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**EMPLOYMENT**

2006-present                      Professor of Jewish History  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion  
New York, New York

2004-                                 Associate Professor of Jewish History, HUC-JIR

1997-                                 Assistant Professor of Jewish History, HUC-JIR

1999-2003                         Faculty  
Wexner Heritage Foundation

1995                                 Visiting Instructor  
Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies, Moscow

**EDUCATION**

Columbia University             Ph.D. , History, February 1998  
M.Phil., May 1994, with distinction  
Advisors: Yosef Yerushalmi and Michael Stanislawski

   Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities  
   Richard Hofstadter Five-Year Fellowship  
   Edna V. Moffet Fellowship, from Wellesley College

Middlebury College               Russian-language immersion program, Summer 1992

YIVO-Columbia                     Yiddish Language Institute, Summer 1991

HUC-JIR, New York               Rabbinical Ordination, 1991  
M.A., Hebrew Letters, 1989

Wellesley College                 B.A., History, 1986  
*magna cum laude*  
Phi Beta Kappa

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Sisterhood: A Centennial History of the Women of Reform Judaism*, co-editor with Dana Herman, Jonathan Sarna and Gary Zola, Ktav (forthcoming, December 2013). Includes my article on material culture.

*'To Tread on New Ground': Selected Hebrew Writings of Hava Shapiro, 1878-1943*, co-editor with Wendy I. Zierler, Wayne State University Press, (forthcoming).

*Behikansi atah* [In my entering now; Anthology of writings by Hava Shapiro with scholarly afterword], co-edited with Wendy Zierler, Vashti Series for Women, Resling Press, Tel Aviv, 2008.

Awarded funding by Lucius N. Littauer Foundation and the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute

*To Reveal Our Hearts: Jewish Women Writers in Tsarist Russia* HUC Press, 2000.

Re-issued in paperback, 2003  
Awarded Koret Foundation Publication Prize

### **Articles, Book Chapters, Commentary**

"'Get the Uniongram Habit': National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods' Energetic Marketing and Sales Campaign, 1913-1953," in *Sisterhood: A Centennial History of the Women of Reform Judaism*, eds. Carole Balin, Jonathan Sarna and Gary Zola, Ktav (forthcoming).

"Reform Rabbis, Betty Friedan and the Uses of 'Tradition'", in *Between Tradition and Modernity*, Feitschrift for David Ellenson, eds. Michael Meyer and David Myer, Wayne State University Press (forthcoming).

"Bat Mitzvah Comes of Age in the Reform Movement," *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly*.

"Making Every Forkful Count: Reform Jews, Kashrut and Mindful Eating, 1840-2010," *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic*, ed. Mary L. Zamore, CCAR Press, 2011.

Preface, *Jewish Theology in Our Time: A New Generation Explores the Foundations and Future of Jewish Belief*, ed. Elliot Cosgrove, Jewish Lights, 2010.

"Moving through the Movements: American Denominations and their Haggadot,"  
"Good to the Last Drop': The Proliferation of the Maxwell House Haggadah,"  
and Modern Commentary, *My People's Passover Haggadah*, eds. Lawrence  
Hoffman and David Arnow, Jewish Lights, 2008.  
<http://books.google.com/books?id=imeID66v8gIC&pg=PA79&lpg=PA79&dq=carole+balin&source=bl&ots=UKHA-tFRlg&sig=SvvTmwaM2E5OIpyhj0VT1cp5RgI&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0lm7Ufq9E8fq0AHWn4DICw&ved=0CE0Q6AEwBjgK#v=onepage&q=carole%20balin&f=false>  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/12/us/12beliefs.html>

Contemporary Reflection on *Parashat Yitro*, *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*,  
Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Andrea Weiss, eds. URJ Press, 2008.

[http://cdn.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Bible/Weekly\\_Torah\\_Portion/urj-shmot.shtml](http://cdn.myjewishlearning.com/texts/Bible/Weekly_Torah_Portion/urj-shmot.shtml)

"The Call to Serve: Jewish Women Medical Students in Russia, 1872-1887," *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Volume 18, 2005.

"From Periphery to Center: A History of the Women's Rabbinic Network." *CCAR Journal* (Spring 1998).

"Contemporary Haggadot and History." *Passover and Easter: The Liturgical Structuring of a Sacred Season*, Paul Bradshaw and Lawrence Hoffman, eds. Notre Dame, 1997.

"Feminism and Messianism." *Tikkun* Vol. 11 No. 6 (Nov-Dec 1996).

"Shall We Counsel Germ Cell Gene Therapy?" *Reform Jewish Ethics and Halakhah*, Eugene B. Borowitz, ed. (Behrman House, 1994), pp. 131-162.

"A Method for Forging a Synthesis between Reform Judaism and Zionism," *The Journal of Reform Zionism* No. 1 (March 1993).

"Israel-Diaspora Relations," *Response* No. 60 (Fall 1992).

## Encyclopedia Entries

Entries on "Miriam Markel-Mosessohn" and "Sophia Dubnow-Erlich." *Encyclopedia Judaica*, Fred Skolnik, ed. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Entries on "Sarah Feiga Meinkin Foner," "Rashel Mironovna Khin," "Feiga Izrailevna Kogan," "Miriam Markel-Mosessohn," and "Hava Shapiro." *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, Paula Hyman and Dalia Ofer, eds. Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishing Ltd.  
<http://jwa.org/encyclopedia/author/balin-carole>

Entries on "Sophia Dubnov-Ehrlich" and "Selma Stern-Taeubler." *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, Paula Hyman and Deborah Dash Moore, eds. Routledge, 1997.

## Book Reviews

"Ask the Rabbi" on *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, eds. Tamara Cohn Eskenazi and Andrea Weiss, in *Moment Magazine*.

Review of *Female, Jewish and Educated: The Lives of Central European University Women* by Harriet Pass Freidenreich. *Slavic Review* (Fall 2003).

Review of *Imagining Russian Jewry: Memory, History, Identity* by Steven J. Zipperstein. *American Jewish History* (Spring 2002).

Review of *Voices of the Matriarchs* by Chava Weissler. *AJS Review* (vol. 26, no. 2, 2002).

Review of *The Jewish Woman's Movement in England and the United States* by Linda Gordon Kuzmack, *Response* No. 59 (Spring 1992).

## Miscellaneous Work

Blogger, *Huffington Post*

Presenter, *The Jewish People: A Story of Survival*, PBS Documentary, airs nationally and on DVD.  
<http://www.shoppbs.org/product/index.jsp?productId=3511825>

Co-curator, "Bat Mitzvah Comes of Age," National traveling exhibit (New York, Atlanta, Boca Raton, Detroit, Boston, etc.), National Museum of American Jewish History and Moving Traditions. <http://batmitzvahcomesofage.com/>

English translation of the poem by Feiga Kogan, "Bog," printed in *The Open Door: A Passover Haggadah*, ed. Sue Levi Elwell (CCAR Press, 2003)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Basic Jewish History (Ancient, Medieval, Modern, American)  
At the Intersection of Jewish History and the Arts  
Jewish Feminist Theology  
The Jewish Family: A Historical Perspective  
Reform Jewish History  
Exploding Jewish Historical Myths  
History of Zionism  
*Ess Ess Mein Kind: Judaism and Food*

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Board Member, Moving Traditions  
Consultant, Project Keshet  
Abraham Joshua Heschel School

**PERSONAL:**

Married to Michael Gertzman; 3 children