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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014 – 2017 Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Mathematics, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

EDUCATION

- 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Pure Mathematics
Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto
Thesis: A Theory of Stationary Trees and the Balanced
Baumgartner-Hajnal-Todorčević Theorem for Trees
Supervisor: Professor Stevo Todorčević
- 2002 **Master of Science**, Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto
- 2001 **Honours Bachelor of Science** with High Distinction (Magna Cum Laude),
Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto
Specialist program in Mathematics; Minor in Computer Science
Dean's List Scholar in recognition of academic excellence: 1998, 2000, 2001
- 1995 – 1997 **Yeshivat Sha'alvim**, Israel
Two-year program of intensive Talmudic and Religious Studies, with classes taught in
Hebrew

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Combinatorial set theory:
 - Infinite trees, the Souslin problem and its generalizations
 - Ramsey theory – partition relations for cardinals, ordinals, trees, and partial orders
- Forcing axioms – Martin's Axiom and the Proper Forcing Axiom and their consequences; elementary submodels as side conditions
- The Jewish calendar – its mathematical structure, history, and implementation

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (total of 224 pages)

- A. M. Brodsky, *A Theory of Stationary Trees and the Balanced Baumgartner-Hajnal-Todorčević Theorem for Trees*, Acta Math. Hungar., Dec. 2014, Volume 144, Issue 2, pp. 285-352.
- A. M. Brodsky and A. Rinot, *Reduced powers of Souslin trees*, Forum Math. Sigma, 5:e2, pp. 1-82, 2017.
- A. M. Brodsky and A. Rinot, *A microscopic approach to Souslin-tree constructions. Part I*, Ann. Pure Appl. Logic, 59 pages, in press, 2017.
- A. M. Brodsky and A. Rinot, *More notions of forcing add a Souslin tree*, Notre Dame J. Form. Log., accepted pending minor revisions, 15 pages, 2017.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

- A. M. Brodsky and A. Rinot, *Distributive Aronszajn trees*, 40 pages, submitted April 2017.

INVITED CONFERENCE TALKS

- The 19th Midrasha Mathematicae, 8th Young Set Theory Workshop (Compactness, Incompactness and Canonical Structures), Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, October 2015
- 22nd Boise Extravaganza in Set Theory, San Francisco State University, June 2015
- DU Sesquicentennial Ramsey Theory Conference, University of Denver, May 2014
- ASL 2014 North American Annual Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, May 2014

SEMINAR TALKS

- Logic, Set Theory and Topology Seminar, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, June 2017
- Set Theory seminar, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, May 2017
- Set Theory Seminar, Tel-Aviv University, May-June 2017 (in Hebrew)
- Toronto Set Theory Seminar, Fields Institute, Toronto, April 2017
- Toronto Set Theory Seminar, Fields Institute, Toronto, October 2016
- Colloquium, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, June 2016 (in Hebrew)
- Combinatorics Seminar, Ariel University, June 2016 (in Hebrew)
- Logic, Set Theory and Topology Seminar, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, May 2016 (in Hebrew)
- Toronto Set Theory Seminar, Fields Institute, Toronto, May 2016
- Set Theory seminar, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, March 2016 (in Hebrew)
- KGRC Research Seminar, Kurt Gödel Research Center, Vienna, January 2016
- Infinite Combinatorics seminar, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, November 2014
- Toronto Set Theory Seminar, Fields Institute, Toronto, July 2013

PEER REVIEW

Referee for *Israel Journal of Mathematics*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ongoing **Tutoring** individual students in mathematics, science, and religious studies at the elementary school, high school and university levels, including students with learning disabilities

2001–2009 & 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto
Leading tutorials, individual assistance, marking, supervising tests and exams

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2001 **Editorial Assistant**, First Folio Resource Group, Inc., Toronto, Ontario
Editing high school mathematics textbooks and computer-based tutorials

Summers 1999 and 2000 **Product Verification** at Nortel Networks in Ottawa - for Operator Services (Billing and Access Service) and Global Server products

