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Administrative Positions

Dean, HUC (Hebrew Union College), Los Angeles, July 1, 1997—2006.
Dean, HUC, Los Angeles, 1971- 1979.
Acting Dean, HUC, Los Angeles, 1971.
Assistant Dean, HUC, Los Angeles, 1970.

Academic Positions

Professor Emeritus, Midrash and Related Literature, HUC, awarded 2007.
Professor, Midrash and Related Literature, HUC, 1976-2007.
Visiting Professor, HUC, Jerusalem, Spring, 1981.
Associate Professor, HUC, 1972- 1976.
Visiting Professor, California State University, Northridge, 1970- 1971.
Assistant Professor, HUC, 1969- 1972.
Instructor, HUC, 1968- 1969.
Graduate Teaching Fellow, HUC, 1967- 68.

Academic Degrees

Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Psy.D., 2016
Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion, Ph.D. 1970.
University of Chicago, M.A., 1965.
HUC- JIR, M.A. and Rabbinic Ordination, Cincinnati, 1964.
HUC- JIR, B.H.L., Los Angeles, 1960.
UCLA, B.A., 1959.

Other Academic Institutions

Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Non-Clinical Candidate, 2006 -2010, Research Candidate, 2010-2016.
Oxford Centre of Post Graduate Hebrew Studies, Visiting Fellow, Fall, 1980.
Institut Kirche und Judentum, Berlin, Germany, Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, 1979- 1980.
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Special Student, 1961 and 1965.

Fellowships

Alexander von Humboldt Stipendium, 1979- 1980.
National Defense Education Fellowships, 1966- 1968.
Hebrew Union College Graduate Fellowships, 1964- 1966.

Publications: Books and Editor

Editor, with Ruth Nussbaum, *MAX NUSSBAUM: FROM BERLIN TO HOLLYWOOD*, (Joseph Simon/Pangloss Press: Malibu, 1994).

Editors: Robert J. Ratner, Lewis M. Barth, Marianne Luijken Gevirtz, Bruce Zuckerman *MAARAV, A JOURNAL FOR THE STUDY OF THE NORTHWEST SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES [LET YOUR COLLEAGUES PRAISE YOU: STUDIES IN MEMORY OF STANLEY GEVIRTZ]*, Vol. 7-8, Parts I-II, (Western Academic Press:Rolling Hills Estates, 1991-1992).

Editor, *BERIT MILA IN THE REFORM CONTEXT*, (Berit Mila Board of Reform Judaism: New York and Los Angeles, 1990); Introduction, pp. 1-8, Circumcision in the Rabbinic Period, pp. 130-141.

An Analysis of Vatican 30, Monographs of the Hebrew Union College, No. 1 (Cincinnati, 1973)

Publications: Articles

“Thoughts on Forgiveness in Psychoanalysis and Judaism,” in *Between Jewish Tradition and Modernity: rethinking an old opposition, Essays in Honor of David Ellenson*, edited by Michael A. Meyer and David N. Myers (Wayne State University Press: Detroit, 2014), pp. 237-248.

“Midrashic Thinking: An Appreciation and a Caution,” in *Midrash and Medicine: Healing Body and Soul in the Jewish Interpretive Tradition*, edited by Rabbi William Cutter (Jewish Lights Publishing: Woodstock, Vermont, 2011), pp. 234-242.

“The Image of Sarah in Trial IV of a ‘Lecture for the Second Day of Rosh Ha-shanah’,” in *THE BIBLE IN THE LIGHT OF ITS INTERPRETERS: Sarah Kamin Memorial Volume*, edited by Sara Japhet (The Magnes Press, The Hebrew University: Jerusalem, 1994), pp. 157-169 [Hebrew].

“Genesis 15 and the Problems of Abraham’s Seventh Trial,” in, *MAARAV, A JOURNAL FOR THE STUDY OF THE NORTHWEST SEMITIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES [LET YOUR COLLEAGUES PRAISE YOU: STUDIES IN MEMORY OF STANLEY GEVIRTZ]*, Vol. 8, Part II, edited by Robert J. Ratner, Lewis M. Barth, Marianne Luijken Gevirtz, Bruce Zuckerman (Rolling Hills Estates: Western Academic Press, 1992) pp. 245-263.

“Textual Transformations: Rabbinic Exegesis of Gen. 22:14,” in *Bits of Honey: Essays for Samson H. Levey*, edited Stanley F. Chyet and David H. Ellenson (Scholars Press: Atlanta, 1993), pp. 3-23.

“Circumcision and the Unity of God: A Comment on Stern,” *S’VARA: a Journal of Philosophy, Law and Judaism*, Volume 2 Number 2 (1991), Winter, pp. 49-51.

“Abraham’s Eighth Trial: A Comparison of Two Versions,” *Proceedings of the Tenth World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Division C, Vol. 1 (Jerusalem: 1990), pp. 125-132 [Hebrew].

