Frazer, *Gray Matter. Discourses in Contemporary Halachah* (Teaneck, NJ: privately published, 2000).

Jachter, Chaim, with Ezra Frazer, *Gray Matter II. Discourses in Contemporary Halachah* (Brooklyn, NY: Yashar Books, 2006).

"Biblical Perspectives on Monarchy" *Alei Etzion* 12 (2004) 131-145.

"Special Treatment for the Ten Commandments?" *Alei Etzion* 13 (2004) 81-96.

"בעניין כהן שהרג את הנפש לא ישא את כפיו" בית יצחק ל"ה (תשס"ג) 640-662.

"גוי שעסק בתורה – שיטת הרמב"ם והמאירי" בית יצחק ל"ו (תשס"ד) 173-188.

"אכילה על הדם בספר ויקרא ובספר שמואל" גשר י (תש"ע) 12-22.

"כברת הארץ' ומקום קבורת רחל: עיון בדרכי הפרשנות של רש"י" גשר יא (forthcoming)

Languages

- English (native)
- Hebrew (fluent reading and conversation, **can teach Ivrit B'Ivrit**)
- Judeo and Classical Arabic (moderate reading comprehension)
- German (some reading comprehension)
- French (some reading comprehension)