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Education **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, 2013-present.
Advisers: Fotini Christia, Rich Nielsen, Guy Grossman (UPenn).
Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
M.A. with Distinction. Political Science, 2014.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
B.A. Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics (PPE), 2010.

Interests Religion; Conflict; Immigration; Gender Equality; Text Analysis; Middle East Politics.

Publications Ben-Nun Bloom, Pazit, Sharon Gilad, and Michael Freedman. 2017. "Does exposure to other cultures affect the impact of economic globalization on gender equality?" *International Political Science Review* 38(3): 378-395. ([link](#))

Freedman, Michael, Or Kaner, and Irena Kaplan. 2014. "Voting for extreme right parties in Israel: evidence from the 2009 elections," *Electoral Studies* 34: 68-77. ([link](#))

Working Papers "Fighting from the Pulpit: Religious Leaders and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" MIT Political Science Department Research Paper No. 2016-9. ([link](#))

"Politicizing Religion: The Impact of Religious Institutions on Voting in Israel" MIT Political Science Department Research Paper No. 2017-13. ([link](#))

"Varieties of Radicalism: Temporality, Morality, and the Languages of Localism" with Daniel Karell. In progress.

"Drone Strikes and Phone Spikes: The Effect of Drone Strikes on Cellphone Communication in Yemen," with Fotini Christia, Leon Yao, Spyros I. Zoumpoulis, Ali Jadbabaie, and Jure Leskovec. In progress.

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships	Global Religion Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (GRRI) (\$28,000)	2018-2019
	Israel Institute Doctoral Fellowship (\$10,000)	2017-2018
	Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Grant (\$1,500)	2017
	MIT Center for International Studies (\$3,250)	2017
	Gutwirth Scholarship for excellence (\$1,000)	2013
	Academic Excellence Scholarship, Hebrew University (\$10,000)	2012
	Rector's Prize, Hebrew University	2012
European Forum Research Grant (\$3,000)	2012	

Teaching HEBREW UNIVERSITY
TA, Research Methods for Development Studies. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom, Fall 2017.

TA, Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes. Gideon Rahat, Spring 2012.
TA, Modern Political Thought. Gayil Talshir, Spring 2012.

Service

Manuscript Reviewer: *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2017; 2016.

Conferences

Politicizing Religion: The Impact of Religious Institutions on Voting in Israel

POMEPS Annual Conference, May 2018

American Political Science Association, August 2017

Israel Political Science Association, May 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017

From on High: Imams, Religious Networks, and Pro-Regime Mobilisation (with Tugba Bozcaga, Elizabeth Dekeyser, and Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld)

American Political Science Association, August 2017

Fighting from the Pulpit: Religious Leaders and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Israel Political Science Association, May 2016

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis, December 2015

Research Assistance

Rich Nielsen, MIT (2015 - 2017)

Helped develop R packages caseMatch and arabicStemR

Daniel Karell, NYU Abu Dhabi (2016-2018)

Conducted text analysis of Mujahideen texts

Skills

Languages: Hebrew

Software: R, Python, Stata

References

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Full Professor of Political Science, MIT

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Assistant Professor of Political Science, MIT

Guy Grossman, ggros@sas.upenn.edu,

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

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Associate Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University

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