“Introducing the Akedah: A Comparison of Two Midrashic Presentations,” in *A Tribute to Geza Vermes: Essays on Jewish and Christian Literature and History*, ed. Philip R. Davies and Richard T. White, (JSOT Press: Sheffield, 1990), [JSOT, Supplement Series 100], pp. 125-138.

“Lecture for the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah: A Homily containing the Legend of the Ten Trials of Abraham,” *HUCA*, LVIII (1987), Hebrew pages 1-48.

“Jenseits” and “Jerusalem III,” in *Theologische Realenzyklopädie*, Band XVI, 4/5, (Walter deGruyter:Berlin, 1987), pp. 565-568, 611-617.

“Jochanan ben Zakkaj,” in *Theologische Realenzyklopädie*, Band XVII, 1/2, (Walter deGruyter:Berlin, 1987), pp. 89-91.

“Reading Rabbinic Biblical Exegesis,” in *Approaches to Ancient Judaism*, ed. William Scott Green (Scholars Press:Chico, 1983), pp.81- 94.

“‘The Three of Retribution and Seven of Consolation’ Sermons in the Pesikta de Rav Kahana,” *Journal of Jewish Studies*, Vol. XXXIII, Nos. 1- 2 (Spring- Autumn, 1982), pp. 503- 516.

“The Midrashic Enterprise,” *Jewish Book Annual*, Vol. 40 (1982- 83), pp. 7- 19.

“Literary Imagination and the Rabbinic Sermon,” *Proceedings of the Seventh World Congress of Jewish Studies: Studies in the Talmud, Halacha and Midrash* (Jerusalem, 1981), pp. 29- 36.

“Rabbinics,” in *Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion At One Hundred Years*, ed. Samuel E. Karff (Hebrew Union College Press, 1976), pp. 317- 382.

“Head Covering” and “Synagogue, the Great,” in *The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible: Supplementary Volume* (Abingdon:Nashville, 1976), p. 391 and pp. 844- 845.

Publications: Reviews

Review of W. David Nelson (trans.), *MEKHILTA DE-RABBI SHIMON BAR YOHAI, Translated into English, with Critical Introduction and Annotation*, Philadelphia, Jewish Publication Society 2006, 398 pps, including Indices of Scriptural Passages, Names and Places. *Mo'ed* 19 (2009), pp. [2]3-[27].

Review of *MIDRASH ALEPH BETH*, edited by Deborah F. Sawyer, (South Florida Studies in the History of Judaism, Number 26, Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1993), in *Religious Studies Review*, 21, no. 2 (April, 1995), p. 158.

Review of Jacob Neusner with William Scott Green, *Writing with Scripture: the Authority and Uses of the Hebrew Bible in the Torah of Formative Judaism* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1989), in *Hebrew Studies*, XXXII, 1991, pp. 155-156.

Review of Aaron (Ronald E.) Agus, *The Binding of Isaac and Messiah: Law, Martyrdom and Deliverance in Early Rabbinic Religiosity* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988), in *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*, Summer 1991, pp. 73-75.

Review of *Sifré to Numbers: An American Translation and Explanation*, Vols. I and II, Jacob Neusner, (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986), in *Jewish Quarterly Review*, Vol LXXX (July-October, 1989), No. 1-2, pp. 131-132.

Review of *Sifre: A Tannaitic Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy*, Reuben Hammer (Yale Judaica Series 24: New Haven, 1986), in *Hebrew Studies*, 29 (1988), pp. 138-140.

Review of *Guide to Ritual Circumcision and Redemption of the First-Born*, Eugene J. Cohen (New York: KTAV, 1984), in *Religious Studies Review*, 12, no. 2 (April, 1986), p. 174.

Review of *Midrash in Context: Exegesis in Formative Judaism: The Foundations of Judaism: Method, Teleology, Doctrine*. Part One: Method, Jacob Neusner (Fortress, 1983), in *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 105, no. 1 (March, 1986), pp. 160- 162.

Review article: “Recent Studies in Aggadah,” *Prooftexts*, IV, No. 2 (May, 1984), pp. 204- 213.

Review of *The Enjoyment of Scripture*, by Samuel Sandmel (New York, 1972), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion: Supplement* (1975), pp. 317- 318.

Review of *Tradition and Contemporary Experience: Essays on Jewish Life and Thought*, ed. Alfred Jospe (Schocken Books, 1970), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (December, 1971), pp. 576-577.

Publications: Miscellaneous

Proposition 8 Unfairly Imposes Religious Views on a Diverse State, Daily Journal, October 2, 2008.

Union for Reform Judaism, Torah Commentaries, monthly electronic publication, 2007-2008.

“CETH Report,” Special Issue of *Jewish Studies Journal* (Electronic Journal), Fall, 1994.

