

Background information:

In the 1980s, Dr. Paytan studied Geology and Biology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Subsequently, she worked initially as a teacher before she completed a Master's degree in Oceanography. She then moved to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego (California), one of the largest marine research facilities worldwide. She earned her doctorate working on barium as an indicator of past environmental conditions in the ocean. Afterwards she worked for eight years at the prestigious Stanford University in California before in 2007 moving to the University of California at Santa Cruz.

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