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Curriculum vitae

I WAS born on February 4, 1976 in Petah-Tikva, Israel. From an early age, I have been fascinated by the workings on the world. Born to a mother who was one of the first women to ever study physics in Israel in the later sixties, I was often given books to read about scientific discoveries which have had an influence on me all my life.

After finishing my three years as a soldier, I travelled as a backpacker in Asia for a year, a journey that has had a deep influence over my outlook on life. In 1999 I started studying Physics in the Hebrew university of Jerusalem. After graduating in 2002 I started doing my Master's degree. In 2003 I moved to Tel Aviv University, where I completed my degree in 2005. During my time as a student I was also very busy with political and human rights work. Mainly advocating for the recognition of the freedom of conscience in Israel, and futilely working towards ending the occupation.

In 2005 I moved to the Netherlands and begun my PhD under the supervision of Dr. Walter Jaffe and Prof. Huub Röttgering. I am currently working for the Netherlands organisation for applied scientific research (TNO), as innovator.

