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Higher Education

- 1996-2000 **B.Sc** studies at the Faculty of Life Sciences of Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv.
- 2000-2002 **M.Sc** studies at the Plant Sciences Department of the Faculty of Life Sciences of Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, under the supervision of Prof. Adina Breiman and Prof. Nir Ohad. Thesis title: “Characterization of the Arabidopsis thaliana knockout mutants and over-expressers of members of the FK-506 binding protein gene family”.
- 2006-2010 **PhD** study in the Department of Life Sciences at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, under the supervision of Prof. Michal Shapira and Prof. Asaph Aharoni. Thesis title: “Discovery and Characterization of Riboswitch-Mediated Mechanisms in Plant Metabolic Regulation”.
- 2010-2013 **Post-doctoral fellow** in the Plant Sciences Department at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, under the supervision of Prof. Asaph Aharoni. Research in the field of plant riboswitches and chemo-metabolomics.
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