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My schooling was at Our Lady of Sion College, Box Hill. After two years as a tax clerk with the Public Service, I joined the Catholic Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and am a member to this day. After completing my B.A. at Melbourne University in 1970, with majors in Ancient Middle Eastern Studies (Biblical Studies) and Modern History, I undertook two years of primary teacher training at two Catholic primary schools in Sale and gave piano lessons at Our Lady of Sion, College, Sale.

At the end of this period, I moved to Jerusalem. I began my studies in modern Hebrew in the One Year Program at the Hebrew University as a visiting graduate student, and continued to follow classes for several years, including a course on Jewish prayer given by Joseph Heinemann, in bible by Nehama Leibowitz, and also courses in Jewish history.

After fifteen months in England in 1976 and 1977, I completed a Post Graduate Diploma of Librarianship at the North London Polytechnic, began studying German and returned to Jerusalem to run the specialised Judaica library at 'Ratisbonne', located in Rehov Schmu'el Hanagid, in Rehavia, Jerusalem. I worked there for four and a half years, while tutoring in Hebrew and giving occasional lectures in Jewish liturgy or on rabbinical texts. I continued to study under Pierre Lenhardt (NDS), before attempting talmudic courses at the Hebrew University. My studies were in Jewish philosophy of the Second Temple Period at Master's Level, with seminars taught by David Rosenthal, Jonah Fraenkel, Michael Stone and Samuel Safrai, among others. I also studied Philo in Greek and took advanced classes in Aramaic. During my almost ten years in Israel, I helped in the guest house at Notre Dame de Sion, Ein Karem and also at "Ratisbonne" and took archaeological tours at the "Ecce Homo" convent on the Via Dolorosa.

On returning to Australia, my first job was the compilation of the first edition of AULOTS (*Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections*) with Hans Arns, while working at the seminary library in Manly. In July 4<sup>th</sup> 1983, at the invitation of Professor Alan Crown, I began work in the Archive of Australian Judaica. It was meant to be a temporary position for a few months, but has continued. In the meantime, I continue to study, further improving my modern Hebrew literature and grammar, and completed an M Phil (Succoth (3000 BCE to 500 CE) and a Ph.D (The Separation of Early Christianity from Judaism) at Sydney University as well as a Bachelor of Divinity with the Melbourne College of Divinity (specialising in New Testament). I also studied Yiddish with Dr Jennifer Dowling. At various times I teach courses and give occasional lectures. I have been active in the New South Wales Council of Christians and Jews since 1990, and am the national secretary of the Australian

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Council of Christians and Jews. I am also the treasurer and secretary of the Australian Association of Jewish Studies. I enjoy classical music, travel, photography, reading, gardening, craft work, cooking, and nature.

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### **Plans for Future Publications**

- A second book designed for teachers of religion, on the *Jewish Roots of Christian Prayer*.
- Articles on current Jewish Christian relations (in print and on web) and on *Sho'ah* related topics.
- Rewriting of PhD. thesis for publication (as a book or two books), plus M. Phil thesis on Succoth. 3000 BCE –500CE.
- **My Ph.D. thesis: “The Separation of Early Christianity from Judaism” is available as a pdf file at: <http://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/837>.**

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