Summer 1998 **Programming** in Java for a software development company in Toronto
Developing a tool for software inventory analysis

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

July 2017	6 th European Set Theory Conference, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest
Feb. 2016	Menachem Magidor 70th Birthday Conference, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Oct. 2015	The 19th Midrasha Mathematicae, 8th Young Set Theory Workshop (Compactness, Incompactness and Canonical Structures), Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem
June 2015	22nd Boise Extravaganza in Set Theory, San Francisco State University
May 2014	DU Sesquicentennial Ramsey Theory Conference, University of Denver
May 2014	ASL 2014 North American Annual Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder
2002-2014	Ongoing participation in the Toronto Set-Theory Seminar (Fields Institute) and the Toronto Student Set-Theory Seminar
Fall 2012	Fields Institute Thematic Program on Forcing and its Applications, Toronto
Oct. 2010	Workshop on the Concentration Phenomenon, Transformation Groups and Ramsey Theory, Fields Institute, Toronto
Nov. 2007	Conference in honour of the 60 th birthday of Professor Andreas R. Blass, Fields Institute
Sept. 2006	Combinatorial Set Theory Workshop, University of Florida, Gainesville
Fall 2002	Fields Institute Thematic Program on Set Theory and Analysis, Toronto

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2007 – present	Formulated design specifications for, and helped develop computer-automated system for production of annual calendar with religious events and schedules for local synagogue; continue to maintain and upgrade the system annually
2005 – 2011	Editor of weekly e-bulletin and other announcements for local synagogue; also involved with editing semi-annual printed bulletin
2006 – 2010	Active with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3902: successfully opposed anti-Israel resolutions at the Union's local and national levels
2001 – 2008	Coordinating religious activities at Hillel at the University of Toronto, including daily prayer services
2001 – 2002	Mathematics Graduate Students' Association representative to the Graduate Students' Union, University of Toronto
1998 – 2001	Secretary of Mathematics, Actuarial and Statistics Students' Union (MASSU), University of Toronto

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Hebrew, French, and English

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, HONOURS, AND AWARDS

Kolman-Soref Fellowship at Bar-Ilan University 5775 (2014-2015)

Hillel of Greater Toronto Award for Campus Communication, May 2011

Hillel at the University of Toronto Campus Award

In recognition of dedication, passion and enthusiasm for fostering Jewish life on the university campus, May 2006 and May 2002

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Awarded to pursue graduate studies in 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2004-05

Ann (Medres) Glass Memorial Scholarship in Yiddish

Awarded for achievement in Yiddish studies in 2001

Nortel Networks Silver PRIDE Award

In recognition of work on Global Server Software Installation Guide, June 2000

William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition

Participated in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition 4 times; twice scored within the top 10% of contestants

Golden Key National Honour Society

Granted lifetime membership since 1999 in the Society in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence

Howard Ferguson Provincial Scholarship

Entrance scholarship to University College at University of Toronto, renewable for four years of undergraduate study

Governor General's Award for Excellence for highest O.A.C. average in high school graduating class

American High School Mathematics Examination

Gold Medal in 1995

School Winner and Honour Roll each year from 1991 to 1995

Invited to write the American Invitational Mathematics Examination each year

Canadian Mathematics Competitions

School Winner and Certificate of Distinction each year from 1990 to 1995

Carleton and Ottawa Award for Excellence in Mathematics 1990, 1991 and 1993

Silver Medal for placing second in Canada (first in Ontario) in the Pascal Contest in 1991 with a score of 142½.

Chosen to write Canadian Invitational Mathematics Challenge (CIMC) in 1992 and 1993, and received Certificate of Distinction for a score within the top 25% of contestants in the Challenge

Invited to week-long Waterloo Mathematics Contests Seminar in 1993

Chosen to write Canadian Mathematical Olympiad in 1994

Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest

Top 5% of contestants in 1994 and 1995