“Why We Do Jewish Rituals,” in *When Your Jewish Child Asks Why: Answers for Tough Questions*, ed. Olitzky, Kerry M., Rosman, Steven M., and Kasakove, David P. (KTAV: Hoboken, 1993), pp. 199-200.

Editor, with Judith Schindler, *National Directory of Mohalim/ot* (Los Angeles: Berit Mila Board of

Reform Judaism, National Organization of American Mohalim/ot, 1993).

Editor, with Andrea Weiss, *National Directory of Mohalim/ot* (Los Angeles: Berit Mila Board of Reform Judaism, National Organization of American Mohalim/ot, 1991).

“Introducing the Reform Mohel,” *Reform Judaism*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Fall, 1984), pp. 18 ff.

Scholarly Papers

“Electronic Edition of the Midrash Pirke Rabbi Eliezer: Creating an Encoding Manual,” the 1966 Joint International Conference: the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing and the Association for Computers and the Humanities, Bergen, Norway, 1966.

“Interpretation in Pirke d’Rabbi Eliezer,” Founding Conference of the Western Jewish Studies Association”, San Diego, 1995

“Basic Issues for a Critical Edition of Pirke d’Rabbi Eliezer,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 1993.

“The Eighth Trial of Abraham: A Comparison of the Legend as Found in the Pirke d’Rabbi Eliezer and “the Homily for the Second Day of Rosh HaShanah,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 1989.

“Between Sermon and Narrative: An Analysis of New Manuscript Material on the Ten Trials of Abraham,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, 1987.

“Recent Scholarship on Midrash and Its Implications for Future Work,” Presenter on Panel, Society of Biblical Literature, Literary Study of Rabbinic Literature Group, Boston, 1987.

“Two New Versions of the Legend of the Ten Trials of Abraham,” Ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem 1985.

“Oxen, Calves, and the Heavenly Source of Idolatry,” Seminar Paper Society of Biblical Literature Section: the Literary Study of Rabbinic Texts, Chicago, Ill, 1984.

“Reading Rabbinic Biblical Exegesis,” American Academy of Religion, New York, 1983.

“What is a Rabbinic Sermon? Form and Content in Fifth Century Rabbinic Preaching,” Medieval Sermon Studies Conference, Oxford, 1982.

“The Three of Retribution and Seven of Consolation Sermons: Historical Context,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, 1981.

“Literary Imagination and the Rabbinic Sermon,” Seventh World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 1977.

“Rationalizing Calamity and the Restoration of Hope: A Midrashic Homily,” Religious Studies Department, UCSB, Santa Barbara, Jewish Chataqua Society Lecture, 1977.

“Recent Developments in the Study of the Vatican 30 Manuscript of Bereshit Rabba,” International Congress of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion, Los Angeles, 1972.

“The Origin and Dating of the Book of Jubilees,” Western Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Los Angeles, 1970.

Popular Lectures

“Forgiveness in Judaism and Psychoanalysis.”

“The Emergence of Rabbinic Judaism: Continuity or Break with the Past.”

“The Rabbinic Search for Values: the Midrash.”

“Rabbinic Stories and Ancient Wonderworkers.”

“Education for Jewish Leadership.”

“The Family in Rabbinic Literature.”

“Midrash: the Key to Jewish Biblical Consciousness.”

“Berit Mila in the Reform Context: the Beautiful and the Bizarre.”

Memberships

American Academy of Religion/ Southern California Board of Rabbis.

Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis.

International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy

International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology

Special Activities

Facilitator, PSYCHOANALYSIS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES, A WEBINAR, Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis, Los Angeles, January 17 – April 24, 2012

Member, CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) Committee on Ethics, 2008 -

Co-Chair, Berit Mila Board of Reform Judaism, 1984-1997, Founding Co-Chair, 1997-.

Executive Director, National Organization of American Mohalim/ot, 1992 - 1997

Participant, CETH (Center for Electronic Texts in the Humanities) Summer Seminar, 1994.

Faculty, UAHC (now URJ, Union for Reform Judaism)-CCAR Commission on Religious Living: Kallot, Santa Cruz, 1992, 1994.

Faculty, Summer Semester, Institut Kirche und Judentum, Berlin, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1997.

Former Member, Editorial Board, *Medieval Encounters*.

Former Member, Editorial Board, *Jewish Studies Journal* (electronic journal)

Former Member, Editorial Board, *Hebrew Studies*.

Former Member, Board, Hillel Council, University of Southern California

Former Member, Institute Faculty, Los Angeles Jewish Feminist Center of the American Jewish Congress, formerly: the Jewish Feminist Research Group of the Institute for the Study of Women and Men in Society of the University of Southern California

Former Member, Rabbinic Advisory Council, American Jewish Congress.

Former Member, Joint Taskforce (CCAR/UAHC) on Religious Commitment and Spirituality.